

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **April 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM** | Meeting location **G.W. Graham Library**

Meeting called to Order 7:02 PM
Meeting Adjourned 8:24 PM
Adoption of Agenda Lynn Loewen, seconded by
Lynne Bradley.
All in favor

Adoption of Minutes Martyn Garner, seconded by Kim
Gladstone.
All in favor

Minute Taker Kim Gladstone

Attendees

Natasha Taylor	Lynne Bradley
Lynn Loewen	Martyn Garner
Kim Gladstone	Chuck Lawson
Raychel Taylor	

Date of Next Meeting: May 15, 2023

REPORTS

President's Report

Natasha Taylor

President Natasha Taylor updated the group that School Trustee Richard Procee has been invited to attend the PAC meetings; however, thus far, has not accepted invitations.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Loewen

Treasurer Lynn Loewen presented the balances for the PAC accounts:

General: \$3, 926.33. There were two deposits: \$50.00 for pasta dinner silent auction; \$1, 817.00 for PAC donations from the school fees.

Gaming: \$ 30, 933.17. There was one transaction of \$909.00 from the Football 50/50 awards. (There remains \$1000.00 dedicated to previous scholarships).

DPAC Report

No report. No attendance. Check website for minutes: <https://sd33.bc.ca/district-parent-advisory-council>

President Taylor did highlight the new Learning Resource Policy, the budget meeting that was held (and passed) in April 2023, and that there are vacancies in numerous positions.

Correspondence Report

Natasha Taylor

Bank statements were collected.

Committee Report

Scholarship Committee reviewed the applications and awarded a total of four, for a total of \$2000.00. The names were forwarded to the school administration.

Student's Council Report

Raychel Taylor presented on behalf of the Student Council.

Issues regarding the school washrooms were discussed. There are numerous issues including cleanliness and vaping. It was noted that some students are concerned to use the washrooms at times. Mr. Lawson was very aware of the issues, and action continues to be taken to deal with this.

The Colour Run preparations are underway

Principal's Report

Chuck Lawson

Principal Lawson discussed the following:

Student washrooms: Mr. Lawson recognized the ongoing issues, and school administrators have been involved. He discussed it has come to a point where further action needs to be taken. He presented the idea of removing doors to the washrooms (student privacy can still be maintained). He asked the PAC for feedback, and the PAC was unanimous in supporting this.

Grade 12 Literature assessments are occurring this week.

Music: The Music Department won several awards at the recent festival.

Athletics: GWG is now down to the spring sports.

Trades: There were recent skills competitions at the provincial level. Two students from GWG won awards, and one is moving forward to nationals.

Art: AP credits are coming.

Take Action Day: Take Action Day is approaching. Students have enrolled for various duties across the community in an effort to give back.

Grading: Reporting structure is changing next year. There will be a focus on goal setting and reflection. Terms 1 and 3 were include descriptive comments.

NEW BUSINESS

2023/24 PAC Executive Members

President Taylor noted positions will need to be changed next year. President Taylor only has one more allowable year on the PAC. The current three members are willing to continue in executive positions; however, there should be a focus on recruiting more parental/guardian involvement.

Teacher Appreciation

It is time to start thinking about ideas for teacher appreciation. It was recognized there are approximately 110 employees that will be part of this.

Graduation Rehearsal and Activities

President Taylor asked if there are activities planned for prom. Some suggestions included photo booth, selfies, etc...

In regards to PAC supporting lunch following grad rehearsal, Principal Lawson indicated he would discuss cost and numbers and get back to the PAC. The PAC will determine if there are sufficient funds to support once the cost is known.

PAC General Funds

As noted in previous meetings, the PAC donations via school fees will be increased next year. President Taylor needs to submit a statement to the school for a description of what funds will be used for. Discussions about this occurred, and President Taylor will be forwarding a statement.

OLD BUSINESS

ChatGPT

As discussed in the last PAC meeting, ChatGPT is alive and well. As opposed to viewing this mostly as a concern, the group had a discussion as how this can be used to further learning experiences. President Taylor described her experience using ChatGPT with her son, following his completion of an essay, and what he learned from that.

Mental Health Check In

President Natasha Taylor requested an update to the mental health awareness related issues discussed at last PAC meeting. President Lawson discussed the various partnerships the school has with the community. They are sharing information and more communication is occurring.

Date of Next Meeting

May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the G.W. Graham school library.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.