

Minutes

George Jay PAC General Meeting

16 February 2022 - 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Zoom

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Attendees

Executive: Matthew Payne, Sam Albers, Leslie Rewega, Steve Palmer, Emma Gillespie, Erin Macklem (Absent: Andrea Walker Collins)

Caregivers: Kate Berniaz, Hannah Relleve, Karla Gallagher, Myra

Staff: Sarah Winkler, Sanjiv Galhon, Ai Linh Trinh

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1. Welcome and recognition of traditional territories
 - a. *The George Jay Parent Advisory Council wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.*
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting
 - a. Reminder: At the last meeting, we unanimously elected two new executive:
 - i. Emma Gillespie as Vice President
 - ii. Erin Macklem as Member at Large
4. Reports on previous action items
 - a. **Action (Leslie):** Promote teacher donation requests in the PAC newsletter, on the Facebook page, and through the listserv. ~ Complete
5. Principal's Report (Sarah)
 - a. The Naming Committee will provide an update next month. It likely won't have a new name by spring break.
 - b. Kindergarten Registration - Currently 31 French and 27 English students are enrolled. Expecting 2 classes each.

- c. Hold and Secure - Brief explanation of hold and secure. Ensures that no one goes in or out of the school but we maintain normal routines inside the school.
 - d. Learning - Twice a year teaching teams complete a school-wide write and assessment. The first is in progress and the second will take place in May.
 - e. Code of Conduct - Borrowing exercise from Willows to advance the kids' understanding. Will share the final product after spring break.
 - f. Seeking feedback on learning through lunch - Pre-pandemic grades 4 and 5s would help with lunchtime supervision. During the pandemic, they shifted to teachers staying in the class to read, etc. and shorter days. Sarah is seeking Any feedback from parents?
 - g. Climbing wall - is in transit. Should arrive in the next couple of weeks.
 - h. Planning for 2022/23 school year - Letter will be home soon asking if we anticipate returning to the school next year.
 - i. COVID - We may be in a new phase of the pandemic. Anticipate that restrictions will change on Friday. Expect to be able to hold assemblies and in-person meetings at up to 50% of capacity. Phase-out staggered recess but not expecting a removal of the mask mandate. Will be inviting more volunteers to the building. Will still take a cautious approach but slowly shift to an endemic. I will do it in a calculated way to support the student and staff committee
 - j. Reminder to caregivers to not park in residential parking or in the roundabout. And please don't cut across the parking lot.**
6. President's Report (Matthew)
- a. Facebook moderation - New exec, Erin Macklem, will take over moderation but we continue to look for other volunteers.
 - b. 50/50 draw - Planning in process. Draw likely after spring break.
 - c. Bread is available at Fernwood NRG Thursday mornings
 - d. Wreath fundraiser results
 - a. Equity and Diversity Committee Update
 - i. Upcoming speaker on neurodiversity. Tentative date of April 7.
 - e. VCPAC Report
 - i. Sale of SD61 lands (1.9 acres S. of Lansdowne Middle School)
 - Special Board meeting. The virtual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Members of the community must register to present. Each registered presenter will be allotted three minutes to share their thoughts with the Board of Education.
 - To register, please contact Vicki Hanley at: vhanley@sd61.bc.ca. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 4 p.m.
 - Board Summary Engagement Report: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/victoria-hospice-society-to-purchase-property-from-greater-victoria-school-district/>
 - ii. School Police Liaison Officer bystander intervention workshop (Monday, February 21 from 3 pm to 5 pm, for Black youth in grades 8 to 12

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7hvk9Kz2eU1GhfFmPyfLzHOiLfKNqKiL0-Liyfr5emRn1IA/viewform>

7. Vice President's Report (Emma)
 - a. Indigo Love of Reading Foundation - PAC exec drafted a letter

8. Treasurer's Report (Sam)
 - a. Wreath fundraiser - PAC raised \$664.04 (80 wreaths and 35 swags sold). \$40 unaccounted for. Unlikely to find so we will just accept this as a loss.
 - b. In the process of transferring the sponsors.
 - c. Expense report
 - i. Disbursed \$1995.95 to parent volunteer
 - ii. More disbursement disperse to HAWC (~\$231) and teachers
 - d. On budget at this point
 - e. Account balances: General: \$24,680.23 & Gaming: \$8,695.52

9. Secretary's Report (Leslie)
 - a. Bylaw review - The PAC Secretary is obligated to form a committee to review the bylaws every two years. Review and revisions were completed last school year (2020-2021). This year, the exec read through the bylaws and had no suggested updates.
 - b. Popcorn Game "Guess the Kernels" - Reported success by admin, teachers, EAs and students. I would like to run a couple more of these low-cost, minimal efforts games. We have some potential ideas but welcome additional ideas.
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 - c. Emergency supplies planning - At the start of the year, we put aside \$7,500 in the budget to replenish supplies. Planning is underway with the school admin. We'll likely have more to report out in March or April.

10. Member at Large (Steve)
 - a. Spring grab bag planning is underway. Bags will be distributed week March 14-18.

11. Active School Travel Working Group (Kate Berniaz)
 - a. Overview of opportunities to increase walking and cycling to school including School Street, Active School Travel Plan, AAA bike route and more!
 - b. Discussion re: how we can enact lasting change? Re-engage with the city? The committee is looking for suggestions for non-confrontation nudges to change behaviours.

12. Naming Committee (Angela Carmichael)
 - a. Nothing to report

13. New Items

- a. Questions (Emma) - Where does the money come from to replace the basketball netting? School funded. Sanjiv will purchase and replace the nets this weekend.
- b. Garden and Growing Schools (Ai Linh Trinh) - The last couple of years, a city-funded initiative has provided GJ with 200K seedlings to plant in our garden and distribute to the school community. Request for a group of caregivers to pick up the seedlings and distribute seedlings (May) (volunteers: Matthew Payne, Emma Gillespie, Kate Berniaz, Leslie Rewega to connect with Ai Linh)

14. Adjourn meeting

The next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022, @ 6:30 pm.