



Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: January 26, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Glenmore Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Alex Vigue, PAC President
 - a. Call to order at 6:30 - everyone introduced themselves, 19 people in attendance
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:** Alex Vigue, PAC President
 - a. 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. Principal's Update:** Brady Ibbetson, GME Principal
 - a. In January 4 new families have joined the school
 - b. Registration for students enrolling for September opens on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7am promptly.
 - c. For the 2026-2027 school year there will be either three or four kindergarten classes- number of classes will depend on registration and district need.
 - d. If your child is transitioning from elementary to middle school you do not need to register for middle school. For GME your child will automatically 'roll over' to Dr. Knox Middle School. HOWEVER - if you have moved out of the KSS catchment during your time at elementary and middle your child will NOT 'roll over' to KSS and you will need to register for the high school in your catchment area.
 - e. Month of Love kickoff assembly on Friday. The school event has been going on for 10 years now. Give up something for the month to give to charity. Students were voting on a charity that we can contribute to but with a recent announcement that a GME student has been diagnosed with Leukemia, Mr. Ibbetson has made the decision that the funds raised during the Month of Love will be contributed to the GoFundMe for this student.
[Fundraiser for Heather O'Connor by Genevieve Bowman : Supporting Tenley During Leukemia Treatment](#)

- f. Mr. Ibbetson has created a Grizzly Council - randomly chosen students from each grade who will be given questions about school life, what they like, what they want more of. There will be a new selection of students each month to have a conversation with.
- g. Student-led conferences coming up - parents are always able to reach out to teachers for one-on-one conferences. Teachers will reach out as well if there is a concern.
- h. Grade 5 students are completing a Middle Years Instrument (MDI)- Looks at health and wellbeing in life, questions about after school activities, what foods they eat, do they feel good about themselves, do they feel connected to one or more adults at school. Schools receive a summary of the data that are not connected to specific students. This survey is for grade 5 and 8 students in the sd23 school district.
- i. The school bus, seen dropping students off and picking up, at GME is for special needs students.
- j. Gymnastics and Parkour will be at GME for one week after Spring Break

4. Guest Speaker

- a. **COBSS Bursary** - Lorraine Miller, Volunteer
- b. cobss.sd23.bc.ca
- c. Bursary', scholarships and awards given out in June for students going to school in September. Over 600 kids will apply, the database will funnel down the students who qualify for each available opportunity.
- d. In 1999 GME started with two awards at \$500 now we are at two awards for \$1000. Lorraine encouraged us to have a discussion about combining the amount in one award for \$2,000.
- e. The criteria is that the students has attended GME, has 73% or higher grade average, possess a good work ethic, healthy lifestyle, good character.
- f. We are invited to be part of the selection process. If you are interested in joining please email gmepac@gmail.com and we will put you in contact with Lorraine Miller.

5. PAC Financial Updates: Kellie Garcia, PAC Treasurer (Away)

- a. A simple overview was given by Alex.
- b. Financial plans are available, please contact gmepac@gmail.com if you have questions.

6. Committee Updates

- a. **Fun Lunch:** Alyssa Fulkerson & Tara Nolan, Co-Leads
 - i. Successful trial with the sushi, it is back and will stay for the year
 - ii. Bugs and cheese recipe was adjusted and have had no further issues.
 - iii. In need of more volunteers - but communication to the community has helped bring in more help. The 'Volunteer' tab on the Munch-a-Lunch website has been disabled - Volunteers can sign up at [Volunteer – Glenmore PAC](#)
 - iv. February orders are closed but March orders are still able to be submitted.
 - v. Alyssa is leaving next year so we are looking for a new volunteer
- b. **Santa's Workshop:** Kath Charlton, Lead
 - i. Kath would like to send out a survey to the community. Meghan will send a mailchimp with the survey.
 - ii. Teacher feedback - Too much donating at the same time with collection for the food bank, book swap, winter clothing drive, and Santa's Workshop all overlapping. Suggestion to run the collection for Santa's Workshop in September and hold the product till the event in December. Same could happen with Book Swap as well - collect in October and hold till even in November.

