



Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Glenmore Elementary School

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 6:31.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Melissa Tesche made the following land acknowledgement as submitted by Susan Browne.

“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan peoples. We are honoured to live, work, and play on this land, and be in relation with people from across all traditional and unceded territories.

In this space we are committed to ongoing healing, reconciliation, decolonization, and fostering relationships within our communities.

We express gratitude to all the knowledge keepers who have kept this land for so many generations, and we wish to learn from their wisdom to be better stewards of their land.”

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

“THAT the September 25, 2023, meeting agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

4.1 Annual General Meeting – May 29, 2023 – for adoption

“THAT the GME PAC AGM Minutes from May 29, 2023, meeting be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED



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5. GUEST SPEAKER

There was no guest speaker for this meeting.

6. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE | Brady Ibbetson, GME Principal

Principal Ibbetson welcomed both the returning and new PAC members. He reviewed the staff changes for the year, and shared the plans for the school's discretionary budget. Mr. Ibbetson discussed the district's theme for the school year, "Wonder," as well as the "Leader in Me" program that GME will be continuing this year.

7. PAC FINANCIAL UPDATES | L-J Winslade, PAC Treasurer

7.1 Opening Financial Position

The bank statements for August were presented to verify the opening financial position for the year. At the end of the 2023 fiscal year, the GME PAC had \$29,089.34, with \$9000.34 of that balance earmarked for playground enhancements.

7.2 2022-23 Year End, Budget to Actual

"THAT the 2022-23 GME PAC Budget to Actual Financial Reports be received."

CARRIED

7.3 Draft Budget 2023-24

Ms. Tesche explained the budgeting process. Each year, the school is asked to submit requests for funding to the PAC. The PAC focuses on funding school requests that have school-wide or broad benefits, rather than specific classroom requests. They try to make sure funding goes to support active living, the arts, science and technology. School requests are collected at the end of September and submitted to the PAC. The PAC Executive hold a budget meeting in mid-October to review requests and draft budget. The draft budget is then brought to the October PAC meeting for review and a vote.

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES

8.1 Fun Lunch | Alex Vigue, FL Vendor Coordinator and Susan Browne, FL Volunteer Coordinator

8.2 Family Movie Night | L-J Winslade, PAC Treasurer

Movie night is coming up. There will be a concession with popcorn and snacks available. The movie will be 'Super Mario Bros. The Movie.' Two volunteers will be needed to count and verify cash after the concession closes.



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9. COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Items

9.1 Feedback Requested on SD23 Policy

After discussion, it was agreed the PAC will support the COPAC in requesting that SD23 refrain from barring SD23 staff members from serving on the Executive of school PACs in the district. While GME PAC recognizes that this would be best practice, they also acknowledge that some smaller schools may not have operational PACs if this policy were adopted, which would deny them access to the BC Gaming Grant funding for their schools.

9.2 Call for COPAC Rep

Kellie Garcia volunteered to serve as COPAC Rep.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 State of the School Yard and Irrigation Repairs

The poor conditions of the school yard was discussed and it was noted that a recent Facebook post had sprung up, with community members and parents complaining about the disrepair. Ms. Tesche had raised both the Facebook post and the state of the yard at the September CO-PAC meeting, which had SD23 Chairperson Tiede and Superintendent Kardaal in attendance. Mr. Kardaal noted that their current focus was still on emergency operations as some areas of the district were still dealing with the fallout of the recent wildfires. The GME PAC discussed that while the wildfires would justifiably be the main focus of SD23 at the moment, the irrigation system has been broken for two years, long before the wildfires. Parents noted the safety concerns, for both the rocks and bare ground during the warm months, and the muddy and icy field it becomes in the winter. There was broad support for a letter writing campaign and suggestions of engaging the media. Ms. Tesche suggested that the PAC get some advice on next steps from PACs whose schools have needed similar work and volunteered to reach out and put together an action plan for review at the next meeting.

11. PAC 360

The PAC briefly discussed some upcoming events. It was noted that several parents have requested some sort of celebration of diversity and culture, as well as the return of the book swap. The requests would be considered at the Executive budget meeting, at which time both the financial and volunteer requirements of the 2023-34 events would be assessed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.