

# GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

@ 6:30 at the Browns' Residence



## In Attendance:

Kelly Kerklaan (Co-Chair, PAC)  
Kirstie Simpson (Co-Chair, PAC)  
Shevaun Brown (DPAC Rep, PAC)  
Amanda Clark (Treasurer, PAC)  
Emily Gardiner (Vice-Chair, PAC)  
Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)  
Danielle Lavalley (Member at Large, PAC)  
Heather Nelson (Member at Large, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)  
Lisa Fairburn  
Rachel Clearwater  
Charlie Bradbury  
Lauren Fuhre  
Stephanie Beattie  
Wendy Human  
Rod Brown

## Meeting Commenced at 6:49pm

Land acknowledgement by Robyn Evans. Thanks to Rod and Shevaun for hosting us this evening. Thank you to Amanda Clark, Anna Stewart, Shevaun Brown and Lauren Fuhre for the yummy treats.

**Adoption of Agenda:** No changes to the agenda, distributed in the GEC Newsletter Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. The agenda was approved as distributed.

**Adoption of Minutes:** No changes or discrepancies noted in the minutes from our last PAC meeting, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 distributed in the GEC newsletter Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The minutes are approved as distributed.

## **Chairs' Report-Kirstie & Kelly**

- We held our first ever Spring Stampede. A big thank you to Amanda & Mike Clark and Emily Gardiner for organizing this successful event. Thank you to Robyn Evans for allowing us to use GEC gym for the Stampede.
- Over Spring Break, Tracey Hayes completed the Under The Sea Mural in the undercover area.
- We hosted our second term teacher appreciation lunch on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Heather Nelson for organizing the sign up and distributing it to the class parents and to all who contributed to making that a special lunch for the teachers and staff.
- We are still looking for parents to fill a few roles for the PAC executive team for next year. Please get in touch with us for more information [gecpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:gecpacchair@gmail.com)

## **Treasurer's Report- Amanda Clark**

### Statement of Financial Position as of March 28, 2023

- We have a cash balance of \$166,424. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$73,090. Our two large accruals including \$42,012 for hot lunch vendor accruals and \$28,343 for the outdoor enhancement accrual (basketball court and playground equipment, etc).

### Statement of Profit and Loss

- The GEC Spring Stampede was a successful parent social, with 120 tickets sold. Our profit for the event was \$3,823.
- Hot Lunch profits year-to-date is ~\$24k, with the Spring 2023 orders now in.

Some recent notable enhancement expenditures include:

1. Under Sea mural by Tracey Hayes in the large undercover space (~\$4,700)
2. Capital Upgrade in Digital equipment with a new Apple Macbook (~\$2,600)
3. Young Actors Project Drama workshops (\$2,800) and the License for the Spring School Musical (~\$1k)

See links for the [Balance Sheet](#) and [Budget to Actual](#) comparison.

### **Proposed Budget Amendment-Kelly Kerklaan**

We are proposing to reallocate funds initially budgeted for the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative to gymnasium upgrades. We have completed all proposed projects in the Outdoor Enhancement Initiative, so we do not need the funds for that line item. The gymnasium needs new front curtains (current ones don't match and are broken), new retractable basketball hoops and the lowering of the secondary side hoops. The funds reallocated would pay for these upgrades.

The PAC was asked to vote on whether they supported the budget amendment as proposed. A vote was taken and passed.

### **Outdoor Enhancement Update-Kirstie Simpson**

- Tracey Hayes has finished the Under the Sea mural in the undercover area. This is the third mural Tracey has done for us and it has totally transformed that space from a dark, dingy space to a bright, inviting space.
- Facilities has also completed fixing/installing lights in the undercover area. Combined with the new mural, it has really improved the space.
- We hope to have the benches that the West Van woodworking students made us last year installed soon by facilities.
- We are considering resurfacing the gaga ball pit with a rubberized paint, so the students don't need to wear gloves or get bloody knuckles.
- Rachel Clearwater is ordering a garden board to be placed by the garden at the bottom of the stairs leading to the underground area. It will be an outdoor message board for information regarding current and upcoming garden projects.
- The outdoor basketball court will be resurfaced in July. The new surface the school colours (green and grey) with our school logo at centre court.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this project and to all the volunteers who have helped along the way.

### **Garden Update- Rachel Clearwater**

- The focus for the food garden is to grow food for the Welcome Back BBQ/Dinner next year. The harvest will include produce such as leeks, potatoes, garlic and kale.

