

Gordon Head Middle School

PAC Minutes

Nov. 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Online Meeting

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions. In attendance: Sarah Ball, Erin Paulson, Shawn Boulding, Jennifer Pratt, Nadia, Shuying Sun, Tiffanie Hanoski, Marc Lerman, Gina Zak, Dana Eckardt, Susan Peters, Harriet Graham
2. Approval of prior minutes. Motion to approve by Tiffanie Hanoski. Motion seconded by Marc Lerman.
Motion to approve tonight's agenda by Marc Lerman. Seconded by Tiffanie Hanoski.
3. Principal's report

Shawn: Staff meeting today. Lots of topics - people's comfort navigating times of COVID. Infections more and more - Nanaimo a hot spot.

Completed now: Internet safety talks with Saanich police liaison officer. Electronic devices/social media involvement. Consequences of inappropriate use of cell phone devices and safe habits touched on. Kids have been receptive to the info shared. Parent reminders would be appreciated re: cell phone safety and conversations about what they learned. Shawn's advice: don't let a device go into a bedroom or into a place children think is private.

Something for families: we are a pack in/pack out school re: garbage and recyclables. Our challenge is that our neighbourhood is busy and people use the outside garbage can and we then don't have room to use it ourselves - garbage can is emptied every two weeks. The packaging around hot lunch can really be a challenge if kids don't bring the packaging home.

Pro D day on Friday. Taking a look at literacy and writing and looking at the strengths of the kids. Strategizing benchmarks. Science Technology - creative inquiry and project based learning will be looked at. Mental health as well.

COVID - lots of health checks. Staff communicating openly, kids are wearing masks and following protocols which is appreciated by

staff. Staff feeling supported.

Badminton and basketball are happening after school. Math challengers happening - school and individualized competition. Things are moving along safely. Parents whose kids are involved will see forms come home.

Parent Question: re: cohorts - there will be a mix of cohorts. Will try for physical distancing. Safety protocols will be first and foremost.

4. Treasurer's report - Tiffanie Hanoski

- Chequing Account: \$21,641.34
- Gaming Account: \$17,945.97
- Donation drive: \$8,619.00
- Paypal: \$14,984.47
- Teachers who made REQUESTS FOR FUNDING were notified as well as Katrina in the office.

Call out: need someone with a Coast Capital Savings Account to help be a sponsor. Dana Eckardt will connect with Tiffanie. Will add other signers as well.

5. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising

- i. The most important fundraiser will be the donation drive at the beginning of the year.
- ii. We have more GH key chains available to sell.
- iii. Purdy's Chocolates - Order Deadline is Nov. 23rd and orders will be able to be picked up on December 4th. Delivered to the school and then Sarah will pick them up. Right now we have already made \$540.

b. Hot Lunch (Rei) - Angie Jansen will be doing orders, and Heather Henzi will be doing the distribution.

c. Parent Education - Might be some opportunities in the Spring.

6. NEW BUSINESS: VCPAC

Topic: VCPAC General Meeting

Times:

Nov 24, 2020 07:00 PM - Dana Eckardt will attend

Jan 26, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend

Feb 23, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 23, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 27, 2021 07:00 PM

May 25, 2021 07:00 PM

7. Equity Scan Project looking for volunteers: The Equity Scan project will define and formalize a process for school districts and the Ministry of Education to enter into a genuine and meaningful assessment dialogue about the experience of education for Indigenous learners and to respond strategically to create conditions for success.
8. Emergency Preparedness: Jennifer Adamson will let us know how much we need to buy.
9. Records (Gmail) Management Project. Marc: In progress, reviewing Gmails and will propose a simple program and will touch base with everyone involved before presenting to the Executive.
10. **Executive positions for 2020/ 2021 school year**

PAC 2020/21 Executive:

Chair: Sarah Ball

Co-Chair: Marc Lerman

Treasurer: Tiffanie Hanoski

Secretary: Erin Paulson

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Rei Stewart

Members at Large: Jennifer Pratt, Susan Peters, Tania Ross

VCPAC Representative (**vacant**)

Other: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 20, 2021, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

11. Adjournment