

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *January 18, 2021 | 7:00 PM* | Meeting location *Zoom*

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned 7:49 PM
Adoption of Agenda Cynthia & Sue-Lynda
All in favor
Adoption of Minutes Charlene & Cynthia
All in favor
Minute Taker Natasha Taylor

Attendees

Charlene Touchette
Cynthia Watson
Sue-Lynda Bate
Kyla Campbell
Allana Welch

Natasha Taylor
Michelle MacRae
Anna Tan
Eliza Telford- St Council Rep
Chuck Lawson - Principal

Date of Next Meeting: February 22nd, 2021 7:00 pm

REPORTS

President's Report

Charlene Touchette

Purchased g/c donations for student services and transferred the banking info.

Results from PAC vote earlier regarding letter to Min of Education was the majority wanted to dismiss board. The ministry decided not to dismiss board but set overseers to monitor board.

Feb 13 is the by-election to replace Dan Coulter. Go to DPAC website or Facebook page to see Q&A. Starting Jan 21 they will post their responses and intro candidate.

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/chilliwackdpac/>

Treasurer's Report

Sue-Lynda Bate

Reviewed November and December reports. Sue-Lynda looked at old minutes for the scholarship dollars and noted that only \$500 of the \$2000 had been distributed. Did up cheques for the remaining students to received scholarships. Also did bank draft for the student services for gift cards and payment of BCCPAC for 2020/2021. Not a lot of activity and no bank interest calculated.

Question:

Kyla asked if scholarships funds should only be given once they provide us proof of school? Sue-Lynda was not aware of process and did not know what was done in the past. Natasha will connect with Sue-Lynda and Joanne Britton at District and set up tracking for scholarships and who has received and what is outstanding.

DPAC Report

Kyla Campbell

Last meeting was a long one discussing round tables with the board district issues. January meeting is next week.

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

Correspondence Report

Charlene Touchette

Charlene received Thank you card from student services.

Committee Report

There is a grad virtual meeting coming up on Thursday night so might have a report at next meeting. Current info is on website. [Grad 2021 | GW Graham Secondary \(sd33.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd33.bc.ca/grad2021) Working with all Secondary schools on virtual grad. No major announcements – we are still planning for big celebration – not sure of how it will look. Still keeping in plan.

Student's Council Report

Elisa Telford

They have a constitution now. They passed a policy for grade 12 to have lunch in cars, to have the ability to eat alone and have private place to go. Some guidelines like doors unlocked, music low, etc. Blueprints for expansion was shared at their last meeting. Sub-committee has been created to pick student of the month which is students recognizing students for school contributions. That info will be in next month's report.

Principal's Report

Chuck Lawson

Three highlights:

- 1) School Growth plan update:** There is an invite for a few PAC members to attend a Wednesday district meeting for all partners to review strategic 5-year plan. GW want to align with district but also have our own personalization as we shifted from middle/sec to secondary.
- 2) Course Selection process:** Hard copy is done and printed – Ms. Ego and Mr. Bernard met with all departments and went through all course offerings for next year and will be promoting within classes and with parents. Last year we had snow challenges with our open house. There will be one Grade 8 Zoom session and one Grade 9-11 Zoom session where they will get general info and then there will be breakout rooms where parents/students can jump in to hear from teachers/departments and ask questions about offerings. There is also a video being finalized to give them idea of what GW has to offer. **Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v91-VLMsMk&feature=youtu.be>
- 3) Expansion update:** Lots of meetings and excited about vision and architects. Sept 2022 open is still the plan. After spring break, the portables will be moving to the north west corner to diamonds. It will look like more of a construction zone as they start to prep. Equipment for rooms will start to be purchased. Outside learning space is exciting – a wall that will have outside learning area with a roof for natural light. Outdoor concerts, basketball court, music performances – lots of options.

Questions:

Cynthia asked about the new outdoor space and how we will retain security over nights and weekends? It will be significant wall, 16 ft, and would be challenge to scale. Areas to enter from outside will be blocked off. There will be a screen to do movie nights as well.

Michelle asked about the art pillar outside library. It is done and it makes the hall bright and much a statement piece. Better than rainbow crosswalk as it brings eyes up. Would be nice to continue the trend with other pillars. Dean Lauze is the artist that did the gym mural was the one who completed it.

Cynthia asked would it be possible to get a picture of pillar and feature on Instagram about the post. Chuck will get it on website and share on social media.



NEW BUSINESS

Assign Scholarship Review Committee

Scholarships coming up so would be good to set committee ahead of time. Charlene, Natasha and possibly Allana to sit on committee and review all scholarship applications.

OLD BUSINESS

Grad 2020 Funds

When the PAC was reviewing the grant applications, it was questioned what happened to grad 2020 funds that were allocated. Charlene talked to Eleanor Meldrum, who oversees grad funds. We donated \$1900 towards the dry grad and \$200 for a door prize. Since there were no grad sales last year, she cannot offer a refund as she has a yearly cost of \$1000 for the storage unit. She also had already started buying when it was decided to cancel the dry grad. 2020 grads will be invited to the 2021 celebration. The dry grad committee still need funds for 2021, to book DJs and venues and deposits. With no ticket sales from last year, they only have \$2000 left in account. Eleanor would like to attend our next meeting to answer any questions. To move forward, they would need funds by Feb or Mar. The ask is still the same amount. We will invite her to next meeting.

Questions:

Cynthia asked if all the purchases and planning is made and we stop plans again, are we just out this money again? Eleanor was able to get some refunds and deposits last year and she does have some prizes left, except for perishables. Moving forward, we may want to consider not donating the door prize money early and just wait and see at the end of the year. It was discussed to say that we as a PAC should support the event and take the risk.

Student Council Funds from last year

Chuck remembered that we had asked about the student council donation last year and whether the funds had been spent. He checked with the office and there are leftover funds that will be used towards a school dance whenever it can be arranged.