

Glenmore Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes | Sept 25, 2017

Location: Activity Room

Called to order: 6:30pm

26 attendees

Executive present: Amy Matejcek, Tristaca Curley, Rhonda Jarvis, Heather O'Connor, Miriam Desjardins, Esther Moore, Tara Godwin, Klaus Minck

Also present: Cathie Mutter, Interim Principal
Tamalee Middleton, Vice Principal
Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent SD23
Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer SD23

1 SD 23 UPDATE: SCHOOL SAFETY AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Vianne Kintzinger, Assistant Superintendent SD23

Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer SD23

- For reasons unknown, Glenmore Elementary has been vulnerable to several (10) breakins and acts of vandalism. In these, serious damage has occurred including projectors being ripped out of ceiling, laptops stolen, 37 windows broken, HVAC system damage and significant mess requiring professional cleanup.
- Extra security was hired to do regular sweeps of the school, but it made no difference.
- Roll shutters are not an option, since the school has non-standard windows.
- CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) is used by almost half of the other elementary, middle and high schools in Kelowna to enhance the safety of students, staff and others in or on school district premises and to deter destructive acts. Similar cameras are already installed on school busses.
- Evidence from Raymer Elementary showed vandalism stopped once cameras were installed. Cameras themselves are deterrents.
- Footage from cameras is not backed up or stored, overwrites every thirty days, can't be electronically transferred, and would only be used in the event of incident. CCTV could catch any events happening within and beyond school hours.
- The cost would be funded by SD23.
- In order to move forward, we have to follow the SD 23 policy, which includes sending a report to the Superintendent of Schools detailing the reason for the CCTV, as well as the unsuccessful measures already taken to curb vandalism. The PAC will get feedback from the school community before moving forward with report. Wiring for cameras will be installed in the meantime.
- Remember that we want our kids feeling safe at school, so this isn't something being discussed widely in the presence of students.

2 PAC VACANCIES

- Motion put forth to vote on new PAC President. Sarah Bendall unanimously voted in.
Jeneah Lightfoot nominated, Rhonda Jarvis seconded motion
- Motion put forth to vote on new PAC Vice President. Angela Mastracci unanimously voted in.
Jeneah Lightfoot nominated, Miriam Desjardins seconded motion
- 3 new Members at Large: Jeneah Lightfoot, Amanda Newton, and Hayley Gershony, unanimously voted in.
Esther Moore nominated, Miriam Desjardins seconded motion

3 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Cathie Mutter, Interim Principal

Tamalee Middleton, Vice Principal

- Cathie Mutter joins GME as interim Principal. She brings with her 25 years of experience as a principal, and 40 years within school district.
- Wendy Briggs had a serious bike accident and is recovering from her injuries.
- We have 631 students; support personnel is up. We have a French monitor 4 days per week, from September to January, who assists in French language classes and promotes French culture.
- Terry Fox Run raised \$1408.50, which exceeded goal of \$1000 and almost doubled last year's total.
- What's coming up at GME:
 - LIF Hours – Homework Club, Early Morning Reading
 - FSAs – Grade 4's
 - Author Visit – October 10th
 - Wrestling – Grade 3-6's
 - Implementation Day – October 6th: Staff will spend the day focusing on the benefits of Inquiry Based Learning in supporting the development of creative and critical thinking skills.
- Start Up Information:
 - Crossing Guards and Lunch Leaders have been trained
 - New Line-up Procedures allow for greater organization of students

4 UPCOMING PAC PROGRAMS

Amy Matejcek, PAC President (outgoing)

- Budget Review – Will occur mid October. Updates to follow.
- Book Swap – Opportunity for kids to exchange books that are in good condition for new ones. Pandosy Books generously provides books at great discount for GME to supplement swap with. Looking for volunteers to help run it.
- Christmas Artisan Vendor - 60 vendors already lined up, looking for volunteers.
- Volunteer recruitment link will be sent out shortly. There are lots of opportunities to fit a variety of schedules.

5 LATE ITEMS

- Thursday October 5 - Lynn Lyons, Social Worker, will be giving a free talk entitled *The Gift of Anxiety and Depression*. For more information, see the COPAC Facebook page or GME website.
- Saturday October 14 - Deborah MacNamara, PhD, will be hosting a parenting day event on resiliency. For more information, check out <http://insightforparents.ca>.
- PAC member expressed desire to have chef come and teach parents how to make interesting and healthy lunches. Will revisit this later.

6 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.