

## Gordon Head Middle School PAC Meeting

November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

GHMS Library

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

**PAC:** Michelle Gilmour, Lisa Grealy, Laird McLachlin, Shannon Mycroft

**School Staff:** Tina Pierik

Agenda Item
Welcome and Introductions
Approval of November Agenda Moved: Michelle, Seconded: Lisa, Approved
Review of October Minutes Moved: Michelle, Seconded: Shannon, Approved
School Administration Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canva—online graphic design used to make website/posters; staff have received training and Tina will use for newsletter</li><li>• Curriculum Completion (CC) Day, November 29<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Families will be notified by teacher if students need to stay at school for catch-up assignments or will be dismissed at lunch</li></ul></li><li>• Province is moving from letter grades to proficiency scales<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Teachers and students already using and becoming familiar with this model</li><li>○ Parents may have questions/concerns as they are used to letter grades;</li><li>○ Parent Information Night Dec. 6 in the library to present and answer questions</li></ul></li><li>• Winter concert December 8<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bake sale will run at the concert, volunteers will be recruited to bake/sell</li></ul></li><li>• Term One Report cards sent home Thursday, December 15</li><li>• Leadership Program has 75 students; half-day retreat at Gordon Head Rec Centre with students from Lambrick Park was a big success<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Athletic—helping coach intramurals at local elementary schools, organizing intramurals and other sports/activities at GHMS</li><li>▪ School Based (spirit)—fun days/activities, dances, posters, etc.</li><li>▪ Community (fund raising) – Christmas gift wrapping at Hillside mall; food/clothing drive, etc.</li></ul></li><li>• Ministry Affordability fund final amount for GHMS is \$29,000 for the year<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Can provides food in school, hot lunch, as well as gift cards for families in need.</li><li>○ After school @ Gordon Head Rec – baking and crafts – events will change regularly; GHMS provides staff, school provides materials</li></ul></li><li>• Investigating the potential of an afterschool homework club, with tutoring support from Lambrick Park students</li><li>• School goal of raising awareness for mental health</li></ul>

- November Mental Health Snapshot: Sleep
  - Teachers asking questions, doing activities in class; Tina doing presentations in each class (approx. 40 minutes)
- Social emotional learning:
  - Second Step program being trained for all teachers to use in their classrooms
- Looking at need for Google Chat function in Google Classroom after a couple of incidents in past month
- Will be looking at bringing in speakers to talk to classes about online behaviour

#### Treasurer Report

- Account Balances (see attached)
- Teacher Funding Requests
  - Discussion re: history of application and approval process and whether this still makes sense; this was a historical decision and there's no documentation to describe/provide rationale for why it's done.
  - Motion to eliminate application and approval from teacher funding: Laird McLachlin; seconded, Shannon Mycroft. Approved.
- 2022/23 Budget Approval
  - Ms. Rachinski's request for funds to bring in Island Sexual Health to teach sexual education curriculum falls under the existing Sexual Education line in the budget; motion to approve moved by Laird, seconded by Lisa Grealy, approved.
  - Request for a scooter rack submitted, approx. \$3,000; Laird will take away and explore and bring back to January meeting
  - Musical Theatre request for \$300; Lisa Grealy moved to approve this out of the existing Arts budget line, seconded Shannon Mycroft, approved
  - GIC/Legacy account: Laird will look into what it would cost/entail to create a covered area over the existing picnic tables
  - Full 2022/23 budget: motion to approve by Lisa Grealy, seconded Laird McLachlin, approved

#### Fundraising Report

- Purdy's Orders
  - Raised approximately \$2,000
- Bottle Drives
  - November raised \$870
  - Next on is January, will start promoting before Winter Break so families can collect over the holidays
- Popcorn sales
  - Sold out 100 bags very fast on the first Friday; will be ordering 250 for second week
- Fernwood Coffee
  - Slow first order; hoping that more publicity and word of mouth will continue to see orders increase

#### Hot Lunch Updates

- No report, other than volunteers still gratefully accepted!

VCPAC Update Report

- Questions raised that would be good to discuss at school level:
  - What has been the impact of cuts to daytime custodians in your school(s)?
  - Do you have questions or concerns about the upcoming SD61 budget? Schools are reporting budget cuts and PACs being asked to make up budget shortfall. Is this happening at our school and is there anything we'd like addressed if the VCPAC has an opportunity at the Budget Advisory meetings?
- Meeting ran out of time; bring these forward to January meeting

Other Business

- Parent Education ideas for 2022/23
  - Digital technology and safety/supervision
  - Second Ste/Social Emotional Learning in the middle years

Next meeting January 18, 2023

Happy Holidays!