

Glenmore Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes | Apr 30, 2018

1 UBCO RESEARCH PROJECT

Wendy Briggs, Principal

- The health and wellness of youth in Kelowna | *Dr MacManus, UBC-Okanagan*
Researchers at UBC-O are looking to compile data on the physical and psychological health of children aged 8-11 in Kelowna. They are looking at habits such as nutrition, sleep, physical activity, and technology use. Consent will be obtained from both parents and children before participation begins. For those at GME who choose to participate, questions re: above habits will be asked of children and measures of their physical health will be taken such as activity, blood pressure, and body composition. Parents will also receive a questionnaire. The information will be used to develop prevention and intervention strategies to improve the health of our youth.

2 COPAC UPDATE

Angela Mastracci, VP PAC

See attachment below

3 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Wendy Briggs, Principal

Benita Crombie, Vice Principal

- **Lunch hour possible change**
To accommodate the increased enrollment at GME in 2018, there may be separate lunch hours for the older and younger kids to ensure safety for the kids playing outside. The proposed change is for Grades 3-6 to have lunch hour at 11:00-11:30 and K-2 to have their lunch hour at 12:00-12:30. A survey will be distributed in the coming weeks about it.
- **Possible organization for 2018-2019.**
An increase in the number of students will mean a need for additional space. GME will be getting a new portable.
- **Calendar for GME 2018-2019**
Formal feedback re: student performance from teachers may be moved to late October and late February.
- **Month in review highlights**
- **Thank you for book swap and footprint days**

4 REVIEW OF MAR / APRIL PAC PROGRAMS

- **Book Swap | Robin Springer (absent)**
The swap went very well. Teachers were appreciative, kids enjoyed it (well, most of them anyway!). Gr 6's helped with some book collection and with take down this year which really helped fill in gaps in volunteers.
- **Footprint Days | Laurelle Eves**
Footprint Days were well attended as usual. We had approximately 150 parents and 160 students attend the 3 walks.
- **Popcorn | Tara Godwin**
Parent volunteers are needed to ensure this program can continue. It is a great program, which allows students to hone their entrepreneurial skills. Volunteers are needed on Thursdays at approximately 10:30-12:00, as well as 2:15-3:00. Please consider volunteering your time so that this program can continue.

5 UPCOMING PAC PROGRAMS

- **Bike to School Week | Joanna Cann**
Bike to School Week is happening May 28-June 1. Students are encouraged to bike or scooter to school. All students that bike or scooter farther than 1 block to school will be tallied. Last year GME came in second in the district.
- **Family Fun Night | Deb Lawless**
Family Fun Night is happening on Friday May 25. Deadline to get your pizza orders in is May 15. We are looking for volunteers to help that night. We are also looking for donations of gently used toys that can be used for the fishing pond activity, as well as homemade cakes to be used for the cake walk.
- **Office Staff Appreciation | Joanna Cann**
Big shout out to GME office staff for all of their help during the year. They are immensely helpful to the PAC and to helping the overall efficiency and success of the school. Merci!

6 OTHER BUSINESS

- **SOGI 123 Concern**
SOGI 123 program is being implemented in the district and there are parental concerns that it is promoting a specific 'gender ideology'. Wendy responded and said that she has only become aware of the program recently and hasn't yet talked to the teachers or planned how it will be implemented at GME.
Link to SOGI: <https://www.sogieducation.org>

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

COPAC Meeting Update

9 April, 2018

1 DIABETES PRESENTATION BY UBCO GRADUATES

Arash Aghshani & Kaija Gnazdowsk

- Emphasized the importance of screening your child at home, looking for early warning signs and symptoms.
- Advocating for standardized screening to catch pre-diabetes and avoid longer term negative outcomes.
- *FOR CONSIDERATION: have these two come to speak at a future PAC meeting or to talk to students as they are keen to do this circuit.*

2 PEAC PRESENTATION (PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARENESS COMMITTEE)

- Interested in increasing the distribution of “Together We Learn,” the monthly publication, supported by Capital News, that is sent home with students.
- They are encouraging parental feedback regarding content and appeal.
- Goal is to connect community of parents and students within Central Okanagan Public Schools.
- *To gain further insight, provide feedback, and explore visit [facebook.com/sd23news](https://www.facebook.com/sd23news).*

3 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER – ON THE TOPIC OF PORTABLES.

- Detailed the “perfect storm” regarding space requirements. The district was at over 100% capacity even before the supreme court ruling new classroom requirements.
- Portables are not intended to be a permanent solution but the ministry is working within a prescribed capital envelope (safety comes first, i.e. seismic updates in lower mainland are more of a priority).
- Before a new build can be approved, all the students already need to be enrolled and counted for, i.e. can’t build ‘in anticipation of...’
- Portables are an expense the district has to handle through its operating allocation – there is no special ‘portable budget.’
- *For parents who are interested in learning more/who have questions about why portables, what the 2018 portable projections are/ SD23’s inventory, etc... I have a handout that I will leave in the PAC mailbox.*

4 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Addressed the “threat assessment protocol” specifically as it pertained to the recent Mt Boucherie situation. Emphasized the protocol’s priority of staying connected with parents and for parents to trust the protocol rather than over-reactive social and local media sources. Also stressed that in this case there was no credible threat.
- Stated that the budget is a “good news situation.” Made the point that additional portables can be managed through budget surplus.
- *Suggested that PACs have a conversation with their school’s principal about the school budget since the SPC doesn’t exist anymore. So essentially this becomes the responsibility of the PAC until another framework is in place. This conversation would tend to be after the final budget is approved for the district.*

5 PAST EVENT

Eating Right for the Health of your Family and the Planet: a talk with Dr. Tom Warshawski, happened April 12th @ Summerhill Winery.