

GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025

@ 6:30pm by Zoom



In attendance:

Emily Gardiner (Co-Chair, PAC)
Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)
Jess Jenkin (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)
Lisa Fairburn (DPAC rep, PAC)
Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)

Aimee Fildes (Vice-Chair, PAC)
Nichola Vermiere (Member at Large, PAC)
Ian McLaughlin (Member at Large, PAC)
Danielle Lavallee

Meeting call to order- 6:35pm

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed in the e-bulletin on January 9th, 2025. Move to approve. First by Danielle, Second by Jess. Approved as distributed.

Adoption of minutes from October 2nd PAC Meeting.

The November 20th PAC meeting minutes were distributed on November 28th, school e-bulletin. Anna, the GEC PAC secretary received some slides of a DPAC presentation after the minutes had been distributed in the school e-bulletin. Since they may be of interest to parents, the slides will be added to the November 20th minutes and redistributed.

Chair's report- Emily Gardiner

- Since our last PAC meeting, we hosted the year's first Staff Appreciation Lunch on December 3rd. This time, families were given the option to make financial contributions to support this, and this was very successful. Some of the funds collected were used for the December lunch, but due to families' generosity, extras will go towards buying food and drinks for our next one coming up in March. Thank you to all the parents that contributed goodies and sent in money, and to Nichola Vermiere for organizing.

- On December 20th, GEC kids and parents gathered at Cineplex Park Royal to watch Sonic 3. This event sold out, and the Treasurer's Report will detail funds raised.
- Coming up, we will have a Spirit Wear contest on Friday, Feb 7th. The Division that shows the most spirit that day will enjoy a pizza party.
- We also have the Support Staff Appreciation Day February 11th. For this, the PAC will provide coffee and goodies.
- We're excited to announce that we will soon be launching a Cheque Drive to support upgrading our gym sound system. The audio issues were evident during the Winter Concerts, and with Wonka Jr coming up, it would be great to have a sound system that can properly support that event. More details about that will be released shortly.
- next PAC meeting Feb 19th

Treasurer's Report-Emily Gardiner for Amanda Clark

Statement of Financial Position as of December 30th, 2024

- We have a cash balance of \$108,079. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$13,490, 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 \$95,255.

Statement of Profit and Loss

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

- The Sonic 3 Movie Day was a success, with a sold-out theatre and we raised ~\$800 in profits.
- We raised \$440 in e-transfer donations from GEC parents/families for the Teacher's holiday luncheon on Dec 3rd. We have leftover funds from that, which we will roll into the next Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunch.
- The PAC gifted two \$100 gift cards to our two GEC custodians, for a holiday gift. The PAC also gifted \$20 gift cards to Robyn Evans, Alysha Philip, Maria Pistilli, and Amanda Donahue for holiday Thank You gifts.
- We will be doing a Cheque Drive fundraiser in January and February, for a Gym Audio System Upgrade, so stay tuned for that!

To view the accounting statements for this period, click [here](#)

Hot Lunch-Jess Jenkin

- Hot Lunch is live now for changes/additions and will close Tuesday, January 21st.
- Jess Jenkins and Laren Fuhre have been splitting the duties of hot lunch coordinator, since it is a large role. Lauren oversees invoices, emails and WhatsApp communication, whilst Jess' role comprises negotiations with vendors, setting up and maintaining Munchalunch and liaising with Maria/school and vendors. Jess is completing her last year in this role and we will need a replacement for next year. If you are interested in this role, please contact gecpacchair@gmail.com

DPAC- Lisa Fairburn

The last DPAC meeting was a Liaison Roundtable discussion on Innovation. It included DPAC reps, Principals, PAC chairs, School trustees and Superintendent, Chris Kennedy. Some important takeaways of the include:

- West Vancouver is the most innovative district in BC, if not Canada.
- WV is working on process vs. product
- Feedback from parent body AI and physical literacy
- Link & juxtaposition between AI and Physical Literacy
- Physical literacy in BC overall is D+ (a measure of how much students have the opportunity to move throughout the school day and does not take in to account extra-curricular sports, etc.)
- Artificial Intelligence in Schools- opportunity for Superintendent Chris Kennedy to come and do an AI presentation to parents. What are some opportunities that families see? What are some problems families see/experience? For class use, what are the guidelines and in what capacity is AI used? What are the limitations of AI?

Click [here](#) to view a slideshow of the presentation on Innovation in West Vancouver Schools.

Principal's Report- Robyn Evans

- Thank you for the Staff appreciation lunch on DEC 3rd
- Thank you to all who helped and supported the book fair. Teachers have received credits from the bookfair as well as their wish list items.
- Yesterday, Jan 14th, ICBC and WV Police were on site to focus on traffic safety around the school grounds. Traffic concerns include U-turns on Marine Drive, parking on the wrong side of Marine Drive, students crossing in front of the school bus, and parking in the bus-zone.
- Lunch time has been an issue recently with students coming to the office seeking food. The staff try to gather more information on why the students are looking for food as it can be a delicate process to navigate, food scarcity, meal expectations from families, food waste, etc. For any families struggling with food security, there are some funds available through the school, including support with hot lunch. Contact Robyn Evans at revans@wvschools.ca for confidential assistance.

- There is an upcoming Professional Development Day on January 27th. This month the staff will hear a keynote speaker talk on AI use, equity and social-emotional learning. After that presentation, staff get to choose from other topics such as mental health, SpacesEDU, among others.
- FSA's will be going home next week for grade 4-7's. Marks will continue to use the Emerging/On track/ Extending scale and are specific to your own child and not to the school or district.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Feb 19th, 2025

