

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *January 16, 2023 | 7:00 PM* | Meeting location *G.W. Graham Library*

Meeting called to Order 7:05 PM
Meeting Adjourned 8:20 PM
Adoption of Agenda Kim Gladstone, seconded by Lynne Bradley.
All in favor

Adoption of Minutes Lynne Bradley, seconded by Lynn Loewen with one change to spelling of name, and one change to Treasure's report.
All in favor

Minute Taker Kim Gladstone

Attendees

Natasha Taylor Lynn Loewen Kim Gladstone	Lynne Bradley Martyn Garner Josh Sandberg Raychel Taylor
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Date of Next Meeting: February 27, 2023

REPORTS

President's Report

Natasha Taylor

No update.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Loewen

Treasurer Lynn Loewen presented the balances for the PAC accounts:

- General: \$22, 94.83
- Gaming: \$33, 997.17 (There remains \$1500.00 dedicated to previous scholarships and \$614.00 dedicated from 50/50 to go to Athletics extra-curricular).

DPAC Report

No report. No attendance. Check website for minutes: <https://sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

The President highlighted the following information from emails and the DPAC website minutes:

- The topic of uncertified TOCs continues to be discussed. DPAC remains an advocate to have these issues addressed.
- Emergency preparedness and responsibilities was highlighted, noting this should not be a PAC responsibility.
- Ongoing engagement with parents remains a high priority.

Correspondence Report

Natasha Taylor

Bank statements were collected.

Teacher newsletter magazine was received.

Christmas card from MLA was received.

Committee Report

Scholarship Committee needs to be established. Kim Gladstone, Lynn Loewen, and Lynne Bradley agreed to participate in this committee. Natasha Taylor will provide updated information and details at the next meeting.

Student's Council Report

Raychel Taylor

- Raychel Taylor provided update on the spice drive that was held with teachers and students. Money was raised and donated to Cyrus Centre.
- Student Council is preparing for Spring events. They are considering a Colour Run and possibly assisting with Leadership Spring Dance.

Principal's Report

Josh Sandberg

VP Josh Sandberg discussed the following:

- Lockdown emergency kits: These will be implemented with water and snacks.
- Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 assessment structure changes and schedule were discussed.
- Finals week is coming up. Some students may not be required in class if they are caught up or do not have exams.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Mental Health Issues/Advisors

President Natasha Taylor discussed her interactions with some parents whose students are dealing with mental health issues, and some are struggling to come to school. She asked how we, as the PAC, could get more information or support to parents. VP Josh Sandberg noted there are many supports available including 2x full time youth care workers, 3x different outside agencies that come to the school to assist, etc...He indicated more parents are seeking help as current issues are much different that they were years ago, and parents are struggling to know how to help. A suggestion was made that a list of people/supports/links available be included in each week's school newsletter. It was further noted that DPAC is putting on the "White Hatter", which should be emailed out to parents once available. Josh Sandberg indicated he would follow up on these suggestions. In regards to options for students having challenges preventing them from attending school, Josh Sandberg noted there was one teacher who has a distance-learning block, which can start to bridge this gap for some students. There is also remote learning, Admin assisted involvement, and alternate schools.

Grad Activities Update:

- The Grad Pasta Dinner fundraiser went well.
- Grad photos have been completed.
- There is a Grad cruise scheduled for April 2023.
- Prom will be held in Harrison.
- Dry Grad preparation is underway.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Allocation Update

Discussion occurred as to how the PAC should allocate future grants in regards to amounts and from which accounts. This will be added to next PAC meeting for voting.

Date of Next Meeting

February 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the G.W. Graham school library. Lynn Loewen noted she cannot attend this meeting, and as such, the meeting is subject to change.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.