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# 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

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## 1. Chair Report — Nichola

- Minutes from the November 19 meeting were adopted and seconded.
- **Support Staff Appreciation Day on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>:** 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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