

Gladstone PAC
Tuesday February 23rd 6:30pm
Held on Zoom

Frances B, Krista B, Leah M, Sarah W, Adrienne N, Jeni H, Shauna B, Mark F, someone tagged "R"

Chris Parker - principal

Alexandra V and Christopher S - student reps

Ineke L - staff rep.

1) Report from student council - Valentine's events are finished; talent show finished and the video show will be released soon; upcoming events - "Are You Smarter than your Teacher?" all the teachers have signed up, council is in the process of making posters, the event will be the week of March 8th; new anti-racism groups forming; Feb. 24th is pink shirt day, new bulletin boards will be up on Feb 25th - one for council events, one for anti-racism events, one for sozi information.

2) Principal's report - shared some pictures of inside the school including some sports and clubs still happening with social distancing, Black History Month awareness initiatives, and some hallways decorated for the lunar New Year. Course planning for next year is being done virtually. 8 -10 groups performed for the G-Factor talent show, with alumni for judges. Work is proceeding on the new code of conduct - staff have voted in favour of moving ahead with this change. There are changes coming to the grading systems - a standards based grading with a 4-point scale is currently being used for grade 8's, Chris is working with staff around assessment practices. Covid news - asymptomatic testing is happening for staff. The school has a new accountant.

3) Adrienne - DPAC report - 70 people were in attendance at the anti-racism focussed meeting, with very interesting speakers. Information was shared about Ethos Lab, some presenters did not want to be recorded so the meeting will be edited before being put up for public view. The meeting had groups of active listeners to help support the different groups. A human rights tribunal on racist events at Byng has ended with a settlement. LRFB passed without any amendments. DPAC has tried to get a town hall with Vancouver Coastal Health, but have been denied. Other PACs are starting anti-racism sub-committees to take action, there was discussion on whether or not we should do the same. DPAC needs more volunteers. VSB is working on an anti-bullying policy. April meeting for DPAC general to focus on mental health, contact Vancouver DPAC.org for updates. Feedback on learning - we need more online learning to keep kids safe and have more instruction. DPAC is starting a re-start committee planning for next September's restart of school;

4) Treasurer's report - we held a second meeting in January to spend the gaming funds, there is now \$1,000 left for scholarships. We were able to fill most requests for funds. A letter was sent to parents to ask for direct donations - we don't know yet if we had any response for that.

5) Krista - report on possible name change for Gladstone - we are not on the pilot project for re-naming, and after the two schools currently have undergone their process there will be a review. In the meantime can we change the artwork around the coat of arms and the motto as it might take a long time before we can get a name change? Use the circle of courage? Could we ask local First Nations about more appropriate art and/or involve the students? Krista to follow up. There are three streams to lead to re-naming 1) if initiated by the Board 2) if initiated by the community 3) if the school is undergoing a seismic upgrade.

6) update on website - it is up now! Adrienne and Shauna will continue to work on it.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Next meeting April 6th

Gladstone Secondary School PAC Bank Account Balances

As of December 31, 2020

Gaming Account @ Vancity as of December 31st 2020 \$31,729.86

No transactions

Balance of January 31st, 2021 \$31,729.86

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

Cheque #12 reimb fee for membership (\$ 75.00)

Balance as of January 31st, 2021 \$741.02

Note

PAC approved 2020/2021 funding requests totaling \$ 22,965.76 , with an additional round approving an additional \$7,765.00

Remaining funds will be \$ 999.10

Application to BC Gaming Grant will be submitted between

April 1 and June 30