

Gordon Head Middle School PAC Meeting

February 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
GHMS Library

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

PAC: Laird McLachlin, Lisa Grealy, Susan Peters, Deepali Shikhare, Gina Zak, Sandy Hansen, Mary Jo Robson

School Staff: Jennifer Adamson, Vice-Principal

Guests: Marnie Vistisen-Harwood, SD 61 Facilities Director and Mark Peaty, SD 61 Facilities Manager of Minor Capital Facilities

Agenda Item
Welcome, Territory Acknowledgement, Introductions
Approval of Agenda Moved: Susan Peters; Second: Lisa Grealy; approved
Review of January Minutes Moved: Michelle Gilmour; seconded: Susan Peters; approved
GHMS Outdoor Space Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marnie Vistisen-Harwood, Director, and Mark ??, of SD61 Facilities, attended to discuss requests for alterations/additions to the outdoor spaces at the school. <p><i>Scooter Racks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">PAC questions around how to go about the purchase and installation of new scooter racks, as requested by classroom teachers.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vice-Principal should submit the request to Facilities with the specs for the new racks.Facilities will send out staff to look at potential locations with Vice-Principal.The order will be placed and a Journal Voucher will be sent to the school for payment of racks and installation. <p><i>Outdoor Learning Space:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">PAC is considering covering the existing picnic tables to create an all-weather outdoor learning space; potential for skylights in the roof to increase lighting; looking at anchor points for tarps/windsails for rainy/windy days.Facilities suggested looking at Doncaster School; the design there is one that Facilities already has, and cost approximately \$17,000.May want to take into consideration future plans for a new childcare modular to be installed near the location of the picnic tables, with a new parking lot off Torquay Dr.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perhaps picnic tables should be relocated so they aren't near where the childcare program will be, to take into consideration nap time during afternoon class time at GHMS.

- Timing of this project is TBD; at beginning of funding process with Ministry, and need to do consultations.
- Next steps include waiting to receiving estimates for a few options from Facilities (will be sent to Tina/Jen prior to May AGM).

School Administration Report

- White Hatter digital safety sessions for families and students were both well attended, and well-done, as usual.
- First school assembly since before COVID to be held tomorrow.
- Pink Shirt Day: theme is “Be Kind to Yourself.”
- Started “Tune Tuesday”, playing a song in alignment with the month’s “theme” during announcements.
- Ongoing/Upcoming focused Social Emotional Learning (SEL) sessions:
 - Second Step in most classes with Kelli Meredith (school’s SEL lead/facilitator).
 - Me Too program: teaching mindfulness in Grade 6; suicide prevention in Grade 8.
- Island Health Sexual Health/Education courses with Grade 6 classes have taken place over last few weeks.
- Lots of team sports right now; in need of volunteer scorekeepers.
- Looking for ways to increase opportunities for volunteering for students: last year’s Middle Development Index (MDI) scores showed 79% of students wanted to volunteer, but none were.
- Music:
 - UVic concert last Friday, focus was on social justice.
 - Victoria Sings.
 - March 8: classes will learn a Lekwungen drumming song, using a set of First Nations drums.
 - Looking at a musical for the spring.
 - Spring Concert will be held March 15, with a Bake Sale to support Grade 8 activities.
- Report Cards go home March 16, ahead of Spring Break
- Classes will have opportunity to attend Spin, TRX, and Climbing classes at UVic as part of spring physical literacy focus.

Treasurer Report

- 22/23 Gaming Grant still pending; apparently report/application was not submitted or was submitted late.
- Currently have \$21,000 in Operating Funds
- GIC at Coast Capital auto-renews March 1, 2023
 - Currently at approx. \$10K
 - Decision to allow for renewal, as no plans to use in the next six months

Fundraising Report

- Grade 8 Fundraising
 - Popcorn sales are good, often sold out

- Bottle Drive April 15
 - Discussion re: having a Bottle Depot bin on-site all year, possibly near the dumpster area?
 - There is a waitlist for a bin; we could add our name to the list while we investigate the possible income
 - Susan will connect with Bottle Depot; Lisa will reach out to Island Returns)
- Bake Sale at the March 15 Spring Concert—need baked goods.
- Have raised \$2,800 so far.

Hot Lunch Updates

- Pizza “off-sales” (sale of leftover pizza slices) will require a float for change; \$20 should be fine. Question to answer: how many slices leftover, how many students purchasing?

Grade 8 Year End Updates

- Camp Pringle and sailing trip booked
- Recognition ceremony with dance directly after
 - Should they be held in different locations so the dance can be set up before/during the recognition ceremony?
 - Lisa can inquire about using space at GH Rec. Centre.

Other Business

- Spring Dance
 - If we are still going to host one, it could be in April
 - Perhaps we also have PAC-run “centres” for any kids not as interested in the dancing

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- No meeting in March due to Spring Break
- Next meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7pm in the GHMS Library