

## General Minutes



PAC General Meeting Minutes April 27, 2020

Minutes taken by: Amber Karnowski

Called to order at 5:32pm

Agenda approved by Amber, Tara

PRIOR DATE Minutes approved by Tara, Eva

Topic:

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hə́ŋqəmíŋəm** (hun-kih-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

### Admin Report:

- It's been a difficult week within the Gilmore community with covid exposures. Thank you to staff and family for navigating this. One notice was sent home last Friday.
- Buddy Benches have been installed by the garden area. The benches were fundraised by a Gilmore family. Students have been educated as to the purpose of them.
- Parents gathering and lingering at the playground after school. A message will be sent home to parents. We all must do our best to socially distance.
- Welcome to Kindergarten happening June 1st. Normally students would be welcomed into the classrooms but we cannot at this time due to covid. There will be an afterschool drive by event in the back parking lot. Information will be given to parents. There will also be a welcome video.
- Grade 7 farewell plans. District direction is that there will not be a parent presence from now until the end of the year. There will be one day where students receive a certificate and this will be filmed for parents. Classes can share a song or teachers can share some words.  
Last day of school is June 29. Students will be able to view the video. A lunch will be provided by the parents and yearbook will be sent home. This is similar to what is being done at the neighborhood schools. The video will be available to the parents.
- School story updated on website. Check it out!
- Children of the Street came and did presentations to grades 4-7. Lessons on how to be safe.
- Clips challenge. Grade 7's can submit a one minute video. Staff have been invited to make a video as well.
- The school is participating in the creation and testing of a French Immersion reading assessment. Gilmore is helping to update information on the testing. Intermediates will be included in this research.
- Staffing. Next year's staffing school meeting is not happening until Friday. We will be going down a division - down to 13 divisions. 5 neighborhood / 8 french immersion divisions. This is due to low enrollment. 288 students enrolled for next year.

### Chair Report:

- Gilmore goody bags were a success. Lots of smiling faces and happy kids.
- PAC positions. We have a handful of departing PAC members this year. We have put together a letter reaching out to parents for help with the PAC next year.

- Budget. We will be working on the budget for next year. This should be ready by the next meeting.  
Scholarships. Gilmore PAC provides two scholarships for McMath and Boyd - our two Gilmore feeder highschools. The cheques will go directly to the schools which then go to the students.
- Virtual Author has been ok'd. A virtual author was put together for the whole school. This was a district event. Update - school paid for this not the PAC.

Treasurer's Report:

General Account has a total of \$14,311.61

- Deposits total is: \$0, but received Purdy's cheque of \$1,036.09
- Withdrawal total is \$4629.64: \$3,084.26 (Gift bags), \$1,039.68 (Steeped Tea), \$155.76 (library books), \$234.94 (library books), \$115 (food safe),
- Cheques are written for \$1,852.39: several teacher allotments cheques have been written, a juice box reimbursement, and a new cheque issued for the face masks.

Gaming Account has a total of \$14,075.33. No changes in this account.

Notes: Due to covid, Coast Capital provided forms that we can use to change the authorized signatures. We need to confirm who will be the signatories for the cheque book.

- Gaming grant application status is completed and being processed.

RDPA:

- Voting for district positions is on May 4th. All positions are open. Paperwork is being put forward for Gilmore's voting. There is a 7.5 million shortfall for the district budget next year. There is a subsidiary fund to help with this. There is currently about 2,200 children in online learning. All students will be expected to be in class next year. Summer School registration is up and ongoing and this will be in the classroom.

Fundraising:

- We have put it forward for next year to come up with ideas. Please submit ideas.

Food Days:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Co-Chairs Report:

Jasmin Prasad Ma would like to thank all in attendance.

Meeting adjourned: 6:09pm

Members present: Tara, Jasmin, Amber, Chaslynn, Anna, Colleen, Lauren, Eva

Regrets: Jaqueline, Amanda, Melissa, Kim