**Gordon Head Middle School** **PAC Meeting**

September 18th, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

GHMS Library

**AGENDA**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Lead** |
| Welcome and Introductions  In attendance: Laird M, Susan P, Shannon T, Shannon M, May, Kristina S, Patrizia | Laird |
| Approval of Agenda | Laird |
| Ready, Set, Roll   * Introductions * Overview of RSR (timeline, roles, managing expectations) * Getting to know the school (motivations, issues, infrastructure, staff, unique aspects) * Next Steps (between now and summer)   1. Online Baseline School Commute Survey   2. In-Class Hands-Up Survey   3. Pre-walkabout (staff-to-staff)   **Natalie and Laura with CRD for ready set roll:**  Program is best suited to middle school, Monterey did it a few years ago.  **Sustainable School Commute planning**: Increase active transportation to school by reducing barriers in accessibility, safety, convenience and comfort.  Lots of benefits to students including health and well-being, persona and road safety, climate action and air quality, academic and life skills, community and household.  **Walkabout is October 10th, 8-9:30am: We have all of the partners of the program join. Walk around the neighbourhood and school area to discuss safe walking routes. Observe the traffic and people movement and key intersections.**  They can do a bike skills program for the grade 6s to change the culture of the school over the next few years. 5 minute walk or wheel site.  November/January do the Let’s get visible day, including glow in the dark stickers.  Bus ready email. BC transit brings a bus and teaches them routing, behaviour, bus stop etiquette, getting on and off, putting a bike on.  We need to get some ideas and activities, bring a big map showing where the issues. Welcome back BBQ, Meet the teacher night.  We actually have a large number of kids walking or biking to school | Natalie & Laura |
| **School Administration Report**  Carter:  377 students, 15 Divisions  Large grade 6 group  Final grade 7/8 split teacher formalized  Soccer has started with first tournament yesterday. Non-competitive new format, hoping to introduce kids to the sport  Cross country, first race tomorrow at GHMS  First Pro D Day: Place based learning, some of it at PKOLS  Jen:  Few new staff this year. Ms. Racansky on maternity leave so Megan Lee filling in. Jessica Hoyt back, D. Sharp semi-retired, so Leanne Weissig (spell?)/Madeliene Hoyer split.  Daniel Mallet grade 7/8 teacher, super sporty teacher and is doing basketball tryouts  Paula Shaw will fill in for Danielle Latour on maternity leave, super sports oriented and doing learning support  All EAs are the same  Music has been problematic; they have finalized a teacher for this program. Matthew Russell also teaches at Oak Bay so they’ve finalized the schedule.  Music newsletter with schedule has been sent home via email.  Andrea Blair will be back in the fall. No fall concert, but there will be a Christmas concert.  Yearbook: Salina will need a smaller group and try to recruit from Grade 8s.  New Yearbook company or Canva needed due to poor quality last year.  4 different leadership clubs at the school this year. 150 kids signed up for leadership including broadcasting and community leadership.  Funding request for Salish Sea: $55 per person in February. Domino’s pizza coupon fundraiser a possibility. Total cost is $7000.  Caroline Clark is teacher sponsor: Year-end celebration for Grade 8 grad. Camp Imadene booked for May 27th day camp  Chrome Books: ½ of these are gone now because of security packages are not up to date. School now has 125 of them. They are not accessible as they were this year. Google classroom is not going to be as ubiquitous.  Friday January 17th: Winter family fun night. Last year was Kahoot, this could be PAC organized night. Salish Sea fundraiser? Two are booked for this year via Jenn. | Carter, Principal |
| **Treasurer Report**   * Account Balances   Balance of the Gaming Account is: **$773.46**  Nothing back from Gaming office yet re this year.  Balance of the operating account is: **$29,641.81**  GIC: **$10,685.77**  **Paypal:** About 8K   * Teacher Funding Requests: Sports equipment. Earmark $700 for balls   Budget will be presented in October meeting for approval. Waiting on Gaming grant and family donation numbers. | Susan Peters |
| **Fundraising Report**  Christmas Purdy’s will continue and is quite lucrative  Spring plant and flower sales  Should we do Xmas Poinsette sale? | Shannon Mycroft, Fundraising Coordinator |
| **Hot Lunch Updates**  Dominos will comp $1000 for June  $1000 net for first two weeks September  Provide forks and spoons in classrooms (school would prefer kids learn to bring their own) | Shannon Maria, Hot Lunch Coordinator |
| **VCPAC Update Report – N/A** | VCPAC Representative  Vacant |
| **Other Business**   * Grade 8 grad committee – Will have bake sale at PAC table to recruit new pac and raise money for grad. * Gang talk request from parent – Tabled for next meeting. |  |
| Next Meeting October 17th, Adjournment | Laird |
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