

Gordon Head Middle School

PAC Minutes

Feb. 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Online Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:06 p.m. followed by welcome, and introductions. In attendance: Erin Paulson, Tiffanie Hanoski, Marc Lerman, Jennifer Pratt, Dana Eckhardt, Gina Zak, Sally Tinis, Andrew Pitre.
2. Approval of prior minutes. Motion to approve by Tiffanie Hanoski. Motion seconded by Marc Lerman.
Motion to approve tonight's agenda by Tiffanie Hanoski. Seconded by Jennifer Pratt.
3. Treasurer's report - Tiffanie Hanoski
 - Chequing Account: \$21,337.84
 - Gaming Account: \$17,945.97
 - Paypal: \$21,228.98
 - GIC: \$10,139.41

Signing authorities are done. Cheques can be issued.

4. 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. Might give to incoming Grade 6's.
 - iii. Purdy's Chocolates - We have started our Easter Campaign and will send out reminders to our families. Andrew Pitre will run. Dana Eckardt will help too.
Update - promotion would be helpful before Spring Break. (Marc will follow up.)
Last chance to order will be March 12th.
Sorting party will be March 22/23 at Andrew Pitre's house.
Families can pick up the week of March 29th at the office.
 - b. Hot Lunch (Rei) - Angie Jansen will be doing orders, and Heather Henzi will be doing the distribution. Everything is running smoothly.

5. NEW BUSINESS: VCPAC

Topic: VCPAC General Meeting- Susan Peters attended the last meeting and has shared what she learned. (See Notes at the bottom of Agenda)

Times:

Nov 24, 2020 07:00 PM - Dana Eckardt attended

Jan 26, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend (See Notes at the bottom of Agenda)

Feb 23, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend

Mar 23, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend

Apr 27, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend

May 25, 2021 07:00 PM - Susan Peters will attend

6. Emergency Preparedness: Jennifer was going to connect with someone for a Costco trip - we need an status update from Shawn.
7. 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.
8. **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 April 21, 2021, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

VPAC Meeting: January 26th

Susan Peters

Mandatory Masks:

- Discussion around whether the school districts should have mandatory mask requirements.
- Shelley Green is apparently opposed due to the fact that small children will touch them too often.
- Suggested we discuss as a PAC whether we would like to implement this.
- Think this is likely now irrelevant due to the new rules around masks in middle and high schools that have been announced since this meeting.

Police Liaison:

- There was some discussion about whether schools want to continue this program, and if it is continued, what it should look like.
- There will be a survey sent to the school community (students, parents and administration)
- There was a sense that some schools are very unhappy with their liaisons, while others were appreciative. I wasn't able to understand the subtext to this discussion.

Crossing Guards:

- A representative from McCaulay School brought forward concerns about having lost their crossing guards and wanted to know what other schools had done and whether other associations providing them were any good.
- Most schools said that the crossing guards were EAs who did the job when they could. Some were not sure whether EAs were paid for this role.
- This is apparently a municipal issue, and not the responsibility of the school districts. Evidently, depending on which municipality the school is in, the response to this issue is

different. Saanich has taken the tac that if they upgrade crosswalks, it is no longer their issue.

- Some people said that SJD has a crossing guard who is partially funded by a private business.

Secondary School Schedule for next school year:

- This conversation was a bit tricky to follow as my child is not in secondary school yet.
- There was some discussion around each school having individual choice around whether they'd use the quarter or semester system next year. Several people thought that schools were leaning toward two quarters and then a semester in January. This would work well until we see how effective the vaccines are.
- Some people voiced concern that it has been difficult for students to have French immersion or certain math units thoroughly in the time allowed by the quarter system.
- The hope is that all schools will choose the same model.

Shop Safety:

- Many shops are not up to code in terms of safety in the school district; 2018 inspection was kept quiet and the findings were not good.

Apparently 8 million dollars will be needed to update them to a safe standard.

- For our PAC: has our wood shop been upgraded? From my quick search, ours seemed to be in good shape comparatively. · Here is the report:

<https://pub-sd61.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=455>

- GH is referenced on pages 132-133
- The overall report is pages 102-195
- Page 119 is summary of all schools' costs and funds needed.