

# GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

@ 6:30pm by Zoom



## In attendance:

Emily Gardiner (Co-Chair, PAC)

Amanda Clark (Co-Chair & Treasurer, PAC)

Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)

Jess Jenkin (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Lauren Fuhre (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Lisa Fairburn (DPAC rep, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)

Kirstie Simpson

Nichola Vermiere (Member at Large, PAC)

Ian McLaughlin (Member at Large, PAC)

Heather Nelson

Shevaun Brown

Teresa Price

Meg Rosen

## Meeting call to order- 6:35pm

Land acknowledgement – Robyn Evans

## Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed in the e-bulletin on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Move to approve. First by Lisa, Seconded by Lauren. It stands approved as distributed.

## Adoption of minutes from October 2<sup>nd</sup> PAC Meeting.

The October 2<sup>nd</sup> PAC meeting minutes were distributed on October 10<sup>th</sup> in the school e-bulletin. No changes or corrections were requested. Move to approve. First by Teresa and seconded by Lauren. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

## Chair's report- Emily Gardiner

It has continued to be a busy Fall at GEC. Since our last PAC meeting:

- We celebrated World Teacher's Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, with the PAC providing goodies to the teachers to enjoy at lunch time.
- Spirit Wear sales took place, and clothing is being distributed this week. Thank you to Nichola and Lauren for coordinating that.
- The GEC PAC brought in the Greater Vancouver Lice Clinic to hold an information session on Lice detection, prevention, and treatment on Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Of note is that Adriana, the CEO said that anyone from our school can email or text her any time with pictures if we're unsure whether something we find in our children's hair is a louse or nit, so that is a very valuable resource to come from that session.
- We had our second annual Fall Fair on October 24<sup>th</sup>, which was a great success. Over 200 students flocked to a packed gym after school, and participated in carnival games, face painting, a cake walk, were able to choose a pumpkin, and enjoyed lots of goodies, including popcorn, cotton candy, and hot dogs. We would like to thank everyone who helped with set up and clean up, with running the stations, with baking cakes, and with making everything run so smoothly. It would not have been the same without our awesome GEC parent community and support from GEC staff.
- On the November 12<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day, we brought in Sea to Sky Safety Training Services who held both the Babysitting and Stay Safe courses. 46 kids in total registered for these events.
- Finally, the Scholastic Book Fair is underway. Thank you to Kirstie Simpson for spearheading that. Hopefully you've all found some time to shop. Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered to help.

Upcoming Events:

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> is our first Staff Appreciation Lunch. Nichola Vermiere will be organizing a [SignUpGenius](#) to identify the dishes and drinks that we are looking for, so please look for that in the e-bulletin and on WhatsApp, and please sign up to bring something so we can show our awesome GEC staff some love.
- December 20<sup>th</sup>, we have our first movie event of the year. We have a theatre reserved at Cineplex Park Royal just for GEC kids and families, and we'll be showing Sonic 3 *on opening day*, so please purchase your tickets for that on Munchalunch, or email [gecpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:gecpacchair@gmail.com) if you do not have a Munchalunch account.

## Treasurer's Report-Amanda

Statement of Financial Position as of November 15th, 2024

- We have a cash balance of \$117,823. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$22,185, which is entirely comprised of 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 \$95,638.03

### Statement of Profit and Loss

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

- The Fall Fair was a successful event, generating ~\$2,000 in revenue. We target this to be a cost neutral school event, so considering we had a profit, while still creating a successful fair event, attests to the efforts of the GEC PAC and parent volunteers.
- The Babysitting and Stay Safe First Aid courses on last week's Professional Day generated \$1,655 in revenue.
- The PAC paid for some snacks and treats for World Teacher Day (on Oct 4th) and paid for the license for the spring school musical, Willy Wonka, which was \$1,045.

To view the balance statements, click [here](#)

#### **Hot Lunch**-Jess Jenkin

- Discussion as to whether Hot Lunch ordering should be open for longer prior to Christmas. Agreement that this might be helpful for many parents. More information to come soon.

#### **DPAC Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**- Lisa Fairburn

- Treasurer's training (Oct 24<sup>th</sup>) covered fundraising, banking and finance topics
- Budget planning session planned for Feb/March
- AI education event recording will be available soon
- Post-secondary presentation is Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Kay Meek (focus on grades 11/12)
- December meeting to include "World Café" discussions (PAC topics)

- New District PAC email addresses to launch June 2025
- BCCPAC update- only 4 of 17 schools in the district are members, including GEC. They provide access to resources and voting rights at the AGM. Next AGM scheduled for Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Traffic Grants are available, and few schools have applied. \$300 is available for each school.
- West Van Place for Sport track asphalt is complete; rubber surfacing postponed until spring. Turf installation is ongoing, lights operational, washroom upgrades nearly done. Most facilities to be open by Christmas.
- The District has undertaken several projects over the summer including new cedar chips for all playgrounds in the district and includes the new friendship deck and concrete stairs at the gym entrance at GEC.
- Facilities reported that no schools experienced any flooding due to the atmospheric river in October.
- There will be a local by-election in February for a trustee seat.
- Presentation on Numeracy and Mathematics. This approach develops practical skills for everyday life, from financial literacy to logical problem-solving. By focusing on numeracy, students see math as a valuable tool rather than just a subject.
- Presentation on School Liaison Officers: PAC can invite an officer to talk at meetings covering many topics such as consent, digital footprint, traffic and safety, among others.

For the full DPAC minutes from November 6th click [here](#)

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

- The grand opening of West Van Place for Sport will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The track asphalt is complete, but the rubber surfacing has been postponed until spring.
- Thank you to PAC for treats for World Teacher's Day and for the spirit wear for new staff. Thank you to Nichola and Lauren for coordinating.
- Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Winter Concert. There will be 2 shows: a matinee show at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online later this week.
- Tennis Lessons are now underway, payment on [schoolcashionline](#) is now overdue.
- Learning Updates will be available Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Maria if you have problems accessing your family's account.
- Winter weather is here. Please make sure students come prepared with weather-appropriate footwear and outerwear. School closures will be communicated by District website, CKNW, CBC, and a direct email to parents, usually by 6am. This information will also typically be passed on to the PAC to post on the GEC WhatsApp.
- Kindergarten registration for next year has already started. GEC currently has 13 students registered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

Next meeting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30pm