

Minutes

George Jay PAC General Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Zoom

Attendees

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

Caregivers: Michelle Riley, Myra James, Hannah Rellve, Kim Persley, Kathryn, Kate Berniaz, Karla Gallager, Colleen Danks, Melanie Collins, Michael Stuart, Michelle Riley, Angela Carmichael

Staff: Sarah Winkler, Sanjiv Galhon, Ai Linh Trinh, Like Forand, Leila

Motion to approve Kim Persley Nominating Officer and Micheal Stewart as backup Nominating Officer for the 2022-23 Executive elections. ~ **unanimously passed**

New Actions

- **All Caregivers:** Call for nominations for the 2022/23 GJPAC Executive elections. Review the roles and responsibilities listed in the [bylaws](#) and send your nominations to gjpacnominations@gmail.com. Be sure to include a short bio to tell us a little bit more about yourself.
- **Matthew:** Contact other schools/trustees to host a Q&A with School Board Trustees in the coming election.
- **Emma:** Organize school Moosehide campaign activities for the school.
- **Erin:** Post a call for volunteers to Facebook re:
 - **Garden and Growing Schools** - We especially need someone with a vehicle to pick up the seedlings on Tuesday, May 17 pick up between 9:30 and 10:30 at the City Work Yard inside Beacon Hill Park. Contact georgejaypacmember2@gmail.com
 - **October Outdoor Clothing Swap planning team.** Contact lforand@sd61.bc.ca

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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
4. Reports on previous action items
 - a. n/a
5. Principal's Report (Sarah)
 - a. We are one week into the final term of our year. Before spring break, the school wrapped up a successful basketball season and Uvic Music Program workshops.
 - b. The school is planning staffing for next year. We have been allotted 15 English and 9 French Immersion divisions.
 - c. The new climbing wall is officially opened. Students have/will be given safety instructions before use.
 - d. Planning for Literacy Week that takes place the last week of April.
 - e. Welcome to Kindergarten is underway incl. an in-person event with smaller groups (likely 2 English and 2 French classes).
 - f. Beach day has been booked at Willows. The entire school will be going on the last Friday in June. Admin will be looking for a few parent volunteers to meet safety ratios.
 - g. Upcoming invitation to in-person student-led learning.
 - h. Planning Grade 5 Dragon Boating. Booked but shhhh secret from kids.
 - i. A neighbour at Princess/Chambers is attempting to create the world's largest Ukrainian flag out of flowers. Will be making it over a weekend on the school grounds.
 - j. Clubs are up and running again. Run Club will be participating in the TC family run soon. Rugby will start for grades 4 and 5. Tentative confirmation for track for grades 4 and 5. Small choir for grade 5. And dance club on Wednesdays for all grades.
6. President's Report (Matthew)
 - a. 50/50 draw
 - b. Fun Lunch - a donor has stepped forward to ensure all students can participate. We will likely have 2 fun lunch events before the end of the year.
 - c. [SD 61 Budget](#)
 - i. Shortfall
 - ii. [Received letter from CUPE 382 re: cuts to daytime custodians](#)
 - iii. **Action (Matthew):** Contact other schools/trustees to host a Q&A with School Board Trustees in the coming election.
 - d. [Diversify Our Narrative presentation to VCPAC](#)
 - e. PAC tried out rotating meeting nights (Mondays and Wednesdays) to attract more caregivers to meetings. This approach hasn't proven to be effective. We will likely return to regular meetings next year.
7. Vice President's Report (Emma)

- a. [Moosehide Campaign](#)
 - i. Indigenous-led grassroots campaign to stand up against violence against women and children. Many great campaign tools available.
 - ii. Action (Emma): Organize school Moosehide Campaign activities for the school
8. Treasurer's Report (Sam absent, Leslie to provide)
- a. Account sponsors have been changed and now reflect caregivers that currently have children attending George Jay. Thank you to Matthew and Jen!
 - b. Wreath fundraiser
 - i. Unaccounted for funds have been found! Those were deposited in the bank account on March 24th and were retrieved from the PAC mailbox.
 - c. Disbursements/Deposits
 - i. \$750 donation for HAWC from the Lion Club. Thanks Lions Club!
 - ii. \$146.99 purchase of cheques for gaming account. This will be covered by the \$500 line item of MISC expenses
 - iii. Disbursements to Teachers and Special PAC Funding program
 - d. On budget at this point
 - e. Account balances::
 - i. Unavailable because Coast Capital currently has a planned 4 day outage. Sam will update this sheet when it becomes available.
9. Secretary's Report (Leslie)
- a. Upcoming school-wide colouring contest
 - b. 2022/23 Executive Elections
 - i. There are a number of vacant executive positions next year.
 - ii. Roles and responsibilities are listed in the [bylaws](#).
 - iii. Nominations can be sent to gjpacnominations@gmail.com. Please include a short bio that will be posted to the PAC website.
 - iv. Motion to approve Kim Persley Nominating Officer and Micheal Stewart as backup Nominating Officer for the 2022-23 Executive elections.
~passed unanimously
10. Member at Large (Steve/Erin)
11. Physical Education (Luke Forand)
- a. Clothing Swap Initiative
 - i. School staff are planning a GJ clothing swap to ensure that all students have access to high-quality outdoor clothing.
 - ii. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 15 with a focus on outdoor clothing (i.e. rain jackets, boots, gloves, etc.)
 - iii. Event will be run by staff but also looking for PAC volunteers. Contact: lforand@sd61.bc.ca

- iv. For students it's an opportunity to learn about sustainability, helping your community, and fast fashion.
- v. Discussion - support from several parents that are excited and happy to support.

12. Garden and Growing Schools (Ai Linh Trinh)

- a. Participated for the last 2 years. School has asked for 200 seedlings. Some seedlings will be planted in the school garden but the rest will be distributed to students or after school. Need volunteers to:
 - i. Pick up seedlings on Tuesday, May 17 pick up between 9:30 and 10:30 at the City Work Yard inside Beacon Hill Park (near lawn bowling).
 - ii. Distribute after school (Emma/Leslie can help).
 - iii. Action (Erin): to post to FB a call for volunteers esp. Someone with a vehicle to pick up seedlings.

13. Naming Committee (Angela Carmichael)

- a. No update at this time. A holding pattern with the suspension of the two trustees resulted in all partners stepping away from committee work. Optimistic that work will begin again soon. However, the process will be slowed down. We may not have a new name by the end of the year.

14. VCPAC (Angela Carmichael)

- a. Lots going on. Angela has been regularly providing updates to GJPAC. Check out their VCPAC [website for a detailed update](#) or contact the GJPAC for more info.
- b. District VCPAC elections are happening. Contact Angela if you are interested.
- c. VCPAC marching in the Victoria Pride Parade. If you'd like to march, contact Angela at angelac@vcpac.ca.

15. Active School Travel Working Group (Kate Berniaz)

- a. The school will support a Walk and Wheel to School Week in the spring (May 30-June 5).
- b. Looking for opportunities to support incl. "drive to 5", bike education, and coffee for parents.

16. Equity and Diversity subcommittee report (Chair vacant)

- a. Neurodiversity & Inclusion Workshop (April 7) - Because of challenges with the link, there is a plan to post the presentation on the school website for a limited time. Date TBD.
- b. Chairs and members have stepped down. Call for new volunteers.

17. New Business

- a. n/a

18. Adjourn meeting

**The next meeting scheduled is the Annual General Meeting for Wednesday, May 11 2022
at 6:30 pm.**