

Gibson Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday April 25th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Gibson Elementary Library

Minutes

Called to order and welcomed by PAC President Julia @ 7pm

Introduction of guest:

- Chris Shultz-Lorentzen BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils aka BCCPAC
- Lakhvir Brar BPAC vice Chair

Adoption of Agenda: Yes

- minutes will be posted once adopted at the following meeting.

Appointment of PAC Executives by Immediate Past President

Julia Communicated – The goal is to ensure that there is a functioning and prepared PAC executive for the next school year and that we close out the current school year in a positive way.

Acknowledge that the resignations of the previous PAC Executive stand despite them being done in haste. leaving the one existing executive role of immediate past president. As the sole existing executive member. Julia appointed executive members.

- Melissa Houle as Treasurer
- Tanya Nagra as Secretary.
- The previous DPAC representative was not formally elected but volunteered for the role as requested by previous admin. This position will remain vacant, and the position will be up for nomination during elections.

Calling of AGM and Election for 2023/2024

- Notice of vacant positions for 2023/2024 are:
 - President
 - Vice-president
 - Treasure
 - Secretary
- PAC executive is looking to move forward with full transparency and in accordance with the bylaws and constitution.
- Additional resources will be added to our school website so that everyone here, the newly elected executive team & anyone looking to learn about PAC will be able to

access the information. If you wish to learn more about the functions and purpose of PAC this will be where I refer you.

- It is important to recognize the PC executive consists of volunteers who have the best intentions, doing the best we can with what we have.

Treasurers Report

- Treasurers Records are accurate and detailed there has been no misuse of PAC funds and there are no concerns regarding an audit being conducted.
- Gaming grant for 2022/2023 application was completed late. We attempted to do a reconsideration and were denied as funds are now allocated elsewhere by the district.
- Current account Statements see budget.
- Presentation of Budget:
 - The budget was previously voted on in November 2022, despite not being included in the minutes.
 - Items added were discussed and voting on in previous meetings despite not being added to the previous minutes. We will ensure that the budget and account balances are shared as required for the duration of the year.
 - Some items discussed and voted on are no longer required as per admin Swimming lessons and support room items.

Budget 2022/2023		
Paid Via PAC Funds		
PAC Prev Account Balance	\$2,182.59	
Current Account Balance	\$1,913.79	
	Proposed	Paid
PAC Membership	75	\$75.00
Student Support \$100 per div.	1800	no requests
Much a Lunch	268.8	\$268.80
Total	2143.8	\$ - 1,800.00
To Be Paid Via Prev Years Gaming Grant		
Gaming Account Balance	\$2,845	
	Agreed	Paid
Grade 7 Grad Events	\$500	
School Sports Equipment	\$1,000.00	
Delview Bursary	\$350.00	
Total	\$1,850	\$0
Donation Account	\$2,810.00	No proposed spending

Admin Report

New Biz

Calling of AGM & Elections for 2023/2024

- The benefits of being on PAC executive are subjective however, this is an opportunity for those that have concerns about how things were or are being done and believe they can add value to the new executive this is your opportunity to step forward.
- If you want to have a presence in your child's school and help to bring about a sense of community to Gibson this is your opportunity.
- If this resonates with you then it is your opportunity to step forward as a candidate.
- Notice of Vacant Positions for 2023/2024

Executive:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Non-Executive:

- DPAC Representative
- Nominations Committee Chair Lakhvir
- You can submit your nominations via email to Gibsonpacnominations@gmail.com
- Call for Nominations will be communicated this week via newsletter.
- Minimum of 10 parents must vote for the upcoming elections.

Grade 7 Camp: Students had a blast, more pictures to come from camp.

Basketball season was a success.

Highschool students are teaching bhangra to grade 6 and 7 students.

Norman Foote concert for the primary classes was a great success.

Pink Shirt Day: three classes won for acts of kindness.

- Ms. V's class
- Ms. Zechariah's class
- Ms. Gibson's class

Earth day and Vasuki assembly was very successful:

- Grade 6 and 7 students did a bhangra performance for the school and all the kids got to participate.

\$500. Sustainability grant

Green Team started back up again.

Walking school buss:

- Summer kick off May 2nd

Ride, Bike, Walk or Roll to school starts end of May and beginning of June.

Hop-On bike program: 30 bikes to help teach students bike safety.

SOGI (Sexual orientation and gender identity):

- is NOT its own curriculum.
- it is one aspect of diversity that is embedded across a range of grades and subject areas, and it is up to the teacher how/when to teach students.
- it is to make everyone feel accepted.

Sensory Room:

- Spent \$1000 so far.
- Rebecca has asked for sand table and board games.
- \$700 left to spend for sensory room (Rebecca said there are funds available just holding off to spend.)
- No money needed from PAC at this point.

Grizzly Den:

- Getting a swing from the district worth \$7000
- Getting delivered in the next week to go in the DEN

Autism Awareness: Principal apologized for telling people to wear blue

PAC involvement and awareness:

- Mark and Darryl along with PAC executive members have been trying to get parents/caregivers to join PAC but people are not joining.
- PAC has sent out Donation Letter/email to Admin to forward to all parents and guardians in both English and Punjabi with info regarding PAC, its involvement, how to participate, and where money goes/spent etc. but it was NOT sent out by the school admin. School admin to follow up and possibly send out in the Grizzly Gazette.

Last PAC meeting:

- Mark apologized for not letting people into the January PAC meeting and stated, "I ended it and closed the link."

Upcoming events:

- Bike to school week
- Sports Day (June 2)
- Jump rope for heart.
- Kindergarten open house
- Parent appreciation
- Summer kick-off for Walking school Buss

Q&A (8:00 pm):

- **PAC received several questions most of which many were addressed through out this meeting. As for the concerns PAC has received the feedback and it will be applied when applicable.**
- **PAC will not address past situations as we are looking to move forward and not go backward. As for requests that were submitted on behalf of others it is important that those individuals bring up those concerns with the PAC executive themselves. In accordance with the bylaws, we will not be discussing any situation pertaining to a single individual. If you wish to discuss individual concerns, you can reach out to the executive team to discuss further.**

- There were concerns around lack of communication. PAC agrees there is an opportunity for improvement and encourage those who have concerns to step up and into a role of PAC Executive in the upcoming school year.
- It has been communicated and demonstrated that there will be clear & transparent communication around the budget. There are no concerns from the PAC executive around an audit.
- The PAC executive has not made any attempts to purposefully exclude anyone at anytime.
- The current PAC supports an application for the gaming grant for the 2023/2024 school year. Only the school and student community lose out if funds are not received. It was confirmed by BCCPAC rep that Gibson is eligible.
- There are no future hot lunches planned for the remaining of the school year.

Next PAC meeting Monday May 29th @ 6:30pm
Location: Gibson Elementary Library
Voting for 2023/2024 PAC Executives