



Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council 2024-25 Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, May 26, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Glenmore Elementary School

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

Call to order at 6:30

Introduction of the people attending - 16 people

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

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**

Motion to adopt by Vivian King, seconded by Jenna

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion to adopt by Kellie Garcia, seconded by Alex Vigue

Adoption of minutes from 2024 AGM (attached)

5. **ELECTION OF 2025-2026 PAC EXECUTIVE** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

- **President** (former president Melissa Tische)
 - Kellie Garcia nominates Alex Vigue, Seconded by Roni Pullen



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- **Vice President** - Meghan Muhle willing to stay on for second year
 - Kellie Garcia nominates Meghan Muhle, seconded by Vivian King
- **Treasurer** - Kellie Garcia willing to stay on for second year
 - Meghan Muhle nominates Kellie Garcia, seconded by Roni Pullen
- **Secretary** - Roni Pullen willing to stay on for second year
 - Kellie Garcia nominates Roni Pullen, seconded by Mandy Holterhus
- **COPAC Rep** - Alyssa Fulkerson just recently stepped into role
 - Kellie Garcia nominates Alyssa Fulkerson, seconded by Vivian King
- **Members at Large**
 - Josh Peters nominates himself, seconded by Kellie Garcia
 - Paulyn Chua nominates herself, seconded by Meghan Muhle
 - Mandy Holterhus nominates herself, seconded by Roni Pullen

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

Events happening at the school: VR headsets in the Library, Battle of the Books, Track and Field, gymnastics, hip hop

GME chose the district level qualifying students to head to the district meet on June 5, Long jump selection happened at Watson Road

Discussion around why the sand pits were removed. District reason is the attraction of cats or other dangers like needles. GME is not the only school to have the sandpits removed. Schools have tried to advocate that sandpits should be back in so they are available for the track and field season. PAC executives offered to write a letter to the district. COPAC would be interested in knowing that amenities are being taken away, they can advocate for schools.

In the coming weeks grade 3 swim program, grade 5 bike program, school wide Jump Rope for Heart is beginning.

Brady received positive responses about the school dance, so thank you to the dance committee!

Grade 6 Fundraiser at various restaurants offering the 'Grizzly Combo' running Friday, May 30 to June 2. Proceeds support the grade 6 celebration events!



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Next year 653 students registered - 28 divisions, 28 classes.. Only three French Kindergarten classes - generally alternate between three french kindergarten classes one year, then four the following year. Registration was and always is crazy - timestamps of 7:01:17 was the cut off for getting in.

Not returning teachers: Richardson, Kause, Normandeau, and others

Returning teachers: Harris, possibly others

ELFF Night was a success, Kindergarten orientation will be on Wednesday, June 4 at 12:15 - PAC will have a flyer to hand out at the event.

Outdoor learning space: Garden beds are coming, school has advocated for an outdoor shed, but the district only approved a SEACAN that could work for storage and garden tools. Advocating for amenities that could be replaced.

Suggestion to have the PAC create a prewritten letter that parents could download and send to the Superintendent.

7. **PAC FINANCIAL UPDATE** | Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer

See Financial records

Slush fund is carried over from year to year, but we would like more of the money to be spent so that the slush fund isn't so large.

Munch-a-Lunch is shown in the budget as a lump sum of expenses because it captures all the various fundraisers, lunch, dance, etc. Later Kellie or other Munch-a-lunch admin can pull the summaries to see how the funds are allocated. Kellie does show this separation the cashflow of the financial statements.

One and Done is doing good, raising \$900 so far.

Revisit the sale of the popcorn machine in September.

8. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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

Very smooth year with vendors. A tasting event is planned for June 7 at 2:30 in the gym, vendors will show new and improved food and two vendors are attending, who are going to be on a trial in September. Still working on finding a sushi vendor. Do not sign up to volunteer through Munch-a-Lunch, fun lunch sign up is on the PAC website. Can we remove the volunteer tab from the Munch-a-Lunch website - Alyssa is going to contact Munch-a-lunch directly. Alyssa is putting together a fun lunch info pack for the Kindergarten parent orientation.



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8.2 **Book Swap** | Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Event Co-Lead (no update needed)

8.3 **Footprints Days** (April) | Josh Peters

Success! Prizes were a hit, especially the plants! Josh can take the full-lead next year, ideas to adjust the routes and days.

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

**PAC warning not to use Epic Events Party Rentals for event planning based off of Breanna Snow and Jenny Adrian's experience this year at the school dance and Family Fun Night experience last year.*

Family Fun Night planning is going smoothly. We have a 'Tiny Toy Drive' beginning this week so supply more prizes for the event. Danielle has helped collect so many donations from businesses in the community that we are feeling very prepared as far as prizes go.

