

GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 1st, 2025

@ 6:30 pm in the GEC Learning Commons



In Attendance:

Nichola Vermiere (Chair, PAC)

Aimee Fildes (Vice Chair, PAC)

Sonia Gregg (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Russel Snow (Hot Lunch Coordinator, PAC)

Kate Saunders (Treasurer, PAC)

Meg Rosen (DPAC Rep, PAC)

Alison Pienaar (Member at Large, PAC)

Natalie Davies (Member at Large, PAC)

Lindsey Volker (Member at Large, PAC)

Tracey Hayes (Secretary, PAC)

Christine Hulme (Principal, GEC)

Kirstie Simpson

Mina Sagha Zadeh

Meeting call to order - 6:32pm

Land acknowledgement – Christine Hulme, Principal

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed in the e-bulletin on Sept 25th. Move to approve. It stands approved as distributed.

Chair's Report – Nichola Vermiere

Good Evening! For any new parents, my name is Nichola Vermiere, this is my third year on the PAC Exec; my first two years were helping out as a Member at Large and this year is my first year in the role of PAC Chair. I'm excited to introduce our fantastic team for this year:

Aimee Fildes as Vice Chair

Kate Saunders as Treasurer

Tracey Hayes as Secretary

Meg Rosen as DPAC Rep

Sonia Gregg and Russel Snow as Hot Lunch Coordinators

Natalie Davies and Alison Pienaar as Members at Large

Jenny Clark as Garden Committee Head

For those of you that are new to the school, the purpose of the PAC is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the wellbeing of the Gleneagles Ch'axay School students. We work together to:

- Advise the Principal and staff on parents' views or matters relating to School programs, policies, plans and activities;
- Communicate with parents and promote cooperation and support with the School in providing the best education for our children;
- Assist parents in gaining access to resources in the educational system;
- Organize, in conjunction with the Principal, volunteer PAC activities and events which support the School; and
- Contribute to the effectiveness of the School by promoting the involvement of parents and other community members.

Parents interested in finding out more about the PAC or in volunteering are asked to contact any member of PAC Executive (gecpacchair@gmail.com); Aimee Fildes is the contact for Class Parents, and if you haven't already, please join our GEC PAC WhatsApp Group. This is a one-way thread, where we post reminders about special events, theme days, early dismissals, etc. If interested, please email gecpacchair@gmail.com with your name, child's name and phone number; a link will be emailed back to you to sign up.

It's been a busy and great start to the Fall so far – PAC hosted the Welcome Tea on the first morning of school, hosted a well-attended GEC Open House BBQ (thank you to all the volunteers and Jenny Clark for your harvest table set up), and Hot Lunch got underway today, October 1st (thank you Russel and Sonia).

In terms of looking forward, we have a few fall events lined up:

The PAC will be acknowledging World Teacher's Day this Friday, October 3rd by supplying the teachers with coffee and baked goods.

We will be offering both the Stay Safe and Babysitting courses during the Pro D Day on Monday, November 24th. Sign-ups will be available on Munchalunch soon.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming up later in November. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help run this, who have flexible daytime availability.

We are also working on securing another movie day at Cineplex Park Royal on Friday, December 19th, which is an early dismissal day and the last day of school before Winter Break. More info on all of this to follow in the weekly e-bulletins and on the School WhatsApp

An update on the Class Parents for this year, which are as follows:

Division	Grade(s)	Teacher	Number of Students	Room No.	Class Parent
1	6/7	Shawnah Staples	30	210	Shevaun Brown
2	6/7	Taylor McIntyre	29	211	Sarah Harbottle
3	5/6	Lauren Birnie	27	213	Jennifer Pallian
4	5/6	Hillary Sawyer/Laura Odegaard	28	209	Randeep St. Jacques
5	4/5	Alysha Philip/Catherine Maledy	30	205	Alix DaLomba
6	3/4	Vanessa Zandvliet	24	201	Roz Dickett
7	3/4	Lise Harquail	24	207	Joanne Schalke
8	1/2	Bea Sedgwick	20	105	Natalie Davies
9	1/2	Meaghan Robertson	20	103	Allie Mennie
10	K	Sophie Carter	19	107	Christine Thornton

Treasurer's Report - Kate Saunders

Balance Sheet

As of October 1st, we have \$92,930 in our bank accounts, which includes our Operating, Gaming, and Trust Account and Petty cash: \$500. Our total liabilities are just over \$40, 000. This is comprised of:

\$2,000 for hot lunch vendor accrual

\$14,000 for gym audio/tech upgrade accrual

\$1,284 Munchalunch credits

We currently have retained earnings of \$57,000.

