

Glenmore Parent Advisory Council

AGM & Minutes | May 29, 2023

1 AGM

1.1 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

L-J Winslade, President

PAC President L-J Winslade provided opening comments including acknowledgement that we are learning together on the unceded, traditional territory of the Okanagan Syilx People.

1.2 ELECTION OF 2023 PAC EXECUTIVE

The Current Executive gave brief descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of their position. All executive positions were announced as open for the 2023-24 year.

1.2.1 President

Melissa Tesche was nominated at the first call for nominations. There were no further nominations in the two subsequent calls for nomination and Melissa was acclaimed as President for 2023-24.

1.2.2 Vice-President

Breanna Snow was nominated at the first call for nominations. There were no further nominations in the two subsequent calls for nomination and Breanna was acclaimed as Vice-President for 2023-24.

1.2.3 Treasurer

L-J Winslade was nominated at the first call for nominations. There were no further nominations in the two subsequent calls for nomination and L-J was acclaimed as Treasurer for 2023-24.

1.2.4 Secretary

Aly Pollock was nominated at the first call for nominations. There were no further nominations in the two subsequent calls for nomination and Aly was acclaimed as Secretary for 2023-24.

1.2.4 COPAC Reps (2)

Camila Biffard will remain as first COPAC rep for 2023-24.

The second COPAC Rep position was open. Susan Browne was nominated at the first call for nominations. There were no further nominations in the two subsequent calls for nominations and Susan was acclaimed as COPAC Rep for 2023-24.

1.2.5 Members at Large

Jason Lane, Deepak Garcha, Kellie Terris, Jenny Adrian, Megan Banman, Meaghan Muhle, Roni Pullen, Scott Gunness, Danielle Wirachowsky were all nominated and acclaimed as Member at Large.

1.2.6 Fun Lunch Coordinators (2)

It was noted that a third FL Coordinator might be necessary.

Kellie Garcia will remain as FL Coordinator in charge of suppliers and the online platform. She will train new volunteer Alex Vigue who will serve as the second FL Coordinator for 2023-24.

2 PAC BUDGET UPDATE

Melissa Tesche, Treasurer

Melissa circulated the Projected Year End (June 30 is the end of the fiscal year) and April Cashflow Statements. She described some of the financial best practices the GME PAC uses to avoid opportunities for the sorts of fraud that has occurred in the Okanagan in recent years. She emphasized the commitment to financial transparency with provision of detailed cashflow statements.

Melissa noted that the influx of money from Province had significantly altered the initial budget as the school paid for many of the field trips and sports experiences that the PAC has traditionally funded and had budgeted for this year. Some of that money was reallocated to technology spends.

She concluded by noting that the financial position of the GME PAC remains strong, with YE Projections of approximately \$9k in the playground fund and about \$20k in the general fund—though with Family Fun Night still to come, this may vary slightly.

3 PAC COMMITTEE UPDATES

3.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch – Melissa Tesche

There was no volunteer to coordinate the homemade event that had happened in previous years, so the PAC had agreed to cater the lunch. The staff chose Zabb Thai. Brady noted that all staff were able to take part in the lunch and it was much appreciated.

3.2 Family Fun Night – Camila Biffard

The “banner” event of the PAC is coming up. A few volunteer spots remain and can be seen on the website. A few logistical details were discussed. PAC members thanked Cam and noted the tremendous amount of work Cam had put into the event.

3.3 Book Swap – Melissa Tesche

Unfortunately, the Book Swap did not run this year. We will look for a new coordinator and more volunteers to see if we can bring it back for next year.

3.4 School Shirt Order - L-J Winslade

L-J and Brady provided an update on the plan for “house” t-shirts that will be provided to all students next year. These would be used for school events and field trips.

4 COPAC UPDATE

Camila Biffard, COPAC Rep

- Over 2000 refugee families have settled in the district in the past year.
- Current COPAC Vice President and President will be switching spots for next year.
- There is now a concept plan for a new middle school by the apple bowl. Dr Knox is currently getting an extension, with the plan to turn it into a high school.
- All PACS are struggling with numbers and volunteers and engagement is a challenge.

5 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Brady Ibbetson, Principal

Brett Beaudry, Vice Principal

- GME has 650 students now. All the Glenmore schools are full with 600+ students. Next year GME will have 3 French kindergarten classes and one English kindergarten class.
- Brady reviewed upcoming teacher changes.
- Brady went over the results from the survey that recently went out to students, parents, and staff. GME went up in scores over last year in all areas except community engagement.
- Administration is looking at ways to be able to bring parents in for more events (Remembrance Day, Christmas concerts, etc) so parents could attend. The challenge is space—the student population already maxes the capacity of the gym.
- Eight teachers did PD on outdoor learning. Erika Van Oyen is developing some ideas about how to bring outdoor learning spaces to the playground without having to wait for a full playground.
- There was some discussion about various options for making fun lunch available to students who might not be able to afford it. Brady noted that this is being done through the administration already in consultation with the families in need. The backpack program (food for students to take home) is also happening here at GME.

6 UPCOMING PAC PROGRAMS

These were covered under the Committee Updates.

The meeting was adjourned following the Principal's Update.