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

Year end event was successful. Parents made connections for the concerns, issues, or focus they are struggling or wanting to explore. Wrapup event was for parents to share their success stories. Speaker for the evening discussed digital wellbeing and literacy, tied into the Adolescence show on Netflix. As well as a General Practitioner who presented what they are seeing in their practice. Deepak will be stepping away next year to have a baby.

8.6 **Family Dance Night Committee** | Breanna Snow & Jenny Adrian, Event Co-Leads

Document provided to the PAC email surrounding the planning of the event. Dance made \$2200 even with tickets being \$3/ticket. Deadline was implemented for ticket sales, some parents were very upset about that but it needed to happen and will continue having a deadline for future dances. Pizza made \$700, optional donation on Munch-a-Lunch made \$400. Was able to fundraiser \$1300 with this event! Jenny Adrian will not be a GME next year, therefore not helping this event.

8.7 **Outdoor Movie Committee** | *New Lead - Jenna Jones (thank you!!!)

New lead is Jenna Jones! Movie supplies booked with the vendor. Thinking about using the popcorn machine and renting a cotton candy machine.

8.8 **Family Photos** | * Lead needed

Danielle Noble has agreed to lead this fundraising event for next year.



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9. COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Items

Our Board representative, Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers and Superintendent Kaardal shared updates regarding the more than \$5M budget pressure in our district this year and the ways SD23 staff have recommended we deal with budget challenges. Thankfully we will not see a loss to teaching or CUPE staff. There have been some changes made at the district level but all efforts have been made to maintain service levels across the district. Please share questions or concerns with us anytime.

· We discussed the work COPAC is doing with our provincial partner DPACs on advocacy for increased funding to public education in BC. We are particularly focused on increases to address inflation over the last several years and increased costs of teacher and staff illness. COPAC is signed on to a letter to Premier Eby along with other DPACs. If your PAC would like to send a letter, please connect with Nicola for help on content. We have also included a "backpack" template if any students or families would like to write a letter to the Premier about how underfunding the education system impacts them directly.

· We discussed how PACs can connect with their school Principal to hear about how budget pressures are impacting your school and to collaborate on meeting the pressures in creative ways. Consider your PAC financial support may be best used in a different yet still meaningful way in tighter budget years. We want to make it clear that PACs cannot fund staffing or core operational needs—but they can support a more nuanced approach to easing strain. Please reach out if you would like to discuss.

**It's budget season for SD23 – If you are interested in the budget development discussions, School Board meetings and Board Planning and Finance committee meetings are open to the public. See this link for upcoming meeting agendas.

<https://pub-sd23.escribemeetings.com/?Year=2024>

As it is budget season in SD23, it's a great time to request your school principal share their School level budget with your PAC. There may be opportunities at this time of year to have input on a number of budgetary decisions for your school as well as work in a more collaborative manner to plan your PAC budget for the 25/26 school year in support of school wide goals.

BC Gaming Grant is open now and the deadline is June 30 2025.

Budget impact at GME: tightening up classes to minimize the cost for teachers and other unmentioned things that the PAC can't influence.

COBSS: Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society is now accepting new volunteers.
cobss@shaw.ca



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10. PAC 360

Concerns raised about shows or movies being shown during lunch time. Some parents would like that to stop, administration is planning to remind teachers of having a balance or having students earn a movie or show. Idea to have some classes eat together in the gym or in the fields as a way to provide social interaction and teach students the social balance of eating and chatting without being entertained by a screen. Understanding that the screens do provide calmer behaviour for lunch monitors and teachers coming back to the class. Small mention that at the end of the year, teachers are tired and reaching burnout - giving them grace that this might happen more at the end of the year but most likely hasn't been happening throughout the entire school year.

Concerns raised about access for students in portables to be able to wash their hands. Students have the freedom to go to the main school to wash hands before eating time or can use hand sanitizer. Also, understanding that washing hands is the best option and the effort to go to the main school isn't going to be a choice most students choose to do.

Concern about the risk for noticing choking when only 1 adult for 4 classes during eating time.

Movies and shows with a General rating are allowed to be shown without parent consent. Emails sent out informing parents of a movie or show being shown with a higher rating has an implied consent because parents can then email back and ask for an alternative activity - permission slip forms are not required.

Alpha Schools who use AI to tailor curriculum at the students level. At GME, an online platform called Magic School is popular to develop diverse lesson material for differentiated learning opportunities.

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Is now accepting new volunteers!

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- Must care about students heading to post-secondary
- Must be able to attend **one meeting per month** (lunch provided)
- Help **allocate funds** in the form of bursaries, scholarships, and awards

Join Us! Help us support local graduates!

11. ADJOURNMENT at 8:04