

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *January 17, 2022 | 7:00 PM* | Meeting location *Zoom*

Meeting called to Order 7:01 PM
Meeting Adjourned 7:48 PM
Adoption of Agenda Lynn L, Teresa C
All in favor
Adoption of Minutes Angela R, Lynn L
All in favor
Minute Taker Natasha Taylor

Attendees

Charlene Touchette	Chuck Lawson, Principal Graham ?
Natasha Taylor	Carolina Darby
Teresa Charest	Monica Padgham
Allana Welch	
Angela Robinson	
Lynn Loewen	

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 7pm

REPORTS

President's Report

Charlene Touchette

Promontory PAC is inviting parents to a virtual meeting tomorrow with Samantha Piper, a safety specialist from City of Chwk regarding safety concerns around Promontory. They will talk about the new crosswalk at Lutz. If any GW parents interested, they can join but need a link to join. Will be advertised on social media.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Loewen

Lynn emailed Van City about the two accounts we aren't using (Athletics and Grad). Still waiting to hear back. Will get info on what donations we received from school fees hopefully later this week.

GENERAL: \$841.98 GAMING: \$27,951.99 (after chq #53 withdrawn \$1950 – Chwk Dry Grad)

DPAC Report

Angela Robinson

- Last meeting, they reviewed the SAGE committee (inclusive and gender equality) as it's a new panel.
- Also, if anyone interested in advisory committee for Inclusive Education, they are still looking for parents.
- They also reported that even if we as PACs don't pay fee with BCCPAC, we can still get support from them.
- On the news today, school districts asking members to disclose their vax status – it's not a mandate.
- Reminder that we can invite district staff as guests at PAC meetings if needed.
- DPAC is also working on a link to help PACs access forms for parents to opt in for emails to PAC.
- Can check website for updated info: <https://sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

Correspondence Report

Charlene Touchette

N/A

Committee Report

N/A

Student's Council Report

Chuck Lawson

The dance in December was wonderful – thanks for PAC support! Positive energy.

- Move into quarterly system for Semester 2. How we got to this decision:
 - Executive reached out over holiday break to delay start in Jan and review protocols and structures.
 - Initial guidelines were to reduced large gatherings and think in number of contacts.
 - All secondary schools worked together to discuss options
 - Ideas included staggered lunches but that doesn't work well if not in Octet. Discussed whether to return to semester system or change to quarterly.
 - If Semester, there are lots of contacts with 4 classes going, especially teachers to students
 - With the focus to reduce amt of contacts, the group landed on quarterly Semester.
 - Also helps to shift from quarterly to online if that is a need.
 - Really trying to avoid online. Lost traction for kids and mental health issues are a concern.
 - Staff reviewed the quarterly pros and cons and also reviewed by health and safety committee
 - Even days classes release 1 min earlier to avoid crowds in hallways
 - Lunchtime gatherings are a concern, so we've increased activities to spread people around and open up computer labs, and theatre, etc. Gym is larger space that is being monitored for contact.
 - The system not built for flipping so much. More shifts have happened in such a short amt of time from octet to semester to quarterly.
 - Double blocks have come back with quarterly system. Feedback varied on the return.
 - Getting feedback from attendants of meeting how students feeling with the switch back to 2 classes and how things looked. Varied opinions.
- Learning Issues with Quarterly:
 - Challenge with advanced lit class and writing the AP exam, GW will cover cost if they choose to back out as timing will be an issue.
 - Music is other tough one. Will hurt the music festival participation. Year-end concert will happen
 - Some classes quarterly works out well – shop, art and science labs.
 - Athletics is still going but no spectators.
 - Clubs all still running full capacity.
 - Learning assistance – if kid wanted extra help in different environment, we can provide that.
 - Term ends next week – assessment week.

QUESTION: Difficulty some students have with the quarterly system. Worried about student mental health. Please let GW know if your student is struggling and the counselling team/advisors can help. Watch for kids feeling overwhelmed. Teacher has fewer kids in front of them, can notice issues faster and respond.

QUESTION: About assessment week and students not being required to be at school on Friday. Parents asked for more guidance around this as it was unclear if students were expected or not.

- Expansion update:
 - Planning still on track for Sept and still on budget
 - Right now working on getting learning area furniture for floor spaces – partial flexibility or full flexibility (being able to move all desks/tables away to give open space).
 - Working on having different program/school focus:
 - School of Trades – have now in partnership with UFV
 - School of Film and TV– full semester program (next year start)
 - School of Human Kinetics (kinesiology) – full semester program (following year)
 - Reviewed first and second floor space classrooms on building plan.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A