

Glanford Middle School Parents Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Call to order, welcome and introductions

Attendees: Joanne Buxton (Incoming President), David Buxton (Treasurer), Yvonne Anderson (Secretary), Tamara McLean, Kristina Felt, Alina Fisher, Carlos Sperling, Melissa Piasta, Starr Munro, Brandi Stephen, Sarah Khosla (Vice Principal), Louie Scigliano (Principal)

Absent:

Joanne makes a motion to approve the Agenda– Brandi seconds, all in favour.

June Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes taken

Correspondence

President's Report

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

- PAC account has \$4079
- Gaming Account \$8784.11 to be deposited, and there will be \$13,557 once the deposit goes through
- We made \$700 at the Welcome back BBQ in September
- We need a third signing authority at the bank, who is a current member of Coast Capital, as currently it is only Joanne Buxton and David Buxton
- Some things we fundraise for are: mini explorations, classroom funds, playground rebuild, juice and cookies at immunizations, maturation talks for students, back to school BBQ, Pancake breakfast just before winter break, WE day, walk-a-thon, funds for each team/grade (they can use the \$1,500 for group outings etc),

Principal's Report

- Sarah Khosla has joined us, she is the new Vice Principal. She has lots of experience and we will report here together.
- We are off to a wonderful start at GMS with 379 students registered. Six classes of grade 6, five classes of grade 7, five classes of grade 8.
- Thanks very much to the PAC for organizing the welcome back BBQ in September! Special thanks to Yvonne for her leadership with this event.
- Parent/Teacher conferences occurred last week. We are looking toward an on-line sign-up process for future parent-teacher conferences and feel this will be much more efficient. Parents that have not had an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher are encouraged to do so either face to face in a conference, over the telephone for a chat, or via email.
- Darren Laur Internet Safety presentation was this morning. Thanks to the GMS PAC for funding the cost of the presentation. At GMS, we are working really hard to be

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positive digital citizens, using technology in many ways to support learning.

(Discussion. Email was sent home to a few classes)

- Inclusive learning and co-teaching are areas of focus for us at GMS this year. Professional development has been designed to support these areas. Of course literacy and numeracy purposeful instruction are a priority across the school; author Faith Hicks presents to the grade 8 team this Friday from 11 am - noon. (Discussion about hours each EA works, how resources are shared, many children not designated, but still need extra help, extra funding of another EA until winter break at least)
- Staffing: we sadly said farewell to Anja Rebstock, our strings and band 6 teacher, as she took on other assignments. We are in the process of trying to fill this vacant teaching position. We have been successful in adding additional support hours through Educational Assistants and are currently deploying this additional time to support our students.
- Safety at GMS for students and staff is of paramount importance. We had a “surprise” fire drill today organized by the Saanich Fire Department - kids in grade 6 were in exploratory when the alarm went and this scenario challenged all of us and our routines. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 am, we will be conducting an Earthquake Drill (drop cover and hold) and reviewing our safety plan in the event of an earthquake. Next school year, GMS is scheduled for a “Reunification Drill”, an intense practice of our school’s earthquake preparedness plan. Monday, October 22nd at 10:10 am Saanich Police will be at GMS to conduct our first Lockdown Drill of the year. Preparation ahead of time is part of this drill, via studio 85 and in advisory classes.
- Athletics are huge right now at GMS, both recreational as well as competitive. We have an intermural league happening at lunch times in soccer for kids that enjoy sport at a recreational level. Competitive teams where kids play against other schools are happening as well with three teams representing GMS. Cross Country training and competition has attracted numerous GMS students. Competitive basketball has commenced; 3 on 3 lunch time basketball will be available for kids that enjoy lunch time, less competitive basketball.
- Dance Club has started. WE Day is planned for Thursday, November 22nd.
- Outdoor play.
- Foundation Skills Assessments for grade 7 students are early this year and will be happening in the next few weeks.
- GMS is a hub for student teacher experience. We have a group of UVIC students that visit GMS every Wednesday as they proceed through teacher training. Another large group of UVIC students will visit us Tuesday, November 6th.
- Our first round of enrichment, known as Mini-x, will be here before we know it! Dates are Fridays: November 2nd, 16th, 30th, and December 7th. Parents and Grandparents that have a passion, or area of expertise, that they wish to share, are encouraged to contact Louie and get involved with Mini-x.
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Old Business

- Vacant Position(s):
Vice President
Secretary – Yvonne Anderson
3 Members at large: Carlos Sperling, Brandi Stephen, Tamara McLean
VC PAC Rep: Starr Munro (already the rep for Cloverdale, so will also be rep for Glanford)

New Business

- There was extensive fundraising to build the current playground, we will need to discuss phase 2 at some point to decide our plans.
- Fundraising – we will determine what fundraisers for the year at the next meeting
- The Red Shirt Walk-a-Thon, of 5km last May, raised \$5000. A Gaga Ball Court will be built with this money. Gaga Ball is like Dodge Ball in an octagon shape. The money raised by the Walk-A-Thon will be put in the PAC account
- Dance Club, with Lindsay Porte and Allison Rhodes has 41 students already. They request \$500 for funding festivals and for costumes – already is a line in the budget for it

Motion to approve Annual Budget

Tamara makes a motion to approve the Budget– Carlos seconds, 2 abstained to vote, rest in favour.

Calendar ahead

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2018

Action Items:

Fall 2018	Follow up with Derek Brooker, tab under parent info on website	Joanne	
November 2018	Discuss fundraising next meeting	All	
November 2018	Will locate PAC rules and regulations, possibly from President of Spectrum PAC	Joanne	