
GEC PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2026

Location: Virtual via Teams

Attendees:

Christine Hulme, Lindsey Volker, Alison Pienaar, Meg Rosen, Aimee Connon, Nichola Vermiere, Sonia Gregg, Kate Saunders, Tracey Hayes, Natalie Davies, Russell Snow, Alison, Gregor Davidson, Mina

1. Chair Report — Nichola

- Minutes from the November 19 meeting were adopted and seconded.
 - **Support Staff Appreciation Day on Feb. 20th:** Tracey will provide coffee and baked goods from Orchard.
 - **Student Movie Night in the Gym:**
 - Open to GEC students from 5:00–7:30 pm on Friday, Feb 20th.
 - Movie licensing fee covers one year; plan to host an additional screening.
 - Proposed date: **February 20** (instead of February 12).
 - Film options voted on: *Lilo & Stitch*, *How to Train Your Dragon (WINNER)*, *Smurfs*.
 - Hoping to screen *Zootopia 2* later in the year once available.
 - Cost will include babysitting for the 2.5 hours, pizza, popcorn, drink, movie. Internal budget forthcoming so that ticket prices can be set.
 - **Parking Safety:** New signage is being printed and will be displayed in the roundabout to replace old, faded sandwich board.
 - **Lunar New Year Celebrations:** Seeking volunteers to help coordinate celebrations.
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2. Spirit Wear — Ali

- Spirit wear (print-only items) will be available for a three-week ordering window.
 - Exact dates will be confirmed and circulated to families.
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3. Treasurer's Report — Kate

- **Financial Position:**
 - \$129,000 cash on hand.
 - \$57,000 in liabilities, including accruals for gym upgrades.
 - **Trust Account:**
 - Current balance: \$11,700.
 - \$15,000 accrual for gym upgrades, leaving approximately \$3,000 available to spend.
 - Potential to reduce accrual if no additional costs arise; this will be reviewed.
 - **Cheque Issue:**
 - BMO issued cheques from the incorrect account.
 - Correct cheques have been ordered, and Kate is reconciling the accounting adjustments.
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4. Hot Lunch — Russell & Sonia

- Rolling weekly hot-lunch orders continue to be successful.
 - Menu adjustments can be made with 14 days' notice in Term 2.
 - A minor issue occurred for late-start days due to late orders.
 - Overall, inquiries have decreased significantly, with only one raised to date.
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5. DPAC Report — Meg

- DPAC session on executive functioning scheduled for **January 28**.
 - Christine and Nichola will attend an upcoming morning DPAC meeting at Kay Meek Theatre on Feb 11th.
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6. Principal's Report

- Nine new students have joined GEC this term.
- Strong kindergarten registration for next year.
- Winter concert for younger students has concluded; spring concert planned for older students.
- Choir teacher was beneficial last year—Christine will look into securing one again.
- “Principal for a Day” will be Austin; Christine has planned a full day of activities.
- Planetarium field trips scheduled for Divisions 6 and 7.

- Grade 7s will visit Rockridge.
 - Additional school workshops underway.
 - Grade 7 basketball registration fee was mistakenly sent school-wide, refunds will be issued.
 - Upcoming DPAC evening event.
 - Parent-and-child yoga to be offered after school on Wednesdays by Ms. Philip.
 - Preparations for Lunar New Year are underway.
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7. New Business

- **Fundraising:**
 - Aimee proposed a seafood fundraiser; coordination with Grade 7 fundraisers is required to avoid overlap.
 - Purdy's fundraiser made over \$700 profit in December.
 - **Body Science/Education:**
 - Lindsey shared information on Minka Yoga. More details to follow.
 - Suggestion made (via Selena Noon) for classroom teachers to deliver sessions for consistency.
 - Teachers will be trained, and parents will be notified once schedules are set.
 - **Parking Concerns:**
 - Issues include idling, parking in bus zones, and limited space due to the closed under-bridge parking area.
 - Christine will follow up with the City of West Vancouver about under-bridge parking availability.
 - **Next PAC Meeting: February 18 ONLINE**
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