

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting & AGM | MINUTES

Meeting date | time *June 21st, 2021 | 7:00 PM* | Meeting location *Zoom*

Meeting called to Order 7:04 PM
Meeting Adjourned 7:33 PM
Adoption of Agenda Sue-Lynda B, Natasha T
All in favor
Adoption of Minutes Sue-Lynda B, Kyla C
All in favor
Minute Taker Natasha Taylor

Attendees

Charlene Touchette Sue-Lynda Bate Natasha Taylor Kyla Campbell Teresa Charest	Chuck Lawson, Principal Elisha Telford, St. Con. Rep Two parent guests: Saeeden Spring Jia
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Date of Next Meeting: September 20th 7pm Location TBD

REPORTS

President's Report

Charlene Touchette

Attended the BCCPAC conference:

- The Minister of Education presentation included "Good News in Education" with inspirational stories around BC. Check out: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools/good-news>
- Resilience BC anti-racism network will be expanding later in the year to include "focus on education" Check out: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/multiculturalism-anti-racism/anti-racism/resiliencebc>
- There is an app called Foundry BC that is a health and wellness app for ages 12-24, with free virtual services. Good resource: <https://foundrybc.ca/>

Also delivered staff appreciation items to the GW staff room with a letter. Was well received and got a great response from teachers. Emails from the teachers were circulated among the exec team.

Treasurer's Report

Sue-Lynda Bate

Funds in account May 31 Balances:

Gaming: \$11,351.62 General: \$3620.43 Grad: \$5021.99

We have a few outstanding cheques to be processed but all receipts have been paid out that were submitted. Most departments submitted receipts except one. Some came under budget or on budget while just a few went slightly over. It evened out so we did not go over our original approval amount.

DPAC Report

Kyla Campbell

Last DPAC meeting had their AGM and election. There is a new exec team. Because DPAC meetings follow our PAC meeting by 2 days, this report will be 3-4 weeks old in news. Something to consider moving forward. Check DPAC website or FB page for the minutes of last meeting. <https://sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

Correspondence Report

Charlene Touchette

Bank statements were the only thing received this month.

Committee Report

N/A

Last Student Council meeting was today. The council expresses thanks to the PAC for support of dances and their efforts this year. Next year council will be looking at new regulations and well as possibly adding a winter formal.

Principal's Report**Chuck Lawson**

- The Grad celebration and Virtual Awards ceremony took place in the last week and went very well. The grads had videos over 3 nights, got a sign for their lawn, a T-shirt, cookies and other goodies.
- Planning for regular return in September. Timetable semester 4 courses per semester. Tues and Thurs will be double block days which is something new added after feedback from this past year.
- Career Education will look different – there will be one teacher moving with all the way grades 9-12 with the kids to establish a relationship and help guide them
- Flex will be different next year – partnering with myFlex app where students can own their learning times
- The expansion is really moving along well now. There is a link on the GW website to the capital projects.
- Link Crew is senior students mentoring grade 9's – invite coming and event before September start.

Natasha asked two questions:

- 1) Parking along Thomas Rd right along the road with the bus loop. Why is there a large stretch in the middle of "no parking"? What purpose does it serve? Mr. Lawson responded that City has not informed him as why.
- 2) Seating/benches out front – noticed there doesn't seem to be much for benches or seating out front of school. Mr. Lawson responded that it is being discussed as the expansion happens but there may be concerns about homeless using the benches after hours, so safety is a consideration.

Mr. Lawson expressed a huge thank you to the PAC and offered some GW Gear to the Exec team as appreciation for their support of the school.

ELECTIONS

President - Charlene Touchette was nominated by Sue-Lynda to stay in role for 2nd year. No other nominations or expressions of interest. Charlene declared President for 2021-2022.

Treasurer - No one was nominated or stepped forward. The position will remain open until September.

Secretary - Natasha Taylor offered to stay in role for 2nd year. No other nominations or expressions of interest. Natasha declared Secretary for 2021-2022

Vice-President – Teresa Charest offered to stay in role for 2nd year. No other nominations or expressions of interest. Teresa declared Vice-President for 2021-2022.

DPAC Rep - No one was nominated or stepped forward. The position will remain open until September.

Confirmed PAC for 2021-2022:

President: Charlene Touchette

Secretary – Natasha Taylor

Vice-President: Teresa Charest

DPAC Rep - open

Treasurer – open

Mr. Lawson declared the election closed at 7:29pm.

FINAL GOODBYES

This is Kyla's last year – thank you Kyla for all your work on PAC over the years!

Thanks to Elisa for her dedication and bringing the student voice to the PAC. Good luck in your endeavors!