

GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

@ 6:30 virtual by Microsoft Teams



In Attendance:

Emily Gardiner (Chair, PAC)

Amanda Clark (Treasurer, PAC)

Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)

Danielle Lavalley (Member at Large, PAC)

Rachel Clearwater (DPAC rep, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)

Nichola Vermiere (Member at Large, PAC)

Ian McLachlin (Member at Large, PAC)

Heather Nelson

Shevaun Brown

Kirstie Simpson

6:30pm- Meeting Called to Order

Emily- Introductions

Robyn- Land Acknowledgement

Adoption of Agenda: Our first order of business is to adopt the agenda for this meeting, which was distributed on January 11th, 2024 and revised today. The motion was 1st by Ian and 2nd by Danielle. The agenda with the revisions are approved.

Adoption of Minutes: No changes or discrepancies noted in the minutes from our last PAC meeting, November 22th, 2023, distributed in the GEC newsletter Thursday November 30th, 2023. The minutes are approved as distributed, motion 1st by Ian and 2nd by Danielle.

Chair's Report-Emily Gardiner

- Since our last PAC meeting, we hosted our first staff appreciation lunch of the school year. Thank you to all who contributed delicious treats and to Nichola Vermiere for organizing.
- On December 22nd, we held a movie event at Cineplex Park Royal to view "Trolls Band Together." We sold 118 tickets for this fun, family event.

- We kicked off last week with a Spirit Wear contest on Friday, January 12th. Division 3 were the winning class, showing the most school spirit. They will enjoy a pizza party lunch Monday, Jan 22nd, courtesy of the GEC PAC.
- We are excited to announce our largest fundraising even of the yet, which will be the PAC's "Disco Inferno" to be held at the Gleneages Golf Course Clubhouse on Saturday, Feb 24th. Tickets will go on sale next week, and we look forward to dancing the night away with our light up dance floor, dj, nibbles and drinks and fabulous silent auction. We hope to see everyone there!

Treasurer's Report- Amanda Clark

Statement of Financial Position as of January 15th, 2024

- We have a cash balance of \$114,903. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$47,313, which is our Hot Lunch Vendor Accrual. This represents what we owe to our vendors, and this is reasonable and will be whittled down over the school year as we pay our vendors throughout the Hot Lunch order term. Our Outdoor Enhancement accrual has been fully zeroed out, the last amount being from the September payment for new metal bike racks.
- We have Retained Earnings of \$67,589

Statement of Profit and Loss

There are a few new items to note on our profit and loss statement:

- Hot Lunch profits year-to-date is ~\$13,559, which is similar to where we were at this time last year. Our ambitious budget was set as \$25k for the 2023-2024 year, but considering where we are at today, it might be closer to \$20k (last year's actual was \$23k)
- Social event revenue is currently at a negative \$2,270, which is due to expenses we have started to incur for the upcoming parent disco fundraiser. We have not opened ticket sales up yet, but will be doing so shortly.
- The Trolls Movie Day event was successful, and raised \$1,572
- A couple of items to note that the PAC paid for from the Trust account this month:
 1. Northern Computer \$4,192
 2. Curtains for the stage \$9,008
 3. Additional costs pertaining to the bike racks \$3,082 (previously paid \$11,412 towards new bike racks in September 2023)

To view the balance sheet and budget click [here](#).

Hot Lunch Update- Emily for Jess (absent tonight)

- This terms orders were launched in December
- There will be a change period opening Jan 18th-noon Jan 25th.

Please email gechotlunch@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

DPAC Report- Rachel Clearwater

Emily Miller & Jennifer Towers presented on Digital Technologies

- Click [here](#) to view the power point presentation

Kristina Hayes & Shawn Anderson presented on Digital Portfolios

- A digital collection created where students keep their course-related work
- Interactive for parents to connect and teachers to give feedback
- Power point presentation included in the link above.

Cari Wilson and Robyn Evans presented Digital Literacy and Citizenship

- This highly informative talk will be repeated at the next GECPAC meeting, Feb 21st @ 6:15pm.

Garden Update- Rachel Clearwater

- After the open-house harvesting, the kindergarten class planted garlic ready for next fall.
- Focus on food saving, eco-literacy and natural cycles.
- Divisions 1, 2,3, 10 & 11 worked on a seed saving project. There was a seed giveaway at the Fall Fair.
- Division 3 focused on nutrient cycling and decomposition. They built a leaf composter and learned about mulching and feeding the soil, as well as planted and continue to tend to the winter cover crop (kale). There is also an infographic, made by Div 3, currently being displayed in the garden message board.
- Division 7 helped with garden clean-up.
- The Tree Canada grant was submitted in December. We should know in March if we were successful in our attempt to naturalize the field border.
- Rachel is looking for suggestions for crops next year. The potato harvest has been declining, so the potatoes may need to have a year off. The squirrels are chewing the heads off the sunflowers, so they could be replaced by wallflowers.

Used Book Fair-Rachel Clearwater

- There is an upcoming one day, kid's used-book fair.
- *Book donation period runs from Jan 22nd-Feb 9th. Collection boxes are located in the school front entrance hall.*
- *The book sale will be held Monday, Feb 12th from 8:30am-3pm in the school. All classes will be able to visit the sale during school time.*

**this information was distributed after the PAC meeting.*

Principal's Report- Robyn Evans

- Thank you to all who contributed to the PAC-hosted lunch for all staff members held Dec 6th. There was a lovely array of tasty treats for everyone to enjoy.
- I would also like to extend thanks for the all Scholastic Book Fair donations that went back to the classrooms. Not only were the individual book wishlists granted, but \$100 went to each classroom and just under \$300 was gifted to Mrs. York in the library.
- We completed our previous 3 year goal last year for FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning). We will establish a new (3 year) goal this year. We have solicited our stakeholder groups for input and are finalizing our plans. Full details of our specific goal will be posted on the website, shared in the e-bulletin and at our next PAC meeting.
- We have a busy term ahead, with only 8 ½ weeks left before Spring Break.
- Ice skating will be starting tomorrow and finish Feb 1st.
- Badminton will be held for 2 weeks in February.
- Grade 7 basketball is underway. Thank you to all the parent and staff coaches.
- Saleema Noon will be doing a parent info session by Zoom on Monday Feb 5th at 6:30pm. It will be approximately 45 minutes long. Hosted by PAC.
- Saleema Noon will be holding the student sessions on Feb 8th & 9th.
- Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 28th.
- Jumprope for Heart is on March 15th.

Meeting Adjourned 7:19pm

Join us for our next meeting February 21st, 2024