

GEC PAC Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 18, 2026

@ 6:30 pm on Google Teams



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)
Tracey Hayes (Secretary, PAC)
Christine Hulme (Principal, GEC)

Meeting call to order - 6:32pm

Land acknowledgement – Christine Hulme

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed in the e-bulletin on Feb 12, 2026. Move to approve. It stands approved as distributed.

Adoption of minutes from October 1st PAC Meeting.

The January 14th PAC meeting minutes were distributed on February 12th in the school e-bulletin. No changes or corrections were requested. The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Chair's report- Nichola Vermiere

Since our last PAC meeting, I'd like to give a brief update on a few items:

- We hosted Support Staff Appreciation Day on February 12th for our 12 support staff at GEC. Thank you to Tracey Hayes for providing coffee and Goldie's Donuts for all the GEC Support Staff on that morning.
- Next, we are hosting Movie Night in the Gym, this upcoming Friday, February 20th, available to students with a ticket, in Kindergarten through Grade 7 from 5pm-7:30pm.
- Tickets sold to date: 38 – will do one more push tomorrow (Thursday) for ticket sales.

Rough cost to put on event:

- 1) Movie license - ~\$450
- 2) Cost of movie - \$20 from Amazon
- 3) Pizza – \$250 (estimating 50 kids)
- 4) Drinks - \$50 (should be less as we have extra drinks leftover from the September BBQ)
- 5) Popcorn - \$50

Total cost: ~\$800 (50 tickets x \$30=\$1500)

We have a few parent volunteers assisting with supervision on Friday night – Nichola, Ali, Aimee, Tracey, Natalie.

- Next, we have Term 2 Staff Appreciation Lunch coming up on March 3rd . We will be purchasing sushi platters from Mega Sushi in Caulfield for approx.. 30 ppl. Will ask families for monetary donations through SignUp Genius for the cost of the sushi platters, plus drinks, desserts and set up/clean up volunteers.
- We are hoping to host a guest speaker at our April PAC meeting but would like some feedback from the PAC about topics that would be helpful or of interest at this point in time. Last April we had an AI presentation by Superintendent Chris Kennedy – we could do similar again, or other ideas are: sexual health, technology, wellbeing. Open to all ideas for consideration. This guest speaker would be in lieu of our next PAC meeting on April 15th but would be held in the morning.
- Our annual Parent Golf Tournament and Social Event has been confirmed, and will take place on Friday, May 29th, at the Gleneagles Golf course, with a post-golf social event at The Orchard. This is a key fundraiser for the school and is always a great time, and no golfing experience is required. More information to come in the following weeks.

Treasurer's Report -Kate

Balance Sheet

The cash balance is \$123,000 across three bank accounts.

Total liabilities are about \$50,000, including \$35,000 for hot lunch accrual and \$15,000 for gym upgrades.

Retained earnings are \$74,000, similar to the last meeting.

Movie night profit is about \$1,000, and Munch Lunch has another \$1,000 of profit since the last meeting.

Fundraising Goals

The PAC is on track for the \$17,500 goal for the year, currently at \$14,200.

Fundraising activities have exceeded the \$3,000 goal, sitting at about \$3,500. The golf tournament is expected to significantly contribute to fundraising goals.

Trailing Accrual

Maria indicated that there are almost \$2,000 worth of invoices that are hitting the gaming camp that haven't come through yet.

There is still \$15,000 sitting on the balance sheet. Gym Upgrades Still need to do some upgrades in the gym, including a soundboard. The estimated amount for the upgrades is still the same. Reevaluation of costs can occur at the end of the year.

New iPads – Christine requested a new fleet of 10 iPads for the school.

There are currently 20 iPads, but one has a broken microphone jack.

The iPads are used purposefully in literacy centers.

Cost estimate: \$5,000-\$6,000, plus cases, screen protectors, and a cart.

Budget and Spending

\$5,000 was budgeted for digital equipment/tech upgrades, with \$3,000 remaining.

Hot Lunch- Sonia and Russel

The new system is working well, with 309 orders and \$36,133.01 collected.

Parents can easily update their orders.

Considering changing the sushi provider next term.

Sonia to look for her replacement as hot lunch co-ordinator for September 2026.

DPAC- Meg Rosen

A liaison meeting was held with principals, PAC chairs, DPAC, and community members on the theme of well-being (mental, physical, community). The meeting was a sharing of ideas, with no major takeaways, but it was good to connect. West Van seems to be doing slightly better than other districts in the province in some areas of well-being. Screen time and its effect on kids' sleep was a key takeaway.

Community and Inclusivity

Some schools have PAC message boards at the entrance with bulletins, dates in multiple languages, and invitations to join. There's a question of whether Gleneagles could be more intentional about sharing information in different ways, channels, and languages. There is a focus on cultural celebrations and inclusivity, moving from expectation to invitation. The goal is to involve more people and provide opportunities to meet others.

Principal's Report- Christine Hulme

- Basketball is underway with five games played. Tournaments for boys and girls are next Wednesday and Thursday.
 - BC Lions energy presentation: A whole school assembly with two current players explaining ways to save energy, water, and electricity.
 - PAC funding supports workshops for different classes. Divisions 1 and 2 are having a pencil crayon workshop with an artist over Zoom. Another workshop is High Tech High Touch through Science Made Fun. Science and Field Trips. Science programs in Divisions 8 and 9 (Grades 1-2) involved scientist Dr. Andromedon conducting experiments on matter. Grade 3 and 4 classes visited the HR MacMillan Space Centre. Gleneagles held three successful days of skating for all 10 divisions, with bus transportation provided. A junior Canucks hockey coach taught ball hockey to all divisions, leaving equipment for the school's gym.
 - Lunar New Year and Other Celebrations
Lunar New Year event had about 10 parent volunteers running stations, with classes participating in buddies. A call for parent volunteers will be in the next E Bulletin for Narooz celebrations. The school is open to families sharing other traditions, not just major celebrations.
 - Lockdown Drill
A lockdown drill is scheduled for tomorrow, using a video from West End police officers to explain the process. The drill will be similar to "hide and seek" and will not involve an evacuation.
 - Spirit wear and Vancouver Writers Festival
Spirit wear sales covered setup costs, resulting in a \$95.87 profit.
 - The Vancouver Writers Festival in September has children's events, some free, requiring school sign-up before summer.
 - Movie Night
Movie night is on Friday, starting at 5 PM, with volunteers welcome from 4:30 PM for setup. The movie will start at 5:25 PM, with pickup at 7:30 PM. Audio has been tested, and the IT department is available for support. Munchalunch sales will be shut off at 11 AM tomorrow.
- Meeting adjourned:** 7:54 pm.

