



Gordon Greenwood Elementary

If you Believe, You Can Achieve!



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September 25th, 2023 GGE PAC General Meeting Minutes

1.0 Superintendent - Walnut Grove Region

1.1 Presentation on Previously Proposed Middle School

- Visiting all schools in the Walnut Grove Region from Sept-Dec 2023 to get feedback/ideas on potential future middle school
- Why Middle School Programming?
 - Acknowledges that the transition of Grade 6-8 requires different needs of children
 - It's not about making Grade 6s older, but keeping Grade 8s younger while still preparing them for the future transition to highschool
 - Having more than one teacher
 - School Identity and connectivity (finding where they fit in)
 - More opportunity for diversity, especially for growing new skills. They will have a longer time to try new things, instead of only one year in Grade 8)
- Building a Middle School
 - Cost VERY high
- Where are we now?
 - No new money for land, new build or rebuild
- How have schools adapted?
 - Cohorts
 - Taking Advantage of Staff skills
 - Gaterpod (Walnut Grove Secondary School) - 52 spots per year
 - Grade 8 Identity Activities
- Feedback from PAC
 - Positive experience with Gr 7 program at the highschool
 - Transition to highschool could be made easier with more visits throughout the Gr 7 school year
 - Platooning - tried it a couple years ago and it worked well. Still happening in some Gr 6/7 classes (more teachers, etc)
 - Teacher feedback also important
 - After School Clubs - parents are able to volunteer for these
 - More summer session opportunities

- MIDDLE SCHOOL PILLARS LANGLEY DISTRICT:

<https://district.public.sd35.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/05/Middle-Pillars-and-District-Core-Values.pdf>

2.0 Administration Report – Mr. Joo

- 2.1 There have been a lot of changes this year, and Mr. Joo is leading with compassion for all staff and students in navigating the school year.
- 2.2 Grade 7 hoodies will be available soon - **NEW LOGO!**
- 2.3 School Breakfasts - hoping to start soon, no set date
- 2.4 PICTURE DAY - Friday, October 13th, 2023
- 2.5 Class Parents - please reach out to your child's teacher to inquire about being class parent
- 2.6 PAC Turnout - Biggest turn out in a long time. ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS WELCOME!

3.0 Executive Member Reports

- 3.1 President - Chelsea Minhas
 - **STILL NEED DPAC - if you are interested in this position, please reach out to ggepac@hotmail.com**
- 3.2 Secretary - Rhea Fedorchuk
 - Working with administrative staff to update website with PAC information and monthly meeting minutes
- 3.3 Hot Lunch Coordinator - Margaret
 - PAC BBQ - September 28th, 2023
 - Day of sales available at 5:45pm
 - Langley Fire Department donating snacks starting October 3rd
 - Hot Lunch Schedule for remainder of 2023
 - October 12th - Boston Pizza and Cobs
 - October 19th - TCBY Yogurt
 - November 2nd - McDonalds
 - November 12th - Gourmet Donuts
 - December 7th - TBD
 - December 14th - TBD
 - One volunteer student needed from each older class (Gr 5-7) to help with hot lunch
 - Division Numbers to be listed outside each door

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Fundraising
 - Coupon Books - Off to a great start!
 - Spiritwear Catalogue - COMING SOON! NEW LOGO!
 - Creative Kids Cards Fundraiser
 - Holiday Purdy's - November
 - Holiday Market - November 25th, 2023
 - 10am-3pm
 - Set up will begin at 8am - volunteers needed!
 - 36 vendors, coffee food truck, greek food truck
 - Reindeer Lane - December 15th, 2023
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please email ggepac@hotmail.com**
- 4.2 **Next meeting: October 30th, 2023 at 6:30pm**
 - **ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS WELCOME!!**