

GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

@ 6:30pm by Zoom



In attendance:

Emily Gardiner (Co-Chair, PAC)

Amanda Clark (Co-Chair, PAC)

Robyn Evans (Principal, GEC)

Anna Stewart (Secretary, PAC)

Jess Jenkin (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Lauren Fuhre (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Aimee Fildes (Vice-Chair, PAC)

Nichola Vermiere (Member at Large, PAC)

Ian McLaughlin (Member at Large, PAC)

Sonia Gregg

Leanne Todd

Shevaun Brown

Katherine Jewell

Meeting called to order- 6:33pm

Land Acknowledgement- Robyn Evans

Adoption of Agenda- Emily Gardiner

- The agenda for today's meeting was distributed in the school e-bulletin February 13th. Motion to move 1st by Nichola Vermiere, 2nd by Amanda Clarke. Agenda approved as distributed.

Adoption of Minutes- Emily Gardiner

- Our last PAC meeting was held January 15th, 2025. The minutes were distributed in the school e-bulletin on January 23rd. No changes or corrections were requested. Motion to move 1st by Amanda Clark, 2nd by Nichola Vermiere. Minutes stand approved as distributed.

Chair's report-Emily Gardiner & Amanda Clark

- Since our last PAC meeting, we hosted a Spirit Wear Contest on February 7th. We had two winners – Div 3 (Ms. Mac's) and Div 7 (Ms. Downie's) classes won with 100% participation from both, which is amazing. These kids celebrated their wins with pizza parties on Monday, Feb 10th.
- We also celebrated Support Staff Appreciation Day on Feb 11th, with the PAC providing goodies to acknowledge and thank our wonderful GEC support staff who make everything run so smoothly.
- We have now launched the "Pump Up the Jam: Audio and Tech Upgrades" fundraiser to support upgrading our gym sound system hopefully in time for Wonka Jr in May. As part of this initiative, we will be upgrading multiple speakers, microphones, the projector unit and screen, control boards, and more. The estimated cost may reach up to \$25,000 and will benefit the GEC community for years to come. We encourage you to donate through School Cash Online, and all contributions will receive a donation receipt. We have raised \$1,670 dollars. [School Cash Online](#)
- March 4th is our Term 2 Staff Appreciation Lunch, so look out for the Sign-Up Genius link from Nichola in the coming weeks.
- We are hoping to have Superintendent Chris Kennedy come as a speaker to our April PAC meeting, who can speak about the use of AI in schools. This topic is becoming more and more relevant and evolving constantly, and we suspect parents may have a lot of great questions to share.
- Our annual Parent Golf Tournament and Social Event has been confirmed, and will take place on Friday, May 30th, at the Gleneagles Golf course, with a post-golf social event at The Orchard. This fundraiser is always a great time, and no golfing experience is required. More information to come in the following weeks.
- Our executive team has begun PAC Succession planning for 2025-2026. In accordance with our PAC bylaws, some executive positions will become available at the end of this school year. As certain roles will have reached their maximum term limits, we need to seek replacements for these positions. Many of our current executive members have served for several years and have found the experience both rewarding and impactful. If you are interested in joining the PAC Executive Committee for one of the available roles, please contact Amanda Clark and Emily Gardiner at gecpacchair@gmail.com. Positions open for next year include Secretary, Hot Lunch Coordinator(s), DPAC representative,

and Member-At-Large. More information regarding the PAC and these specific roles will soon be emailed out to our parent community.

Treasurer's Report- Amanda Clark

Statement of Financial Position as of February 15th, 2025

- We have a cash balance of \$106,640.01. This is a total of our three bank accounts, including the trust account.
- Our total liabilities are \$14,288.17 which is mostly 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. Munchalunch credits are hot lunch credits that parents have on their accounts, from amended hot lunch orders.
- We have Retained Earnings of \$92,351.84.

Statement of Profit and Loss

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

- **Pump Up the Jam** online fundraiser has launched, and we have currently raised \$1,670. We are hoping to see this number 'Pump Up' over the next few weeks, and all donation amounts will receive a tax donation receipt.
- The PAC provided some goodies for the Support Staff Appreciation Day (\$200), along with a Pizza Party for two classrooms that won the Spirit Wear contest (\$375). In addition, the PAC paid for bus transportation for the Ice-Skating field trip for grades 3-kindergarten (\$1,029) and also paid for the school-wide body science workshop with Saleema Noon (\$1,654), and an ArtStart performance with the Goh ballet (\$1,202).
- Hot Lunch profits are at \$12,672. This amount is slightly lower than our previous years for this quarter, but we have one ordering period left, so hopefully we see a bit more come in at that time, but we may not hit our goal of \$20k for this year.

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

Hot Lunch- Jess Jenkin

The Hot Lunch Coordinators are looking for feedback on current vendors or suggestions for new vendors. Mucho Burrito does not seem as popular as pizza, sushi or Subway, so we may give Foodie Kids a trial run this spring to see if it offers better options and more variety for kids.

DPAC Report-

- In lieu of a report this week, please check the [district website](#) for the full DPAC minutes.

Principal's Report- Robyn Evans

- Thank you from all support staff for the Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Save the date: Willy Wonka Jr. musical will take place April 28th & 29th. There will be evening shows. Big thank you to the team of staff and parents for helping to organize this event.
- Gym upgrades are underway. New speakers, microphones, and screen have already been installed. Thank you for all the support from families.
- Outdoor School is on a 2-year rotation and is set to take place during the last week of September 2025 for grades 4 & 5 students. The school will start to share information with the grade 3 & 4 classes to help prepare for this event. A deposit will be required this spring, if your child is interested in going. Last year the cost was approximately \$350 but may be subject to change and we are still waiting to confirm the total cost per child. Payment plans will be available if required.
- We are currently half-way through our 3-year cycle of FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning). Staff are currently working on supporting students in expanding their writing skills. There will be a focus on expository writing: by using details, evidence and facts to explain, describe and give information.

Meeting adjourned- 7:12 pm

next PAC meeting April 9th.

