

Tuesday December 8th, 6:30pm
Held on Zoom

- 1) Welcome from Frances
- 2) Christopher & Jennifer- student reps and Co-presidents of student council. Events for the last week of school include winter kahoot, tree decorating competition, classroom door decorating contest, candy cane hand-outs, ugly sweater contest, CANley cup contest for food bank, online donations accepted too.
- 3) Librarian report - Hilary Montroy; report on new book acquisitions and others that we hope to get; she takes recommendations from staff and kids; spent \$300 so far from \$1,000 from PAC to enlarge QTBIPOC content
- 4) Ineke Lievens is sharing teacher rep position with Lawrence Jakoy; no news from VSTA; discussed performing arts challenges in Covid times; theatre program will do a small production in the spring of 3 performances a day for 2 days called "Class Act" which will include music and words written by students; teachers are doing well with current Covid restrictions and protocols; positive feedback about the students from the teachers and how the kids are coping; PAC might be able to help with requests from teachers for pexi-glass or other items which could be helpful.
- 5) Principal's report from Chris Parker - Gladstone choir made the national finals in the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge - video can be seen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qyU2v_eBLo&ab_channel=CBCMusicClass; he screen shared slides with information about the covid protocols being followed at Gladstone, changes to the letters to notify parents about exposures in the school so now there are two different letters - every family in a class with an exposure gets a letter to inform them someone in the class has tested positive, whereas the rest of the school community gets letters informing them of an exposure at the school, and Coastal Health does the contact tracing for the students who were in close contact with the person who has tested positive; he answered many questions from parents; work on new code of conduct underway using circle of courage from Indegeneous teachings from Dr. Brokenleg; health officials have so far exempted schools regarding sports training; winter hampers; change to weekly schedule; robotics request
- 6) DPAC report from Adrienne - no update on name-change for Gladstone yet; VSB has a new chair - Carmen Cho, new vice-chair - Estrellita Gonzales; B.C. government has a new minister of education, Jennifer Whiteside; upcoming DPAC meetings - executive on Jan. 14th, general meeting on Jan 28th with anti-racism focus; Covid is now a standing item on all meetings so questions can be asked; DPAC is doing a survey about parents feedback about Covid; Nov. meeting included discussion about option 4 (full-time remote learning) and it has been extended to March; motion passed at executive meeting to cancel the school liaison officer program; DPAC passed a motion to have all meetings

live-captioned for accessibility; there will be a Roberts Rules information meeting January 16th for anyone serving on a PAC executive.

- 7) Treasurer's report - received our gaming grant; explanation of where the money comes from and where it goes; should we talk about fundraising this year or wait? Motion - Frances moved, Leah seconded - PAC to donate \$100 to a Gladstone family in need - Leah to consult with Chris to see what we can do. Passed unanimously. Will discuss post-Covid if we will make a Canley cup donation a yearly event. Report posted below.
- 8) Newsletter update - not ready yet. We need to clarify with the office if we can send out a newsletter with the PAC meeting notice, or can we build our own mailchimp list of parents who would like to get the newsletter.
- 9) Update on website - we have one on VSB and one old private one hosted on a private server; we don't have a technology person on PAC to transfer the site over. If we launch a new website we need to make sure we can keep it updated.
- 10) Discussion on Covid - parents need to advocate for their own children; all children have the right to education, so families with immune-compromised members should be able to access remote learning;

Meeting adjourned 9pm

Next meeting January 19th, 6:30pm

Treasurer's report:

Gladstone Secondary School PAC Bank Account Balances

As of November 30, 2020

Gaming Account @ Vancity as of October 31st 2020 \$41,777.58

Debits: Ch#11 2019-20 costs reimbursement \$ (9,047.72)

Ch#12 Scholarships \$ (1,000.00)

Balance of November 30st \$31,729.86

General Account @Vancity as of October 31st 2020 \$816.02

Debits: ch#12 BCCPAC membership \$ (75.00)

Balance as of November 30st \$741.02

Note

Gaming grant was deposited in October

We are no longer earning interest on the Gaming Account

Still awaiting bank statements