Income Statement

We had another successful year with our revenue-generating events totaling \$41K.

Highlights for the year include:

\$2K in Hot Lunch sales profit

\$7.4K from the Spring Golf Tournament

\$6.2K from the Pump Up the Jam fundraiser

\$2.0K from the Fall Fair

\$5.3K with the Gaming Grant (based on \$20/student)

\$1.5K from the Movie Day fundraiser, and \$1K for other Online fundraising, such as

Babysitting/First Aid course, and \$700 from Spirit Wear

\$700 in Interest Income from our Trust Account

Notable expenditures so far this year include:

- \$500 on playground equipment
- Funds released for principal discretion and classroom funds.
- \$1,800 on teacher's wish list items (with \$715 remaining).
- The Welcome Back barbecue was \$325 over budget.

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

The right-hand column is the proposed budget for 2025-2026. To view the Treasurers Report and the Budget for 2025/2026 [click here](#).

Hot Lunch - Sonia and Russel

Hot lunch is underway and off to a great start. We offered up some healthy options for the students and gave parents a break from making lunches every day while raising funds for the school. Thank you to all the families who ordered, our amazing vendors, Munchalunch and school staff for lunch delivery and e-bulletin updates.

Some notes on the vendors:

There are currently 186 hot lunch orders, generating over \$7,300 in profit.

- Fresh Slice is the new pizza provider taking over from Domino's. They are proactive and community-focused.
- Hot lunch orders will reopen on October 9th and close on Wednesday, October 15th.
- Reminder to parents to bring utensils.

Thank you to Sonia and Russel for all the hard work you have put into the Hot Lunch programme to make it so successful and seamless.

DPAC - Meghan Rosen

- Meg attended a luncheon and met other parents that are volunteering as DPAC members in the district.
- The first DPAC meeting was Oct 1st. They are held once a month. Meeting notes will be shared on the DPAC page. <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/dpac/resources/>
- Upcoming parent education opportunity: Molly Lawlor, October 20th, 7:00pm at Kay Meek <https://earlychildhood.educ.ubc.ca/molly-lawlor/>

Principal's Report – Christine Hulme

- Exterior stairs were redone, and a new AV system was installed in the gym. Still waiting on a few things to get it fully operational.
- Cross country has about 80 grade three to seven students. The last cross country meet is next Tuesday. Thanks to parents who volunteer.
- Terry Fox's niece, Aaron Fox, gave an assembly.
- Outdoor school had four parent volunteers for grades four and five (72 students).
- Welcome back barbecue: Huge thank you to everyone that helped out there.
- Munchalunch: Thank you to Sonia and Russell.
- Frisbees and balls were purchased for each division (10 classes). New shelving was added in two classrooms for cubbies. New tables were purchased for Mrs. Harquail's class. A new carpet was installed in another classroom.
- World Teachers Day is coming up.
- FSAs (foundational skills assignment assessments) will begin next week for grades four and seven. A letter has been sent to families in those grades.
- West Van Little League will do throwing workshops with grade one to four next week.
- Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled with early dismissals on the 8th and 9th. The sign-up link is live. Parents can reach out to teachers to arrange alternative times. Translators are available for parent-teacher interviews. Translators can be requested by either the parent or the school.

Picture day is tomorrow.

- It will be individual photos, not class photos.

New Business/Open Discussion

- Lindsey Volker is interested in becoming a member at large.
- The group voted Lindsey into the PAC exec team.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54 pm.