



Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Glenmore Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

6:30 call to order

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

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.

Introductions from attendees. 21 people in attendance, including staff

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

Recommended Motion: By Vivien King, seconded by Kellie Garcia

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

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

4.1 Annual General Meeting – May 27, 2024 – for adoption

Recommended Motion: By Vivien King, seconded by Kellie Garcia

"THAT the GME PAC AGM Minutes from May 27, 2024, meeting be adopted as presented."

5. **GUEST SPEAKER**

There is no guest speaker for this meeting.



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

660 students 510 in French, English population is decreasing each year. Example: 14 kids in English kindergarten. Added a kindergarten class this year because of the number of siblings who were on the waitlist.

Family grouping activities coming up. All students wear their coloured Glenmore t-shirt, 5 coloured groups where each group is assigned a teacher. All grades are mixed together, but siblings are put into the same group

Gratitude is the theme of the month. Glenmore Groups will be able to spend time focusing on this

School property update: dealing with some gravel issues, but overall a good result. Fences come down soon for mowing to happen.

Skylights being replaced on some pods. Repairs from the burst pipe in blue pod are taking a long time due to back orders. Asbestos remediation is completed, but it is currently down to studs. Washrooms are not accessible, so they walk through the neighboring classroom to access washrooms.

Leader In Me: decided to step away from the program because of the cost. Decided they couldn't find a way to incorporate it in the curriculum. Went with the district program called, CASTLE. Each month's theme is coming from the CASTLE model.

Awarded a grant for \$5,000 for new drums.

New grant to bring in an art teacher to do art to turn into cards

Volleyball for grade 6s has started, possibly starting some sports for grade 5.

Sarah Bendall donates her time on Thursdays and Fridays to provide STEM activities for the school

Winter concert: kindergarten concert on one day, grade 1-3 concert on another day.

Grade 3 concerts with Norman Foot in the spring.

Brett and Brady reassured their open door policy

New Staff: English and French kindergarten, Mme Harris Mat leave, Kramer and Miller 4/5 English, Mr Mac as new Gym teacher.

Spirit Gear available for the school community. Each new kindergarten student will get their own t-shirt.



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7. PAC FINANCIAL UPDATES | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

7.1 Opening Financial Position - September Cash Flow

Kellie presented the current funds.

7.2 Draft Budget 2024-25

Presented the budget for this school year.

Took some time to explain to new PAC parents how our PAC makes and spends money, explained how we take requests from teachers and admin to fund benefits for the whole school. Executives will review the school requests in October and will bring them back to the PAC to vote on what should be approved.

Reviewed the fact that we are not able to do updates to the playground and buildings.

Group of 7 teachers who are part of an outdoor learning group recommend that we put an outdoor kitchen or planter boxes in the rock circle area. Items that do not require installations from the district.

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES

8.1 Fun Lunch | Alex Vigue & Alyssa Fulkerson, FL Coordinators

New vendors that offer a variety of cultural options, snack options, and vegan/vegetarian/gluten free options. Child care is now available for Fun Lunch Volunteers. Training on site, so parents are welcome to any fun lunch sorting time to observe and learn how to sort the food.

Note: PAC Website needs to update concerning Fun Lunch information

8.2 Book Swap | Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Event Co-Leads

Surplus of books from previous book swaps and planning to run the event to clear out the books we have. Will plan the event for November or December and have a wrapping station.

8.3 Footprints Days (April) | Lead Needed

Historically an amazing event where our community would walk a 5km walk through the neighborhood, returning back to school for popsicles and chats. Prizes drawn and announced the following day for students who attended.



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8.4 Family Fun Night Committee | Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Co-Chairs

Looking for people to join this committee to run specific stations at the event.

8.5 Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee | Deepak Garcha, Chair

Renamed to “Belonging at GME”. Moving forward a newsletter will be sent out. Creating a space to discuss how we belong and interact in our community that is diverse and inclusive. Looking for another person to be part of this committee. Brett Beaudry would like to create a cultural picnic for the school to be part of.

8.6 Family Dance Night Committee | Leads Needed

Brianna Snow and Jenny Adrian have agreed to run the event again.

8.7 Fundraising Committee | Lead Needed

Possibility of one and done fundraisers to minimize little fundraisers like Purdy’s or plant sales.

The Grade 6 group does their own fundraising for their grad celebrations.

9. COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Items

9.1 COPAC Update

Four Assistant Superintendents joined COPAC as special guests at our September meeting with the intention to put some faces with names and highlight some of the specific areas each of these folks cover in our District. All four of the district administrators are incredibly supportive of the work of PACs.

Jon Rever is Assistant Superintendent for Rutland Schools (RSS, RMS, SMS and feeder elementary schools)

Raquel Steen is Assistant Superintendent for West Kelowna and Peachland schools (MBSS, GMS, CNB and feeder elementary schools)

Jamie Robinson is Assistant Superintendent for Mission and Lake Country schools (GESS, OKM, HMS, CMS and feeder elementary schools)

Al Lalonde is Assistant Superintendent for Central Kelowna schools (KSS, KLO, DRK and feeder elementary schools)



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COPAC is asking all PACs to dig out their bylaws and do a review process this year. Several of COPAC's executive members have worked on a draft bylaw document to help PACs think about areas they may want to update. Updates are not required but it is good practice to review bylaws frequently. COPAC is asking PACs to send them their most current bylaws in the new year and will be identifying a safe digital repository with the district for storage. Over the years, several PACs have been unable to find a copy of their bylaws and they want to help avoid this unfortunate circumstance. The draft bylaw document will be shared to PACs soon.

10. PAC 360

Discussion about field trips from last year, as some parents were hit with high fees. In the past the school was given funding to cover the cost of field trips, last year field trips were capped at \$25/student. That change was not communicated clearly to teachers. This year teachers and staff are aware that they have \$25 per student for the year to cover field trips. Discussion on raising the budget to \$30/student.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Garcia, seconded by Meghan Muhle