

General Gordon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes
11 January 2021

Called 6:31 pm, adjourned 7:16 pm

Land Acknowledgement by Kathryn

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Pac Executive introductions
- Erika to monitor the chat
- Introduction of new co-chair, Fanny to take over for Kelsey during her mat leave
- **Vote on motion to adopt PAC meeting minutes**
- **Proposed by Alana. Seconded by Erika. Motion is passed**

2. Principal's Update (Sharlene)

- Thank you to Gordon community for a warm welcome
- Ms. Steele speaks to her presence outside during drop-off and pick-up and encourages families to introduce themselves
- CSL report cards will be sent on the last Friday of January. These report cards are based on students' strengths. More information on them can be found on Gordon website on "teaching and learning" tab. Any questions regarding these report cards should be directed to respective teachers first then to Ms. Routledge and Ms. Steele
- Will put out a monthly newsletter highlighting school events, activities, important dates
- Raised \$3058 for Covenant House fundraiser
- Rainy weather reminder, please dress students for the weather
- Reminder that masks are a requirement for grades 6 and 7, and encouraged for all students, especially when not in their learning cohort. School is handing out a lot of masks, would appreciate families sending their children to school with masks

3. Financial Update (Julie)

- Financial update is available on Gordon website
- Balance as of October 30, 2020 totals \$36162.32, deposits/withdrawals = 0
- Balance as of November 30, 2020 totals \$36162.32
- Cheques written but not yet through account total \$1540.00, for Safeway cards, PIE Speaker Honorarium and Staff Holiday Gift
- Prior Fundraising for the playground totals \$8495.40 and from pizza funds from end of last school year totals \$8433.60
- Munchalunch credit owed totals \$4265.20
- Direct Drive funds received as of January 6, 2021 totals \$7875.00

- Gaming Account as of October 30, 2020 totals \$29611.30, must spend \$9898.26 by September/October 2021
- Previously, \$2387.30 of gaming funds had to be spent by September/October 2020, this balance was cleared by spending on Saleema Noon Body Science Program (\$1522.50) and purchasing of library books (\$950.54 thus far, \$1049.46 remaining)
- Question from Chana if gaming account money can be used for implementing outdoor learning curriculum, covered spaces? This has been a long outstanding issue, Ms. Steele will look into
- Question in chats if virtual field trips could be covered by gaming, Julie answers that it depends if students will be tested on field trip content, also if teachers are aware of gaming account info, they might be able to find a use for the money

4. PIE Update (Erika)

- Introduction and definition of PIE, origin of PIE, emphasis on partnership within this group of people interested in inclusive education and how to support each other
- Next meeting is January 28, 2021 at 6pm with visit from Chelsea Jelic, a speech language pathologist from Provincial Outreach Program for Autism and Related Disorders (POPARD), topic is social skills
- These sessions are open to everyone, please spread the word and support PIE

5. Classroom Funds (Kelsey)

- In Spring 2020, PAC made available \$200 in emergency funds to use for COVID or online learning needs before the end of the 2019-2020 school year
- Some divisions spent a portion of those funds. Some spent all. Some spent none
- As a result, there are funds remaining that have not been used
- PAC exec proposes topping up the remaining funds and dividing them so that each division will have \$200 to use as classroom funds before the end of the 2020-2021 school year
- **Raise motion to top up remaining COVID emergency funds so each division will have \$200 to use as classroom funds before the end of the 2020-2021 school year**
- **Proposed by Chana. Seconded by Lim. Will vote on at next PAC meeting**
- Ms. Rassias has requested \$4079.08 for art supplies for the entire school, which covers purchasing more items like paintbrushes so that students will have their own instead of sharing to minimize the spreading of germs. Question requesting more details about what other art supplies are needed, Ms. Steele answers other items include mixing trays, pastels, oil pastels, paper, water color paper, origami paper (?), yarn, beads, string
- **Raise motion to spend \$4079.08 for art supplies for the entire school**
- **Proposed by Alana. Seconded by Chana. Will vote on at next PAC meeting**

- Call out for someone to build a new website for PAC, please email gordonpac@ymail.com with any leads

6. Fundraising (Stacy)

- Purdy's fundraiser to be headed by a parent in the spring
- Partnership with COBS to include a coupon program
- Has set up Flippgive, shop at various retailers and a percentage goes to Gordon, have to sign up online, partnership has been created for the next two years
- Looking for new members to join fundraising committee
- Question on how the Flippgive app works, purchases must be made through the app, money cannot be allotted to Gordon after the fact

7. Closing

- Any last questions/thoughts
- Alana mentions presentation on February 18th by Ashley Miller, child psychologist/family therapist, will speak on parenting during pandemic
- Next PIE meeting is January 28th, next PAC meeting is February 8
- Question from Erika regarding flippgive, gift cards can be used at physical locations
- Call out for anyone to join parent education committee
- Next up, guest speaker Bhavana Vahi on parenting with play