

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

Called 7:01 pm, adjourned 7:53 pm

1. PAC Introductions

- Land acknowledgment by Kathryn
- Executive introductions
- Erika to monitor chat
- **Vote on motion to adopt February 8, 2021 PAC meeting minutes**
- **Alana proposes, Julie seconds**
- **Motion is passed**

2. Principal's Update (Sharlene)

- Wearing purple today in honor of International Woman's Day and by request of Social Justice Club
- Thank you to families for wearing masks on school grounds and abiding by health and safety measures
- Some restrictions may be lifted soon, please still leave school grounds at drop-off and pick-up
- School fees for next year will be submitted for approval by the board, includes \$35 for regular school fees, \$7 for agenda, \$10 (kindergarteners only) for library book bag
- \$15 performance fee will be waived and reassessed when appropriate
- Workbook, fieldtrip and supplemental fees will be determined at classroom level
- Teachers appreciated connecting with families during parent/teacher conferences
- Parents need to fill out and return intent to return form:
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WC6KCzB7CEq6t9dVWeDjpQsbNyVC5Gllj56sJLnB7vJUMkFVNFA3TThZQkQ0RU9XT1RIVlozNFQ3Ui4u>
- Lost and Found is very full, each classroom will take a look at items on Wednesday and Thursday and remaining items will be placed outside for families to take a look on Friday. Anything left will be donated
- Spirit Day Friday, Whacky Hair/Hat day, parents encouraged to participate
- Question regarding Lost and Found, is it possible to provide photos that can be enlarged, Ms. Steele said she would be able to so before Spring Break

3. Financial Update (Julie)

- Link to current financial page:
- <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/general-gordon/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Documents/sbfile/210308/Financial%20Info%20March%202021.pdf>

- Balance as of January 29, 2021 is \$35,602.32
- Received \$89.65 from Mabel's Labels and \$87.21 from Strong's
- \$16,929.00 allotted for Playground
- Munchalunch credit held by PAC, any questions about credit please contact PAC
- Gaming account as of January 29, 2021 is \$28,088.80, library funds have been deducted from gaming, \$1,049 for library has yet to be spent
- Gaming account money is separate from PAC funds, it is money received from lottery earnings from the province and must be spent within 36 months of receipt
- Need to spend \$9,984.00 this school year before next September/October 2021

#### 4. PIE Update (Erika)

- Partners for Inclusive Education began as a group at Gordon, includes parents with children who need extra support, but also includes administration, teachers and anyone interested in inclusive education
- Last presentation was by Kathryn, "When Reading Isn't as Easy as ABC," 22 people were in attendance. Anyone interested on the topic of dyslexia and ADHD, please contact PIE at [partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com](mailto:partnersforinclusiveeducation@gmail.com)
- Next meeting will be April 15, 6-7:30 with presenters from VSB on learning services and IEP's. Please send any questions in advance if possible, presenters appreciate having questions beforehand
- Following meeting will be May 13, also about learning services in VSB with a focus on alternative programs and high school
- Reach out to PIE with any questions

#### 5. Playground Update (Lim)

- We have six official proposals from 3 different VSB approved suppliers
- All proposals are climbing web structures
- Next step will include making a final decision with Ms. Steele
- Installation will take 10-12 weeks, hoping to get it done by next September
- Structure will go in empty space on east side of school grounds, between the two different monkey bar structures
- **Vote to spend up to \$15,000 from gaming (motion made at previous meeting). Lim proposes, Suzan seconds.**
- **Vote passes**
- Lim verifies that the structure meets space requirements and clarifies that playground has funds of \$8,495 from previous fundraising and \$8,433 from last year's unspent pizza fundraising donated by last year's grade 7 with a possible \$4,200 from JKC
- Question about dirt field, response includes reaching out to playground committee and Sharlene with ideas/questions

#### 6. Spirit Wear Announcement (Stacy)

- Gordon will have a spirit wear fundraiser for 2 weeks mid-April with another round next Fall
- Spirit wear will have a big G and penguin design and be supplied by local business

#### 7. Fundraising Update (Stacy)

- Ongoing fundraisers include Cobbs, Flipgive
- Purdy's fundraiser is now live, pick up will be the week after Spring Break, last day to order is March 20<sup>th</sup>:
- <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1310335-82470>
- New website will contain fundraising information and is almost up and running
- Question about spirit wear regarding families with financial constraints, executive will come up with a solution to find ways to make spirit wear available for anyone who wants it
- Question about how to order spirit wear, Ms. Steele has been working consistently with Abbies Sport Shop, orders are done on the website and a certain percentage would be donated back to Gordon PAC
- Growing Smiles Fundraiser for ordering plants, flowers, dirt will also be done online, pick up to be arranged

#### 8. Parent Education Committee Update (Alana)

- Next event will be with Dr. Shimi Kang on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm
- Topic is Tech, Covid & Kids: Reset for Healthy Habits
- Webinar link will be provided here one hour before the event  
<https://trafalgapac.ca/shimi/>
- **This event is in collaboration with nine other schools and in order to secure a spot and ensure that this event could happen, PAC exec already voted to spend \$307.00. PAC still needs to vote to pass spending this amount**
- **Alana proposes the motion, Erika seconds**
- **Motion passes**
- Parent Education Committee is a new initiative this year, and its goal was the more families know, the better it is for our children and our community - committee hopes our community has enjoyed it and welcomes new topics
- **We would like to offer up to \$200/hr. for speakers outside of our school, would like to vote to spend up to \$1000 from now until June on speakers**
- **Suzan proposes, Lim seconds**
- **Motion passes**
- Any cost over \$200/hr. would be put to a vote
- Whatever money not spent would remain in PAC funds, possible upcoming PEC evenings include:
  - Dr. Lara Boyd - exercise/remote learning and neuroplasticity in childhood
  - Anti-racism with Michelle Wing April or May on Tue/Wed/Thurs evenings

- Safer Schools Together parent talk on Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, and Cyberbullying (they also offer student and staff presentations)
- Ideas welcome for next year

9. DPAC Update (Kathryn)

- DPAC is District Parent Advisory Council, regional group larger to PAC
- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-9, DPAC will be hosting a workshop for VSB families about long term plan/vision for Vancouver, here is the registration link:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtdu2ppz0tH9Mix5Jtdo0ziFgIPSuHhGI4>
- Special board meeting on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> will be a budget meeting
- Ms. Steele comments that a budget meeting that normally occurs by this time has not yet happened, not sure what upcoming priorities may be
- DPAC is looking for members for three committees: child care, facilities planning, parent delegation
- Special thank you to Gordon parent, Adam for his participation with music review at the elementary school level
- DPAC executive nominations opening up for next year

10. PAC Info Night (Kathryn)

- Kathryn to host an information night on PAC executive and leadership roles
- Info night will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

11. Kits High Info Session (Stacy)

- School will organize 1 hr. zoom session in April/May, date TBD, with Ms. Steele and Kits High Principal plus staff
- Grade 6&7 families will be asked to submit question ahead of the session
- Grade 7 families encouraged to attend

12. Closing (Stacy)

- Dr. Shimi Kang tomorrow night
- Next PAC meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Next PIE meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm