

G.W. Graham PAC Meeting | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **October 17, 2022 | 7:00 PM** | Meeting location **G.W. Graham Library**

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM
Meeting Adjourned 8:11 PM
Adoption of Agenda Lynn L, seconded by Charlene T
(one change. 3.4 BCCPAC
Membership was added) All in favor

Adoption of Minutes Kim G, seconded by Lynn L
(one change to correct amount in
General Account) All in favor

Minute Taker Kim Gladstone

Attendees

Natasha Taylor	Lynne Bradley
Raychel Taylor	Martin Garntyr
Lynn Loewen	Chuck Lawson
Kim Gladstone	Beth Clark
Charlene Touchette	

Date of Next Meeting: November 21, 2022

REPORTS

President's Report

Natasha Taylor

- The updated banking requirements between the President and Treasurer have been completed.
- The PAC email to parents has been reinstated and is being monitored.
- The President will continue to focus on engaging parents to become involved with the PAC.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Loewen

Treasurer Lynn Loewen presented the balances for the PAC accounts:

- General: \$22, 94.83
- Gaming: The Gaming grant of \$26, 200.00 was received. There is a total of \$33, 883.17. There is still \$2,000.00 reserved from financial awards this year.

DPAC Report

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

The President highlighted the following information from emails:

- Schoolboard elections and the debate hosted by DPAC on Chill TV were highlighted.
- The update on the seizure medication policy was noted.
- The Indigenous Blanket ceremony completed at the first official DPAC meeting was discussed.
- The Affordability Fund information was discussed. Principal Lawson explained that \$50.00 is received for every elementary and middle school student and \$35.00 is received for each high school student. At G.W. Graham, Admin has allocated these funds for food and hampers.

The President highlighted if anyone is interested in attending these meetings or becoming the DPAC Rep, they can advise her.

Correspondence Report

Natasha Taylor

Nil.

Committee Report

Nil.

Student's Council Report

Raychel Taylor

Student Council Secretary Rachel Taylor attended the meeting and advised they had their first meeting today, and the Student Council is beginning to discuss fundraising.

See attached report

NEW BUSINESS

Review Process for Grant Applications for November Meeting

It was confirmed that November 1, 2022 would be the deadline to receive applications. The PAC will review applications at 6:00 pm on 2022-11-21, and then official vote on them at 7:00 pm at the PAC meeting.

Scholarship Update

The guidelines for the gaming grants was reviewed. This will be the last year we can use the Gaming account for financial awards.

The Treasurer will seek clarification to determine the cutoff date this year's awards will need to be actually spent.

PAC Fees

MOTION: A motion was put forward by Lynn Loewen to raise the PAC fees from \$2.00 to \$5.00 starting next year. This was seconded by Lynne Bradley. All in favour.

ACCEPTED

Athletics Raffle License Request Update

The Treasurer confirmed we would not be able to assist with the Athletic Director's request for the truck raffle as proposed, as it does not adhere to policy requirements.

BCCPAC Membership

MOTION: Kim Gladstone put forward a motion not to pay the funds to the BCCPAC membership. Lynn Loewen seconded this. All in favour.

ACCEPTED

OLD BUSINESS

Vacant Positions

There continues to be vacant positions for Vice President and DPAC Rep if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting

November 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the G.W. Graham school library.

Door Prize Draw

Names of the PAC attendees were entered for a draw for G.W. Graham Grizzlies hoodies. The Principal drew two names. Raychel Taylor and Kim Gladstone each received a hoodie. Thank you Mr. Lawson!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.



PAC Meeting Oct 17th, 2022 - Principals Report

Beth Clarke joined us to highlight some of the following points from our Indigenous Education Department:

- Davis Graham, a local indigenous artist, completed a large mural on the south-east side of our school. We are also looking at connecting the mural with the garden around the corner to make for a quality outdoor learning space with cultural information shared in the space on a kiosk and in the garden.
- We are pleased with our decision to have all students completing the new indigenous-focused grad requirement through our First Peoples 11 English courses. We have Stephan Biela and Krystie Shirlaw with support blocks to assist teachers with this important move for our students.
- We renovated our indigenous education room to make for a more open learning/social space. Unfortunately, the delay with the expansion has resulted in us using the room for Learning Assistance, but we will move classes out of the room once the expansion opens.
- We have the "Let's Taco 'Bout It" family dinner event coming up soon for our team to connect with our indigenous families.
- We have a staff meeting in November at the Tzeachten Hall where we will meet with Chief Derek Epp to learn more about the Tzeachten Band. We will also have the District Indigenous Education Department joining us to share various resources and supports that are available for supporting classes.

Update regarding some of the challenges with our expansion. Our staff and students have been extremely flexible throughout the entire process. We are looking forward to moving into our expansion on Monday, November 14th.