- Most classes will be involved in weeding and planting new seeds and plants for the season ahead.
- If any parents are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for potential student garden projects, please contact Rachel at [ihp.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:ihp.rachel@gmail.com)

#### **Hot Lunch-** Kirstie Simpson for Jess Jenkin

- The Pizza Day vendor was switched back to our local Fresh Bay Pizza.
- Sushi Katsu is now offering hot food options on Sushi Day.
- We are looking for someone to take on the hot lunch coordinator role next year. Hot lunch is our biggest fundraiser, so we need to fill this position for next year. If there is anyone that is interested and wants more information, please reach out.

#### **DPAC Update-**Shevaun Brown

##### Highlights of the April 5 DPAC General Meeting

- Discussion around school websites and the need for updates. 2-factor authentication for website access; website needs to be updated post-Oct 2022.
- Reminder regarding budget planning season; present to PAC Exec for approval (check bylaws regarding timeline). No money can be spent on future expenses until the budget has been approved.
- Traffic and safety checks around the district (joint initiative between WV Police, ICBC, WVS)

##### Nicole Brown, West Van School Board

- Carolyn Broady (WVS Board Chair) seeking re-election in her role as chair of the provincial trustees.
- Locally, the newly elected Board is working on their next 4-year strategic plan; budget to be tabled for approval in May.
- Mayor Sager has committed to completing WV Place for Sport project; construction to be started later this calendar year with completion by next summer.

##### Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of West Van Schools

- Registration for summer learning program has opened.
- Affordability fund - will continue next year; unused funds can roll over. Are GEC parents accessing this?
- Provincial food accessibility program to be funded as well next year; WVS still working out the details in terms of what this will look like.
- Guest speaker presentation on Human Rights in Iran (by 2 SD45 parents); guest presentation to PAC to be considered.

- Thought provoking presentation by Deputy Superintendent Sean Nosek about Digital Citizenship. AI - What are implications on teaching & learning? What are the possibilities?

### Blanket Exercise

- held on 3 evenings (Apr 4, 5 and 12) for each WV family of schools. Positive feedback from participants.

### Upcoming Parent Ed event with Dr Hayley Watson

- April 24th at the Kay Meek. Dr Watson is a clinical psychologist and founder of the mental health platform [Open Parachute](#) (which provides teaching resources that are used in Grades 6-9). [Tickets are on sale now](#)

### **Principal's Report-** Robyn Evans

- Thank you to the PAC and all the parents who participated and organized the staff appreciation lunch.
- Looking ahead to the new school year:
  - I. Notice of intention for attending GEC next year. Please fill out and return.
  - II. Band registration is open for students going in to grades 6 & 7 next year.
  - III. So far, all grades still have openings for new students for next year.
- Budgets are getting set for West Van District. Because COVID closures affected international enrollment, the district is still feeling the impact. They will be releasing more information regarding this soon, but they will try to minimize impact to schools and students by focusing on efficiencies and changes at the district level.
- Upcoming Events:
  - I. Physical Literacy Assessments
  - II. Golf sessions for intermediate students April 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
  - III. Artist in Residence series with Tracey Hayes- Bottle caps still needed! Please drop off in the box in the front hallway.
  - IV. Welcome to Kindergarten events.
  - V. Track & Field events will be separated this year. Track will be at SFU June 1<sup>st</sup> and Field events will be at WV Secondary May 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>
  - VI. Shrek performance Thursday June 8th
- Students and parents are being reminded that personal devices should not be used in school hours, other than when required for schoolwork. Parents/families needing to connect with their children should connect with Maria Pistilli in the office and a message will be sent to your child.

### **Other Business**

With the end of the school year fast approaching we need to start thinking about the PAC executive for next year. Several members will be stepping down and we are looking for new members. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact [gecpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:gecpacchair@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming events**

#### Pancake Breakfast – Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> (7:30-8:30am)

This is an event that was a yearly occurrence pre-COVID, and we are excited to be bringing it back. Pancakes, fruit, maple syrup and whipped cream will be cooked and served by our dads. A sign-up sheet will be circulated. We are going to ask that people RSVP to this event so we can estimate the amount of food we need to provide. People will also be asked to bring their own plates, cups, utensils etc. It will happen before school in the gym.

Golf Tournament – Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> Save the date! Registration will open soon so get your teams organized.

Spring Fair/Carnival – date to be determined.

Currently considering Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> (Early Dismissal due to Sports Day) or Friday June 23

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.**

