

Gladstone PAC  
Tuesday April 6th  
Held on Zoom

Frances (co-chair), Sarah (secretary), Leah (treasurer), Christopher Parker (principal) Adrienne (DPAC rep), Krista, Shauna, Jeni, Carolina, Lawrence (teacher rep)  
Christopher (student rep) and Eesha (student rep)

- 1) Student rep report - Easter events just finished and were successful; the “G-factor” and “are you smarter than your teacher” videos are now up on the website; winner of Gladstone’s G-factor participated in the Vancouver District Student Council talent show; April 23rd will be culture fest; spirit week is next week;
- 2) Teacher rep report from Lawrence - Teachers are discussing the Gladstone motto, name and insignia as was requested by PAC. The teachers are also working to figure out how to adapt to quarter 4 changes and are appreciative of how parents and students have adapted. There was a comment around name change to make sure teachers know that the staff and the administration are separate stakeholders on the form for changing a school’s name. There was clarification that staff meetings are for all staff, not just teachers. A trial of taking out the bells will happen during quarter 4.
- 3) Principal’s report - Dance class has gone outside to take advantage of the good weather using dance mats with funding provided from the district for covid-related expenses. The pride club is creating a rainbow staircase. There is an update for health measures as of March 31st, now everyone is required to wear a mask while indoors at the school. The notification policy has not changed so there are still two separate letters, one for families of students in the same class as an exposure and one for everyone else. Vaccination update - VSB was going to get Astra Zeneca for staff but that is on hold given new recommendations. Planning for next year is underway - students should have selected their courses, timetabling will begin soon, but we do not know yet if we will have all-year classes, semester courses, or the quarter system - we will likely know in mid-April what the plans are for next year. Changes to quarter 4 - all grades 8 & 9 have the option for full-day classes, grades 10-12 will have 2 mandatory in-person classes during “remote” week. There are still many questions around grad - it will likely be the same as last year (outside) but with no parents participating, and fees for grad ceremony will likely be the same. Last year we were not sure how to make livestream work so instead the whole ceremony was filmed and sent to families, but perhaps this year live-streaming might work. Question - is there some other way of showing appreciation for staff as a staff breakfast is not possible this year? Could we do something individually wrapped and distributed through the office? Re-naming of school will be discussed by staff and administration, and there is concern about lack of information from the district on the procedure and what constitutes a “thorough discussion”. Question about the artwork around the school - could we start painting over some of the colonial references to include indigineous, bipoc and other influences? Work has begun, including hiring a Musqueam artist to create a mural for the entrance, staff will discuss the possibility of changing the motto and the logo at the next staff meeting (PAC is very much in favour of

creating change). Donations from the request for funds letter to go to PAC general account if not otherwise specified by donor.

- 4) Treasurer's report - \$300 donated from letter calling for donations. 2 scholarships are earmarked in the funds, there is \$700 left in the general account and \$1,000 in the gaming account that has not been allotted yet. Leah to apply for next year's gaming grant but we need parents whose kids will be at Gladstone to sign it. Can we make a donation in honour of Paul Wallace with funds from the general account? Can we do virtual cards for teacher appreciation? The new accountant will not start for another month.
- 5) DPAC report - it is budget time but the survey about the budget did not get sent to PACs, which was supposed to be forwarded to all parents so only 12 people have filled out the survey. The DPAC general meeting April 22nd will have a focus on UNDRIP. There will be a news conference about SLOs April 7th. The school re-start committee meetings this week to go over survey responses. There are problems with information and surveys not being sent to all PACs.
- 6) Website - it is ready to launch, but needs more content. Shauna will meet with Weston to learn how to add content and get details for how to manage the page (can Mark or Sarah join?) Can the website have a separate PAC email address to help parents get in touch?
- 7) AGM - May 25th

#### Gladstone Secondary School PAC Bank Account Balances

As of February 28, 2021

Gaming Account @ Vancity as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 \$31,729.86

Cheque #14 approved funds for school expenses \$ (8,285.79)

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Balance of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \$23,444.07

General Account @Vancity as of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 \$741.02

No withdrawals (\$ 75.00)

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Note

Unspent approved funding amount of \$22,444.97

A letter campaign to parents garnered 2 donations

-\$100 towards music

-\$50 for sports

-\$150 for general spend

Application to BC Gaming Grant will be submitted between

April 1 and June 30

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