



Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, March 31, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Glenmore Elementary School

Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30pm | Melissa Tesche, PAC President

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.

3. **GUEST SPEAKER**

There is no guest speaker for this meeting.

4. **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE** | Brett Beaudry, GME Vice Principal

Going into Term 3, the busiest, most fun, and most chaotic of all the terms. Calendar is full for the remainder of the year! Administration is looking into staffing for the following school year in relation to student numbers. Meeting with the head of school district operations regarding the field drainage issues after winter snow and some rain, permanent fixtures like posts. Grade 6 transition to DRK includes some fundraising that will be coming in the Spring term. School events, author visit, gymnastics, VR headsets, school band, Norman Foot presentation. School track and field meet at the Apple Bowl was unfortunately scheduled on a holiday Monday. Students will complete track and field practice at our school and top students will go to districts from those competitions.



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5. **PAC FINANCIAL UPDATES** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

5.1 See Financials

Discussion about possible investment of current cash amount. Decided we like the flexibility of spending money as needed and being able to be transparent with where funds are which could be challenging if funds are being transferred around.

6. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

6.1 **Fun Lunch | Alex Vigue & Alyssa Fulkerson, FL Coordinators**

Fresh Slice rebranded to Happy Slice. Screammers and Slushies grade 6 fundraising sales will be picked up at the end of the school day and are being sold through the Much-a-Lunch site but on the Fundraising tab. No cash purchases allowed for this fundraiser. Fun Lunch volunteer sign up is back up and running. Looking for a date to have another tasting event to look for alternative food options - vegan, gluten free, and vegetarian.

Discussion about reaching out to other restaurants like sushi but facing logistical issues with staffing and hours. Ideas around Mr Freezie sales vs Screammers and Slushies.

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

Event runs in the fall - no update needed.

6.3 **Footprints Days (April) | Josh Peters & Meghan Muhle**

Proposed April 22, 23, 24 dates, prizes will be gift cards from Circle K and Murry's Pizza, coupons and vouchers from Fun Lunch vendors. Looking for parent volunteers and grade 6 crossing guards.



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

Major push for prize donations spearheaded Danielle and Alex. They are also starting up small toy donations with Mr. Gazel's help, these toys will supplement the prizes that are being donated. Received a large number of prizes donated from Cora and Boston Pizza owner. City approved our application for park and play equipment and a bouncy castle.

6.5 Belonging at GME Committee | Deepak Garcha, Alyah Ramadan, Danielle Noble, Co-Chairs

The Belonging Committee has hosted two round table events that allowed for good, vulnerable conversations. Fostering relationships by sitting down together for conversation and connection. Connections made at the group meetings have branched out to more relationships for people in similar situations looking for support and/or understanding. These events were followed by a fireside event that hosted 25 people with panel focused discussions. Mixer event planned for April - discussing hot topics. Hoping to host the Diverse School Presentation that UBCO offers.

Looking for ways to include male caregivers into the discussion. Considering bringing in a retired NHL player to discuss their experience with belonging and inclusion.

Multicultural Picnic hosted by the school that could combine with the Belonging Committee's initiative. Also looking for ways to incorporate the Belonging Committee into the school dance and family fun night events.

6.6 Family Dance Night Committee | Brianna Snow & Jenny Adrian, Event Co-Leads

Tickets went on sale today (March 31, 2024). First dance is 4:00-5:30, pizza distribution between dances, and second dance is 6:30-8. Pizza must be purchased when tickets are purchased through the Munch-a-Lunch site. Parents are required to be in attendance at the dance and need their own ticket for the event. No students are allowed to attend the dance without a parent.

Black Light Theme - hired DJ has two black lights and the committee has rented two more lights.

6.7 Outdoor Movie Committee | * Lead needed

Screen is booked for September 19, 2025

Jenna Jones expressed possible interest in leading this event.



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6.8 Basil Cooper Family Photos | * Lead needed

Minimal requirements, mainly promoting the fundraising.

Danielle and Jay expressed interest in taking over this fundraiser.

9. COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) - Kellie Garcia *looking for replacement

9.1 COPAC Update

Alyssa Fulkerson may take over as COPAC rep.

1) March Special Guest

COPAC welcomed Jesse Bruce, Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education and Equity who introduced the two new Indigenous Education Council Representatives (IEC) from the Indigenous Parent and Family Council, Deanna Necan and Candace Jack.

2) COPAC AGM

May 5, 2025 7pm via zoom

COPAC Executive Nominations:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfka4OQeJviuL289g0_Rt8HhVaWaes7YEzNzzbOxW3uJyq2w/viewform?usp=sharing

3) APRIL 10 Virtual Event

COPAC & Jennie King from Science World Present: AI for Parents

April 10 at 7pm. Register now and more details to follow.

<https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ghqdn28RbK6uLxXY6cgEw>

4) STEM in Kelowna/SD23

RoboCup Jr. is an upcoming community event that seems to be flying under the radar.

<https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/technologies/electronic-engineering/robocup>

It might be getting tight to assemble a team but it's great to build awareness and share this opportunity with families in our communities.

SD23's SumoBot competition is coming up in May – a great opportunity for elementary and middle school students to put their Lego robotics skills to the test. Talk to your school robotics specialist or administration to find out more and encourage registration.



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5) BCCPAC AGM

BCCPAC AGM May 23-25, Prince George BC and Online

Resolutions: Special Resolution Deadline March 15, 2025

6) STEM at school carnivals

Just a reminder about availability of STEM partners to set up an interactive station for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring. Each group has limited availability so reach out early to secure event date/time.

- WWEST – STEM stations availability for carnivals and PAC family events in the spring. Contact kaleigh.marks@ubc.ca<mailto:kaleigh.marks@ubc.ca> to check availability
- GeeringUP UBC-O – Jennifer Garner jen.garner@ubc.ca<mailto:jen.garner@ubc.ca>
- Let's Talk Science - <https://letstalkscience.ca/outreach/ubcokanagan>

Subject: Inflatables/Bouncy Castles at your Schools

From Technical Safety BC <https://www.technicalsafetybc.ca/>

As "Fun Fair" season is upon us, please note that all inflatables set-up in a public setting (private homes are exempt) **need to have an operating permit and be set up by a licensed contractor**. While these inflatables can be a delight for children, they also come with some risk. Inflatable bouncy castles/houses are considered amusement rides/devices and are regulated in BC. If you or your PAC are renting an inflatable for a school event, please check Technical Safety BC's website to ensure that the company you are renting from has a permit.

Find a Licensed Contractor Tool [HERE](#)

Permit Lookup Tool [HERE](#)

Bouncy Castle Safety for Kids [HERE](#)

10. PAC 360

John Reaver is new district Superintendent - heard all positive things about him.

11. ADJOURNMENT\

Adjournment at 7:45