

Gordon Head Middle School PAC Meeting

April 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
GHMS Library

Attended: Susan Peters, Anne Choi, Jennifer Hale, Laird McLachlin, Carole Chan, Gina Zak, Michelle Gilmour, Lisa Grealy, Tina Pierik (Principal)

Regrets: Ying Fan, Shannon Mycroft, Deepali Shikhare

MINUTES

Agenda Item
Welcome, Territory Acknowledgement, Introductions
Approval of Agenda and February Minutes Jennifer Moved, Laird Second, Approved. Minutes to be approved via email
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Administration Report• Grizzly Gazette• Grizzly Gatherings – monthly assemblies<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Whole school community gathering○ Teaching/learning land acknowledgements and students doing them to practice○ Lesson/message: Feb: anti-bullying/kindness; Mar: anti-racism; April: social skills, be kind, respectful, etc, - you don't have to be best friends but do need to get along.○ Games—fun and competitive○ Grizzly Gotchas—“award” for recognition; chairs of honour and snacks○ SEL Lead organizes games○ Slide show of photos around the school• 2023/24 Planning<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SD gives plan for # of teachers and budget○ Nearly full for year○ Gr. 6's - 125 incoming; meet the school/orientation in May○ More counselling time○ Grade 6 Transition Meetings are beginning with catchment schools• Career Week next week<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 19 volunteers, lots of variety in professions○ Panels: guess my job; introductions; table discussions○ Will be split into 3 groups for each grade○ Gr. 8 is going to Camosun Interurban in May: Health, Trades, Business• Saanich/Gordon Head<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Continuing with joint afterschool “clubs”: Can make arrangements, but there are no funds to support it at this time; could be arranged with cost to parents

- Weight Training Orientation (13+) is free of cost, Tina will explore and connect with Lambrick Park Secondary

Treasurer Report

- See attached Budget document
- Reimbursements: Hot Lunch, popcorn, Fernwood Coffee, Replacement for incorrectly disbursed Gaming funds
- Lisa is preparing to complete Gaming Grant Application which is due on or before June 30
- Awaiting receipt/s for the balance of the \$300 Musical Theatre funding request.
- PayPal: Move funds to Operating, keep \$1,000 in PayPal for reimbursements
 - Jennifer Moved, Laird Second, Approved.
- Cobs @ Shelbourne Plaza 5% fundraising?
 - Lisa has reached out and is awaiting info re: the status of the account
- Follow Up to Bottle Refund Bin on-site
 - Island Return it: No capacity for outside, could do inside bins but don't pick up
 - Bottle Depot: could come and pick up,

AGM Planning

- Elections
- Treasurer's Year End Report
 - PayPal policy resolution
- Draft Budget for 2023/24
- Add to AGM: fundraising ideas (1st Aid Kits, Community Events [movie nights, end of year fair, BBQ, etc.]

VCPAC Update Report

- Susan can't commit to attending every meeting—they are very long and hard to attend.
- Will continue to summarize minutes for us, and to take issues back to VCPAC

Grade 8 Year End/Fundraising Updates

- Fundraising is slowing down
- Dance organization is ramping up, volunteers needed
- Popcorn sales have stopped in-school, online only but have done well so no concerns
- Camp Thunderbird booked for year end
- Sailing trip planned, date to be confirmed

Fundraising Report

- Fernwood Coffee
 - Coffee sales are steady but on the small side with between 8-10 bags sold per month. That's only \$40-\$50 per month profit so any ideas to grow this fundraiser are very welcome!
- Purdy's –
 - Easter sale was good, not as big as Christmas but that is to be expected. Will send out the profit total.
- Leadership Kids - Family Movie Night? With Popcorn machine?

Hot Lunch Updates

- No update

Other Business

- Electric Scooter Regulations – Jennifer Hale, concern re: safety
 - Communication re: Motorized bikes in general, there is no policy on electric scooters; can ride to grounds but have to dismount once on the grounds; rules: easier to enforce with understood expectation, precursor to school policy, VCPAC district policy, municipality. Saanich does not have a current policy on kids riding electric scooters. Policy regarding safety standards for scooters, including e-scooters.
 - Parent-led rules that were suggested could perhaps lead into school and/or public policy:
 - Helmets must be worn
 - High-visibility vest required
 - Mandatory dismount when others on sidewalk
 - Single-file only within 2 feet
 - 5k ring bell, call out
 - 2 hands on scooter handles at all times
 - Quick internet search showed Victoria and Vancouver, ICBC have rules around riders must be 16 years old, wear helmets; Saanich's policy is e-bikes only
 - Gina: should we be endorsing a list of safety standards, or just complying with the ICBC rule re: 16 year old minimum user age.
 - Michelle did some further research to better formulate the motion to VCPAC, and information looks to warrant further discussion as it's not a simple as requesting that the District of Saanich add e-scooters to their e-bike policy. It seems to be broader than for just kids under 16yrs of age.
- Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Program (BC Government):
 - Electric kick scooters may only be operated on designated roads in participating communities of B.C.'s [electric kick scooter pilot project](#)
 - It is illegal to use an electric kick scooter on a road or highway in:
 - Any community that is not participating in the pilot project
 - A pilot community that has not yet enacted bylaws for the pilot project
 - You can only operate an electric kick scooter on a road in a pilot community, in accordance with the provincial regulation and bylaws of the pilot community.
 - **Pilot communities:** Currently, under the provincial pilot project regulation, the following participating communities may enact bylaws to allow for use of electric kick scooters on roads in their communities:
 - City of Coquitlam, City of Kelowna, City of Nanaimo, City of N. Vancouver, City of Richmond, City of Vancouver, City of Vernon, District of N. Vancouver, District of W. Vancouver, Town of Oliver, Town of Osoyoos, Township of Langley
 - It looks like two district counsellors took a motion to Saanich council to get them to request addition to the pilot—doesn't look like that's happened to date.
- Jennifer followed up by email on April 23 stating that there was inconsistency between these policies and the information provided by the Saanich Police during her

conversations with three different officers on two separate occasions. As a result, she believes it would be prudent to postpone presenting this matter to the VCPAC until better able to address these discrepancies through further research and outreach. Her intent is to provide a smoother and more coherent process for everyone involved and so she'll keep the PAC updated on her progress and findings.

- As the result of Jennifer's April 23 email, is there still a need for Michelle to draft resolution to discuss via email?
 - Request that Saanich add e-scooters to e-bike policy on their website; and
 - Request that SD61 to put in place a scooter safety program along with bike safety programs.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

AGM - May 17, 2023 @ 7pm