

GEC PAC Meeting

Monday, April 15th, 2024

@ 9am in the GEC Learning Commons



In Attendance:

Emily Gardiner (Chair, PAC)

Amanda Clark (Treasurer, PAC)

Rachel Clearwater (DPAC Rep, PAC)

Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)

Shevaun Brown

Kelly Kerklaan

9:05am-Meeting called to order. Good morning and welcome to our April PAC meeting. Thank you everyone for your flexibility with meeting at this time. We had a conflict this week with Rockridge's PAC meeting, and as we have several parents who like to attend both, we opted to move it to today.

Land Acknowledgement by Robyn Evans

Adoption of Agenda

Our first order of business is to adopt the agenda for this meeting, which was distributed on April 11th. If no one has any concerns, they stand approved as distributed.

Adoption of minutes from January 17^h PAC Meeting.

Next, we will seek to adopt the minutes from the January 17th PAC Meeting. These were distributed on February 1st, and if no one has any changes, they stand approved as distributed.

Chair's report- Emily Gardiner

- We've been busy since our last PAC meeting.
- On February 13th, we celebrated Support Staff Appreciation Day, and the PAC provided coffee and treats for our wonderful GEC Support Staff.
- On February 21st, in lieu of our regular PAC meeting, we hosted Cari Wilson, District VP of Innovation & Technology, and our own Mrs. Evans, who together delivered an excellent presentation on Digital Citizenship. They shared insights and ideas for navigating the digital world and social media with our children, and I just want to

express my appreciation for this event. It spurred some really great conversation and questions, I think they hit the sweet spot of being thought provoking, but also practical, so thank you for that.

- On February 24th, the PAC hosted our amazing and very successful Disco Inferno fundraiser at the Gleneagles Club house. GEC parents danced the night away on our lit-up dance floor to the tunes provided by our very funky DJ, and we raised a lot of money through the Silent Auction. I will let our Treasurer give the final financials from that in her report, but I just want to thank everyone who showed up, donated, and volunteered. The event was a huge success, and that's thanks to our amazing community.
- On March 5th, we hosted the year's second Staff Appreciation Lunch. From the pictures I saw, it looked like lots of yummy dishes and treats were brought in, so thank you to all the parents that contributed to that, and to Nichola Vermiere for organizing. It's great that we can show the GEC staff and teachers the love they deserve.
- In terms of what's coming up, we're excited to announce that our Spring Golf Tournament will be happening on Friday, May 31st in the afternoon, so please look forward to more details coming out about that. It's a super fun event, and we play Best Ball format, so no golfing experience is required! A certain number of rental clubs are also available. We hope to see you there.
- We also have the Mother's Day pancake breakfast coming up, scheduled for Friday May 10th. That event is organized by the dads, so if you or anyone you know would like to be involved with that, please email me at gecpacchair@gmail.com.
- Finally, we have a few positions in the PAC Exec opening for next year. If you are interested in getting more involved or would like to find out more about what spots are open or just to chat about it, please get in touch with me through WhatsApp or email.

Treasurer's Report- Amanda Clark

Statement of Financial Position as of March 31st, 2024

- We have a cash balance of \$123,685. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$38,471, which is our Hot Lunch Vendor Accrual. This represents what we owe to our vendors, and this is reasonable and will be whittled down as we pay our vendors throughout the Hot Lunch order term.
- We have Retained Earnings of \$85,525

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 ~\$18,698 which is slightly lower 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, and with there only being one more hot lunch amendment/orders to take place before the school year is done, it might be closer to \$20k (last year's actual was \$23k)
- The Disco Inferno Fundraiser was a massive success. We raised \$26,275 in total Revenues, the event had a total of \$11,268 in Expenses, with a total of \$15,007 funds raised.

To view the financial reports [click here](#)

DPAC Report-Rachel Clearwater

- The minutes from the March 6th DPAC meeting are now available: [click here](#) to read. For more information on the presentation “Unpacking the Post-Secondary Transition Process” see the [Slideshow](#).
- On March 7th, Developmental psychologist, Diana Divecha presented “We are all connected: How families can support children’s relationships.” If you missed this informative session [click here](#) to listen to the recording.

April 3rd DPAC

- Sentinel Secondary PAC is hosting Virtual Parent Workshops on Parenting Teens. There are two upcoming presentations: April 23rd: *Teens and Anxiety* & May 28th: *Developing Resilience in Teens*. Teams link to Workshops will be released on the DPAC WhatsApp closer to the date. To sign up to the DPAC WhatsApp [click here](#)
- Liz Hill presented on the Feeding Futures Initiative. This is a 3-year program funded by the Ministry of Education. It includes the Universal Snack Program for K-3, grocery gift certificates to families in need, snacks for Highschool Connect programs, food for Inglewood Highschool alternative education programs which involve students cooking, barrier-free access to culturally sensitive foods, access to provide behavioural dietary supports for students with special needs.
- FESL is focusing on transitions, increasing sense of belonging and improving numeracy. There was a discussion on how PACs can help increase excitement about improving numeracy.

- **FOUNDRY Presentation** by Nicole Kennedy. FOUNDRY provides young people, ages 12-24, access to mental health and substance use support, primary care, peer support and social services. The presentation was on alcohol and drug prevention.
- **District Presentation on Changes to Early Learning: The 0-8 Agenda.** Sandra Lynn Shortall and Laine Anderson discussed quality of care, inequality of access to quality care, funding, & early learning support. They are working on a childcare action plan with a focus on more spaces, more affordability and increase in quality of care.

Garden Update- Rachel Clearwater

- Unfortunately, we didn't get the Canada Tree Grant; however, we still have the Tree Grant from the District of West Vancouver, where we will still get 5 trees of our choosing for the school grounds. Which trees and where they will be planted is still in discussion.
- Jenny Clark, Marie Englebert & Danielle Lavallee have volunteered to head the garden committee next year. Jenny and Rachel have been planning the garden around ingredients to be used for next year's open house. Lisa Kim has offered to make the soup for the event.
- The grassy areas around the basketball court have become eroded and worn and would benefit from replacing lost soil and reseeding. Robyn Evans will contact facilities.

Principal's Report-Robyn Evans

- Thank you to the PAC and to all those who contributed to the Staff Lunch on March 5th
- Congratulations to the PAC for a successful Disco fundraiser.
- The student-led conferences are to be held this Friday, April 19th from 9am-10am. Parents are invited to engage in learning activities with students. We are hoping it will be a more interactive experience than just a passive look at their schoolwork. The PAC is hosting a brief gathering prior to the conferences. Coffee & treats will be available in the gym from 8:30am-9am.
- The Emergency Student Release Drill will be held Thursday, April 25th, postponed from October. The drill will start around 1pm, with releases beginning around 1:30pm. It will be an indoor release, so students will be picked up from the gym. Students will be released by grade; however, families with children in multiple grades will be released at the same time. The school is still open until 2:35pm, so parents/guardians can pick up at

the regular time if they are unable to pick up early. The Lions Bay bus will be running as usual.

- Class configurations for next year are currently being organized. Forms will be available in the office before the end of the month if you have preferences or concerns about your child's placement next year. It is preferable to fill out the form now, as changes once the classes have been set are difficult. The placement requests will be distributed to teachers, so it is asked that teachers names and specific teacher requests be omitted. So far, it appears that combined classes will continue, as usual.
- The district calendar for next year has already been released and the GEC calendar is currently under construction. Once finished, it will be presented to staff for feedback and then to PAC for approval, which will take place before the end of May.

10am-Meeting adjourned.

Join us for our next PAC meeting (& AGM) June 12th, in the GEC Learning Commons at 6:30pm