

## General Minutes



PAC General Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022

Minutes taken by: Amber Karnowski

Called to order at 6:03pm

Agenda approved by Chaslynn, Lauren

PRIOR DATE Minutes approved by Leeann, Eva

Topic:

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hə́n̓qə́m̓iṅə́m̓** (hun-kih-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, leave and take care of each other.

### Admin Report:

- Learn and play. Learn and play on Friday afternoons is going very well. The reintroduction of equipment outside is also going very well. Older and younger kids are playing well together and staff are feeling positive about this initiative.
- Morning announcements. Older students are delivering announcements in person within classes daily.
- Div 1 report cards are going home tomorrow. Most classes will have conferences early April.
- Conversations are continuing around reimagining what our school will look like March-June due to covid restrictions. Currently the school is planning for all events under current health and safety guidelines (Meet the K, Sports Day etc). Information will come as updates happen (if restrictions are reduced the school will respond and replan as needed). Different schools are operating at different comfort levels - Gilmore has decided on a more cautious approach to keep the community safe and comfortable.
- Art Start will be installing an exhibit around our connections to a place. The art exhibit fits well with what Gilmore has been working on within our connection to our place Richmond. There will be questions and activities around the art installation.
- Five classes are working with Victory Gardens. This is a gardening program that comes in and works with students around taking care of our garden and teaching a love for gardening and the outdoors.
- Pride Club. Teachers are purchasing materials to use for this. Teachers are also looking into an optional SOGI Author Talk.
- Outdoor bins. April has ordered items/equipment for the bins.
- Gym mats have been ordered.
- Sports Day. Currently we don't know what Sports Day will look like. Updates will come as the school receives information.
- Pizza by the slice day. Currently the district is mandating that items need to still be individually packaged. Due to this mandate pizza by the slice would not be feasible.
- Food truck - White Spot food truck for Sports Day. It is currently too early to predict if this can be an option as we don't know what Sports Day will look like.
- Babysitting course. Historically this is a well attended and positive community event.

The issues with this is the logistics of when people are in the school to host during pro ds etc. There needs to be some staff present during this. Admin to touch base back on this. The date has been booked for May 20th for this however PAC can cancel if needed.

- Crossing guards. This has not been discussed yet. Admin to look into the logistics of this.
- Grade 7 grad/farewell. We will be able to do something to celebrate but details are to come on what will be allowed. Gathering interest from grade 7 parents is a good idea. After Spring Break the district will be providing guidance on what will be able to happen for this event.
- Intro do K / meet the teacher day booked for June 1. Admin is hopeful PAC can have a presence at this. More information to come for this after Spring Break.
- Outdoor Ed. Dates have been moved to next year. Pretty safe to say this is not going to happen this year due to covid restrictions.

#### Chair Report:

- Laurel to put together a zoom for grade 7 parents. We are hopeful it will garner interest from parents to take over a grade 7 grad committee to handle the logistics of grade 7 farewell.
- Hot lunch and fundraisers are back on. Purdys has started.
- Residencial bylaw officers have been contacted to patrol some areas of the school where cars are parking and stopping unsafely. Drop offs and pickups in the Kelmore Parking lot are recommended. Eva has reached out to the RDPA parking committee to help with signs/support on this issue.
- PAC to contribute \$500 to outdoor bins/equipment. We are happy that Gym mats have been purchased.
- Please let the PAC know if they can have a presence at K meet the teacher / intro to K day.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Attached is the February 2022 eStatement.
- General account balance is: \$13,802.91. Recent cheques cleared in March include:
- Cheque Cheque # 561 \$50
- Cheque Cheque # 563 \$139
- Cheque Cheque # 562 \$462
- Gaming account balance is: \$10,472.65. No recent cheques have been cleared in March

#### RDPA:

- RDPA - Ministry is hoping to make an announcement in May for Grade 7 Graduation information and guidelines.
- Guest speakers promoting educational programs for k-12 students. Any questions please email the PAC.
- There was a discussion about the 4 million dollar deficit within the district. This is mostly due to lack of international students during covid. The district can't carry the debt over long term so is looking for cutbacks in places. Parents can email the district or RDPA with opinions. The district is trying to cut things that aren't directly involved with students. The discussion so far is about cutting more custodial work and school upgrades.
- There is a large discussion going on about mechanical ventilation upgrades in the district. Gilmore would fall under this category. The district was planning on using

funds to purchase land for another city center school / this has been scrapped and the funds will be instead forwarded to mechanical ventilation. This project will be starting as soon as possible.

Fundraising:

- Krispy Kreme/Coffee beans would be pre packed and set to run in late March/April. Pickup would be in the Kelmore parking lot. Discussion to have a prize for the class who sells the most. Orders will go through Munch a lunch. Flyers will circulate late March and close April 4th.
- Purdys profit so far is approx \$230. The fundraiser is open and ongoing.

Food Days:

- Hot lunch is on. New vendors have been added. Takeya has been added as a vendor. Everything is packaged individually and by division. A&W has been added as well. Everything is set up and families are ordering. We have had a variety of new options added including vegetarian and vegan options. Lauren will email Elizabeth to remind parents to order hot lunch.

Social Media:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Co-Chairs Report:

Laurel would like to thank all in attendance.

Meeting adjourned: 7:09pm

Members present: Amber, Laurel, Chaslynn, Eva, Colleen, Kim, Leeann, Lauren, Joanny

Regrets: Amanda