

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *September 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM* | Meeting location *G.W. Graham Library*

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM
Adoption of Agenda Lynn Loewen, seconded by
Lynne Bradley, with one change.
All in favor

Adoption of Minutes Kim Gladstone, seconded by
Martyn Garner, with one change.
All in favor

Minute Taker Kim Gladstone

Attendees

EXECUTIVE:

Natasha Taylor (Chair)
Allana Welch (Vice-Chair)
Lynn Loewen (Treasurer)
Kim Gladstone (Secretary)
Kristin Kelm (DPAC Rep)

Chuck Lawson
Lynne Bradley
Martyn Garner
Louette Roberts
Ronald Brooks
Shahannah Brooks
Pete Koepfgen
Rita Mezei
Dianne Hews
Melissa Hill
Corissa St. George

Date of Next Meeting: **October 16, 2023**

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Natasha Taylor

Natasha Taylor welcomed everyone and was happy to see so many parents/guardians attending tonight.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Loewen

Lynn Loewen presented the balances for the PAC accounts, and explained the two accounts to new attendees: General: \$3, 270.21. There were two cheques cashed for staff appreciate reimbursements from June/July 2023. Gaming: \$ 1, 457.75. There were numerous payouts for grad pizza and financial award reimbursements from July 2023. The current balance includes consideration of one remaining \$500 financial award from 2022 and two remaining \$500 financial awards from 2023.

DPAC Report

Kristin Kelm

Welcome to Kristin Kelm, DPAC Rep. Kristin has not attended a DPAC meeting yet; however, highlighted that DPAC is looking for representatives to join the Inclusive Education Committee.

Check website for minutes: <https://sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

Correspondence Report

Natasha Taylor

NIL.

Committee Report

NIL.

Student's Council Report

This year's Student Council has not been established yet.

Principal's Report

Chuck Lawson

Please refer to Principal Lawsons handouts. Outside of that, Principal Lawson discussed the following: Would like to add the proficiency scale to next PAC meeting. Discussed the Graham Y Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair and Treasurer Positions

President Taylor noted while officially her and Lynn Loewen have switched roles, she will maintain chairing the PAC meetings. No one in attendance had any issues with this.

PAC Bylaws Updates/Changes

Natasha Taylor

It is time to review and update the PAC Bylaws. Natasha Taylor, Allana Welch, and Lynn Loewen would review.

David Werner Memorial

We mourn the loss of David Werner's tragic passing over the summer. He was a beloved teacher. The PAC discussed a memorial tribute. Various suggestions were discussed, and a motion was put forward by Kim Gladstone to put one of the \$500 financial awards in his name. The student recipient would be someone who is planning to proceed with further studies in the Science field. This was voted upon and passed by unanimous vote.

Raffle License - Football

Prior to the school year officially starting, the football team asked for PAC's assistance again this year with a raffle license. There was further discussion regarding whether we should proceed with just the football team or offer this to other areas as well. DPAC Rep Allana Welch indicated she would inquire how other PACs do this as well; however, for the time being a motion was put forward by Natasha Taylor to dedicate \$2, 500.00 of the total to the football team, and \$2, 500.00 to be determined. This was voted upon and passed by unanimous vote.

Future PAC Meetings

The following dates were established for future meetings:

2023-10-16	2024-04-15
2023-11-20	2024-05-13
2024-01-15	2024-06-17 (AGM)
2024-02-26	

BCCPAC Membership Fees

The PAC discussed the annual \$75.00 membership for BCCPAC fees. Natasha Taylor put forward a motion that we do not pay this fee, following a discussion of the benefits versus need. This was voted upon and passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

NIL.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Graham J -
conjunction w/ YMEA

PAC Meeting September 18th, 2023 - Principal's Report

1. Welcome New Staff!

- Kerri Black – French Teacher
- Chris Bonshor – English Teacher
- Jeana Boyd – Science Teacher
- Ernesto Cabanillas – Evening custodial who joined our team last year
- Alex Daly - Counsellor
- David Day – Mathematics Teacher
- Alex Desilets – Career Advisor
- Daalim Kee – Art Teacher
- Kelsey Krause – Math Teacher
- Carlene LaFreniere – Work Experience Coordinator
- Alex Logan – Learning Services Teacher
- Nicole McCall – English Teacher
- Jenny Miller – Art Teacher
- Emily Parsons – Math Teacher
- Ryk Piche – Work Experience Coordinator
- Daniel Sanders – Career Education Teacher
- Graeme Stevens – Science Teacher
- Tyler Vaillancourt – English Teacher
- Simon Webster – French Teacher

2. Enrollment

Grade 9 – 403 students
Grade 10 – 348 students
Grade 11 – 394 students
Grade 12 – 340 students
Total: 1485

3. Facilities Update

- Finished our new Career Centre with three offices and a small presentation area
- Painted out parking lot
- Starting interior painting this year

4. Grad Update

- Ms. Piorecky, Ms. Clift, and Mr. Mouritzen are joining Mr. Sandberg as the Grad Coordinators
- Grad details and planning will be released after the first grad meeting

5. New Courses/Programs

- Canine Foundation Program

- Criminology 12
- Advanced Placement 2D Art

6. Clubs, Athletics, Music, and Theatre

- Clubs are off to a great start with strong attendance throughout. Ms. MacConnell hosted the Club Fair in our school library on Friday, September 8th to kick off our clubs.
- Athletics is off to a busy start as usual at GW Graham with the following fall sports: Junior and Senior Varsity Football (Senior team was ranked #2 for the start of the season), Junior and Senior Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball – Junior Varsity – two teams and Senior Varsity – two teams, Boys Volleyball – Junior and Senior Varsity teams, Cross Country Running, Swimming, and Junior and Senior Boys Soccer
- **FALL TOURNAMENTS**
- - Junior and Senior Varsity Field Hockey Invitational: October 6-7
- - Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Grizzlies Invitational: September 22-23
- - Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Grizzlies Invitational: October 6-7
- - Junior and Senior Varsity Boys Volleyball Grizzlies Invitational: October 20-21
- - Grade 7 and 8 Timberwolves/Spath Bear Cub Volleyball Invitational: October 27-28
- - Senior Varsity Girls Volleyball Pear Paw Invitational: February 3-4
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- **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**
- - Grade 9 Boys and Girls Basketball Grizzlies Invitational: December 20, 21 and 22
- - The Jake Creasey Memorial Graham Grizzlies Senior Varsity Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament: December 14, 15, and 16
- - Senior Varsity Girls "TOP TEN" Basketball Grizzlies Invitational January 11, 12, 13
- - Grade 8 Girls and Boys Timberwolves/Spath Bear Cub Basketball Invitational: January 18, 19 and 20
- - Grade 7 Boys and Girls Boys Timberwolves/Spath Bear Cub Basketball Invitational: January 25, 26 and 27
- - Junior Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Grizzlies Invitational: February 1st, 2nd
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- Theatre – We are at the initial stages of planning for the Christmas Carol performances in December. Our Fine Arts Department recently started planning for our Remembrance Day performance on November 10th
- Music – Our overall numbers are down slightly due to the octet and quarterly scheduling challenges in recent years. The department is very pleased to be continuing with a linear schedule for supporting learning music in shorter and more frequent classes that extend throughout the entire school year.