

General Gordon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes
February 8 2021

Called 7:00 pm, adjourned 7:54 pm

1. PAC Introductions

- Land acknowledgment by Kathryn
- Executive introductions
- Kelsey's resignation accepted
- **Vote on motion to adopt January 11, 2021 PAC meeting minutes**
- **Proposed by Stacy. Seconded by Erika. Motion is passed**

2. Principal's Update (Sharlene)

- VSB has updated COVID safety plan, link will be on General Gordon website
- Dr. Bonnie Henry updates will be announced and implemented in the coming weeks
- A night custodian comes in for 2 hours to clean high touch surfaces, desks, and classrooms
- VSB will supply staff and students with 3-ply masks
- Please check lost and found for water bottles
- Black history month is being addressed in several ways
- Social Justice Club is putting out 2 videos (one for intermediates and one for primaries), doing morning announcements and putting posters up at school
- Illustrated books have been purchased for teachers to use in the classroom
- Valentine's day focus on kindness
- Wednesday, February 24th is pink shirt day to support anti-bullying campaign
- This Friday, is Pro-D day, teachers and support staff will participate in several workshops, i.e. outdoor learning, deeper learning, compassionate classrooms and building resiliency
- Reminder of Pro-D Day, Family Day and to please have students dressed for the weather
- Question: Will masks be distributed to children directly? Answer: Yes
- Question: Regarding most recent COVID exposure, when was the previous one? Answer: At the end of October
- Follow-up comment: To alert families of COVID exposure, first action is close contacts receive a phone call from public health, then affected Divisions are notified via email, lastly the broader school community is notified via email
- Question: Will Grade 7's be allowed to go off campus for lunch again? Answer: Ms. Steele is corresponding with her director on this matter
- Question: How are you settling in your new role? Answer: It is very busy, days go by fast, would like to get into the classrooms and work with the kids

- Question: Will individual school photos happen this school year? Answer: No elementary school in VSB has had them done, and we are waiting for direction from the board. Outdoor photos cannot be done at the moment as parent volunteers would be needed and are not currently allowed
- Question: Will the school do something to address Grade 7's moving on? Answer: Nothing from the Board has been mentioned yet on what we can and cannot do, welcomes parents to brainstorm, it would need to be a separate meeting, will revisit this topic after Spring Break
- Final comment about mask usage for Grade 6 & 7, the Board has a couple of weeks to implement the updated protocols

3. Financial Update (Julie)

- Link to PAC Financial Update https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/general-gordon/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Documents/sbfile/210202/Financial%20Info%20Feb%202021_1.pdf
- Balance as of December 31, 2020 is \$35,062.32
- Balance available as of February 8, 2021 is \$21,479.98
- Playground/outdoor learning funds total \$16,929.00
- Direct Drive total is \$7,875.00
- Gaming account balance available as of February 8, 2021 is \$26,088.80
- Need to spend \$9,984 by end of this school year
- Question: With the grant received, was an iPad purchased? Answer: 2 iPads with cases were purchased and they have arrived

4. Partners for Inclusive Education (Kathryn)

- PIE makes an effort to create spaces for conversations to happen between the community on what it means to include all kids
- January meeting recap on social skills
- Erika announces next meeting, March 4 at 6pm, Kathryn to present
- Presentation will be "When Reading is Not as Easy as A-B-C", Kathryn is a Gordon parent and an Orton-Gillingham tutor
- Register to receive zoom details

5. Volunteer Update (Stacy)

- Belle Lui has volunteered to build PAC website
- **Proposal for PAC to start its own Zoom account, to spend up to \$200/year**
- **Kelsey proposes the motion, Lim seconds**
- **Motion passes**

6. Playground Committee Update (Lim)

- Has met with one contractor, waiting to get quotes from 2 more
- The new climbing equipment would go in empty playground space

- **A motion to vote at March meeting to spend up to \$15,000 from gaming account on playground equipment needs to be made tonight**
 - **Lim proposes motion to vote, Erika seconds**
 - **Motion to vote has passed**
7. Parent Education Committee Update (Alana)
- The next event, “Pandemic Parenting: a Presentation and Q&A with Dr. Ashley Miller MD” will take place on February 18th at 7pm via zoom
 - On Zoom at [this link](#) or with meeting ID: 879 4419 6587 Passcode: Gordon
8. Classroom Funds (Kelsey)
- Last year Divisions 1-19 were given \$200 in Covid-related support for teachers, all/none/some was used, proposing to top up this amount so that every division again has \$200 to spend from this point forward. **To hit that amount PAC needs to vote to spend \$1,476.76**
 - **Vote proposed by Kelsey (motion to vote passed last meeting)**
 - **Vote has passed**
 - **Five learning spaces: library, music room, and 3 additional resource teachers, could also benefit from \$200 offered, a new motion is made to spend up to \$1000 for these spaces**
 - **Kelsey proposes this motion, Erin seconds**
 - **Motion passes**
 - Question: can the new music room be prioritized? Answer: all the learning spaces would receive the same amount
 - **Vote on spending \$4079.08 for art supplies as requested by Ms. Rassias (motion to vote passed last meeting)**
 - **Kelsey proposes to vote**
 - **Vote passes**
9. Fundraising Update (Stacy)
- Cobbs Bread coupon available, Cobbs on 4th and Broadway give percentage of sales to General Gordon when mentioned
 - Purdy Spring Fundraiser is up and running
 - Link to Purdy’s Fundraiser <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1310335-82470>
 - Chocolates will be available for pick up at school some time after Spring Break
 - Flip give is an ongoing fundraiser, details will be available on new PAC website
10. Other news
- Saleema Noon free parent workshop this month, Growing up Game Plan
 - Saleema Noon registration link <https://saleema-noon-sexual-health-educators.mykajabi.com/GUGP%20Webinar%20Registration%20Page%20FINAL>

- Barbara Insley will speak to Gordon community after meeting adjourns
- Next PAC meeting will be March 8 at 7pm
- Next PIE meeting will be March 4 at 6pm

11. Vote for Fanny Houdre to be new PAC Co-Chair

- **Julie proposes, Kelsey seconds**
- **Fanny is new Co-Chair**