

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **November 16, 2020 | 6:30 PM** | Meeting location **G.W. Graham Library & Zoom Online**

Meeting called to Order 6:35 PM

Meeting Adjourned 7:23 PM

Adoption of Agenda Teresa & Cynthia
All in favor CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes Kyla & Teresa
All in favor CARRIED

Minute Taker Natasha Taylor

Attendees

IN PERSON:

Charlene Touchette
Teresa Charest
Michelle MacRae
Natasha Taylor
Kyla Campbell
Chuck Lawson (Principal)

ONLINE:

Cynthia Watson
Sylvia Urbano
Eliza Telford (St. Council Rep)
Audra Dick (teacher)
Ron Bhatti (teacher)

Date of Next Meeting: **January 18th, 2021 at 7:00pm**

REPORTS

President's Report

Charlene Touchette

Thank you to new and returning Executive members. Thank you to Cynthia for all her help in passing on her knowledge from being past president. Bank signatures will be switched to remove Cynthia and add Charlene.

Treasurer's Report

Charlene Touchette for
Sue-Lynda Bate

No interest in accounts Oct 1-31. Gaming grant received Oct 14 and deposited, PAC funds from School district PAC donations were deposited in General account. See attached report.

GAMING ACCT	Opening balance \$5351.02	Closing Balance \$27,651.05
GRAD ACCT	Opening balance \$5012.99	Closing Balance \$5,021.99
GENERAL ACCT	Opening balance \$2027.93	Closing Balance \$3976.43

DPAC Report

Kyla Campbell

Kyla attended last meeting which was their AGM and they voted in a new board. It was online and recorded so if anyone wants to watch, you can find on DPAC site. <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

Correspondence Report

Charlene Touchette

Bank statements and direct access funding requests were collected recently from our mailbox.

Committee Report

None

Student's Council Report

Eliza Telford

Since September, the council has held elections and had the most voter participation ever.

Student Council is: Tanner Biegel (Pres), Lamay Boshoff (VP), Keegan Wong (Sec), Alisa Gusakova (Treas)

They held a successful Halloween spirit day and are organizing a Xmas food drive.

They will also be looking at a student monthly recognition program.

Report will be focused on Homebound learning options.

Summary of how we got to this point:

- School district asking to plan for 100% return to school for Sept.
- Looked at options for homebound learning from concerns that came up.
- With timing of distance ed program closing - no rebuilding or relaunching option for that.
- Secondary schools decided on the Octet format and created the Personal Development 10 (focus on managing stress and anxiety issues) and Career Life Education 10.
- Reasons most wanted homebound options was for medical concerns or elderly in the home.
- Octet 1 began with 75 students participating.
- Into Octet 2, 30 students remained.
- There are decisions around cost with each homebound class -could create more in-house options by collapsing low enrolment classes or purchasing more blocks within our budget.
- For Octet 3 - 40-45 students in English & 30 in Math. 5 students are carried over in Personal Development finishing up their block. No more will be added at this point. What is being offered is getting filled.
- Some parents have inquired why not move to a system like Langley with ½ class and ½ at home in morning to lower the number of kids in school at one time. Issue is transportation – cannot sustain bussing 3xday.

Cynthia asked if any of the students taking homebound courses feel detached – It was indicated that if some students are not successful with homebound that they are being referred to alternative education sources.

Cynthia also inquired about the English teacher hire for Homebound and if this will stall the start of that class, it was indicated that hiring is a priority and will be wrapped up by the end of the week.

Cynthia asked about absenteeism rate for GW – It was indicated that on Friday, GW was at 25% absentee (¼ of the students were not in the building). Normal rates are around 9%.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence Pick Up

Sue-Lynda will pick up banking info and Charlene will continue to pick up any other items we get.

BCCPAC Membership

Our membership fee is due in December.

MOTION: To approve \$75 for the BCCPAC membership fee

All in favor

CARRIED

Direct Access Funding Teacher Presentations

Audra Dick – Science and Physics, Science for Citizens

Would like to do hands on learning and use field trips to enhance how students interact with the material. All places have flexibility due to Covid concerns and cancellations if situation changes. Asking students to pay \$30 overall for the 4 trips and then asking PAC to cover the rest of the funds.

- West Gen – will be outside tour, will learn about genetic testing for cows, artificial insemination
- Eco Dairy – will be outside tour, robotics and dairy and hydra greens
- Stillwood – water purity testing, outdoor education
- Stolo Nation – not confirmed yet but showing they are doing tours

Ron Bhatti – Career Education, International Coordinator

- Asking on behalf of the GSA for \$3000 for an art installation to promote diversity and inclusion at GW.
- Have an artist (Dean Lauze) in to paint a pillar/column by the library.
- Will have colors, flags and words explaining what the colors mean (also in Halq'eméylem).
- Will promote safe, and welcoming environment for students.
- The group received approval from the student council to move ahead with the project.
- Feedback from teachers was very supportive.

Kyla inquired if any other artists have been asked. It was indicated that Dean was the only one to respond so far.

Charlene inquired if we can only fund partial, what would be the groups plan. It was indicated that the club cannot cover the cost so they would need complete funding.

Student Council Direct Access Funding Request

The Student Council request was not added in the pile of request PAC had received so Eliza asked for \$250-\$500 for funding this year. Their request was added to the list to review.

It was asked if there is any \$ leftover from last year. Mr. Lawson will inquire regarding this.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE