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## September 12, 2024 GGE PAC General Meeting Minutes

### 1. Adoption of Agenda

### 2. Administration Report – Mr. Joo

*Welcome back!*

#### GGE staffing and students:

- We had 16 divisions last year. This year we have 14.
- Class placements for next year “start now”, as it takes a year to get to know parents, consider friendship connections, learning supports required and EEL teachers
- We have 338 students at GGE this year
- staffing change to the library learning commons position. Used to be at GGE three days, now down to one. In on Weds.
- We have a music teacher here on Weds: Grades 6/7 band, Grades 4/5 ukulele. Grade 3 choir (new this year). K-2 class instruction and seeing how else they can be involved.
- Librarian Tech: tues/thurs - help with library sign out
- PHE teacher - 90% position - rare for elementary, so we are lucky! Looking forward to badminton team (new), volleyball, basketball, track, cross-country.
- GGE is fully staffed this year!

#### Consent forms:

- online consent forms will be online again this year. Used for walking field trips etc. Look for an email from Langley schools starting mid-September.

#### Volunteer criminal record check:

- The district now has a volunteer approval process - new this year. It has been implemented to keep students safe and parents comfortable. Volunteers now must submit to a criminal record check. Sports teams have been doing this for some time and now it will be implemented in-school as well. A link will be provided by the district. Look for it to be sent home via the school newsletter. Record check is free of cost and good for five years. The criminal record check will be required for in-school volunteering, parent reading, driving field trips etc. The district may honour a ‘free pass’ for the first time as this process rolls out.

#### Cell phones:

- There are new cell phone usage rules and guidelines. Elementary schools will not see as many changes as senior schools. Basic rules - phones off and in bin. Phones returned to students at the end of the school day. Usage may be permitted for educational purposes with teacher guidance.

### School Improvement Day:

- For the October school improvement day we will be working on learning assessments, writing and social/emotional well being.

### 3. Executive Member Reports

Danielle - President

#### - Back to school:

- went to the recent staff meeting and introduced herself to teachers. Talked to how the PAC can support. We give teachers a certain amount of money per year (dependent on the number of students in their class). Money is exclusive of field trips and gaming grant. Educated staff on how to get the money they spend reimbursed.
- Expressed need for PAC-exclusive storage for school events
- The PAC has a website! Check it out!
- We have a new "parent survey" - please take it.

Rhea - Vice-President

- everything updated with bank

Justine - Treasurer

- We have \$40,000 in the PAC bank account. Requested wish list from Mr. Joo
- Suggested classes could be given outside equipment specific to their class for recess - such as gaga ball, soccer ball etc.
- Looking for direction on what is better for primary vs. intermediate. Mr Joo to get a list from teachers.

Elaine - Secretary

- We have a new PAC website! A QR code will be going home in the school agenda. Please check website often for updates on events, hot lunch, PAC meeting minutes and school calendar.

Margaret - Hot Lunch Coordinator

#### - Confirmed upcoming hot lunch dates:

- Oct. 11: Boston Pizza/Cobs
- Oct. 18: Booster Juice
- Nov. 15: White Spot/Cobs
- Nov. 22: TCBY Yogurt
- Dec. 13: was supposed to be a "treat day", but will look for a different day as that is now scheduled to be the "Santa Breakfast" day.
- In need of hot lunch volunteers - Will use Grade 7 Leaders if not enough parents.
- Reminder that criminal record check is now required for parent volunteering in school.

Olivia - DPAC

- No report. Have not attended DPAC meeting yet for this school year.

#### 4. New Business

- **Welcome Back BBQ:**
  - Taking place on Sept. 26, 6:00 pm - right after "meet teacher" night. We still need a lot of volunteers! Hoping for electronic payment this year. Last year we "sold out" - over 400 hot dogs! Last year's food queues were really long so looking for a different system this year. We may do a slushy sale at the BBQ to start raising money for grade 7s.
  
- **coupon books:**
  - Books will be selling for \$35. PAC earns \$12.95 per book.
  - Students take home one book each. If they keep that book, they send money in for it. If they sell more, they collect money and the books will be delivered to the students via the school.
  - Prizes for the class who sells the most! Class pizza party. Enter to win Giants tickets etc.
  - Books go home Sept 17.
  - The PAC made \$5000 last year.
  - Return your coupon book if you don't plan to keep and buy it! The PAC gets charged a fee for it if not returned.
  
- **creative kids:**
  - We will not be doing this fundraiser this year for the holidays. We will revisit this in the new year. Suggestions made to look at doing this for the Spring. Students can make birthday cards, or note cards. Suggestion made that it would be fun to turn small drawings into stickers.
  
- **costume sale:**
  - We will be having a costume sale at the school this year!
  - Donate your used, clean and complete costumes in a clear plastic bag.
  - Label the costume size on the bag please.
  - Costume drop off is Oct 1-10 out front of the school (blue bins)
  - Costume sale takes place on Oct. 11 in the gym.
  - Costumes will be selling for \$2 each.
  - No weapons please.
  
- **winter market:**
  - Back again this year!
  - November 23 - 10 am - 3:00 pm - GGE gym.
  - 42 local vendors are already lined up. The PAC raises funds from the vendor fees (\$1800).
  - ice cream truck from last spring's Family Fun Night is back to sell gourmet cinnamon buns.
  - Suggestion made that grade 7s can sell hot chocolate and/or coffee to raise money?
  - Photographer onsite for family photographs! \$25 per/sitting. All money benefits the PAC! Customers receive a free 8" x 10" photo. Photographer requires a minimum of 15 families registered in order to attend. They will also take walk-in bookings.

- We need volunteers for this wonderful event!
  
- **reindeer lane:**
  - Another fan fave, back again
  - Dec. 6 - GGE gym - students only.
  - Families donate gifts that the kids can buy - each item will sell for \$2 each.
  - We will start collecting donations closer to the date - books, home decor, games, puzzles, toys, books, \* no clothes please.
  - donations of gift bags and wrapping paper also appreciated!
  - PAC raised \$2000 last year with this event.
  - Volunteers needed!
  
- **santa breakfast:**
  - NEW this year!
  - Dennys restaurant may donate pancake mix.
  - Students receive pancakes, an orange and juice.
  - December 13 in the gym (for students only)
  - Call for griddles and flippers.
  
- **Purdys fundraiser**
  - Most likely back again this year!
  - The PAC raised almost \$2000 last year and it's proven to be a popular fundraiser.

5.0 **NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 16. 6:30pm, GGE library.**