- iii. The Santa's Workshop provided funds to support three GME families in need with Christmas Hampers
- c. **Footprint Days:** Joshua Peters, Lead
 - i. Footprint Days are planned for the Spring
- d. **Family Dance Committee:** Jay Petch & Jenna Jones, Co-Leads
 - i. May 8, 2026
 - ii. 2 dances - 4:00-5:30, 6:00-7:30
 - iii. Theme: Shine Bright
 - iv. Possibly getting Kernel's for the concession
 - v. Ideas for changing the strategy for pizza pick up. Consider just purchasing on the spot and not pre-ordering or offer prepurchasing for a whole pizza and only selling by the slice in person.
 - vi. DJ "Flying Hawaiian" has been booked.
- e. **Spirit Wear:** Roni Pullen, Lead
 - i. Request to add sweatpants and hats has been completed. Store is ready to order from [Apparel Ordering with B C Sportswear](#)
 - ii. There is a \$5 fundraising cost added to each item.
- f. **Staff, Teacher, Admin Days & Lunch:** Malindi Elmore, Lead
 - i. No Update
- g. **Olympic Grant:** Malindi Elmore, Lead
 - i. No Update
- h. **Family Fun Night:** Meghan Muhle & Roni Pullen, Co-Leads
 - i. Friday, June 5, 5-8pm
 - ii. Ninja/Parkour Obstacle Course has been booked for the event [Mobile Obstacle Course for Schools in Edmonton and Area | Fitset Ninja](#)
 - iii. Through Just 4fun we have booked two bouncy race courses, staff to attend them for the evening, including set up and take down.
 - iv. Suggestion to invite the Aloha food truck - we will consider this but also wanting to be aware of not overlapping on type of food to make it worthwhile for each truck coming.
 - v. Vendor emails being sent out to participate
 - vi. Tiny Toy drive - hoping to run that again this year to use for prizes at the Toy Walk and Fishing Pond.
- i. **Social Media Communication:** Paulyn, Lead
 - i. No Update
- j. **COPAC:** Alyssa Fulkerson, PAC Representative
 - i. Registration is now open for the Free COPAC Parent Education Conference on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, in person at the new Learning Center at Hollywood Road Educational Services. This event is open to all parents and caregivers with students in Central Okanagan Public Schools and is strongly recommended for current PAC executives and those interested in becoming more involved. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided. REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/puGapaaJqBxZ3Nqp8>
 - ii. COPAC Safe Routes to School working group is seeking your input in this survey: Parent Priorities Survey: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9ZyCe1N6Un>

- iii. COPAC Survey input: Input for a SD23 PAC/Principal Guidebook – Monthly PAC Meeting topics & issues to add to the PAC & Principal Guide Book Input for SD23 PAC & Principal Guidebook - Monthly Toolkit for PAC meetings – Fill out form
- iv. **COAPC EXECUTIVE – It’s time to start thinking about joining the COPAC executive for the 2026/2027 School Year. Elections are held at our AGM in May and the call for nominations typically goes out in March. If you are interested in learning about what different roles on our executive look like, please email us!
- v. Note: Enrolment for the upcoming school year opens on February 2nd at 7am, and is open until March 31. <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>
- vi. COPAC Parent Conference Saturday February 28 (9am-3:30pm) in person at the new Learning Center at Hollywood Road Educational Services. Registration is now open! <https://forms.gle/puGapaaJqBxZ3Nqp8>
- vii. Paul Davis will be visiting middle schools in SD23 in January with two opportunities for parent learning sessions. January 19 @KLO & January 20 @CNB 6:30pm-7:40pm. Registration is requested and fliers are attached to this email. The target audience is parents and caregivers of middle school aged children but any parents and caregivers in SD23 are welcome to attend. <https://forms.gle/Vx5kseTFaMBK1j4t6>
- viii. The Science Fair is returning to the Okanagan-Shuswap region. The Okanagan Shuswap Regional STEM Fair will take place on March 10 & 11 at UBC-Okanagan. Visit the website for registration details and deadlines <https://region.youthscience.ca/okanagan-shuswap/>
- ix. Strategic Plan Public Engagement Opportunities (all sessions are 6-9pm) registration required: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fm6MqPyOx0uVb-gXBFfxeD60HbMpeuFKvbApR2YajUBUOTVNSlpCVVNHTkZEUUM4VUhMWTQ5Q0Y4UyQIQCN0PWcu>
- x. There will be a COPAC specific engagement opportunity for PAC Presidents, COPAC Reps and COPAC Executives on January 15 at 6-9pm.
- xi. There will also be five public engagements held in January and February for public consultation. RSS on Jan 22, GESS on Jan 26, MBSS on Feb 5, KSS on Feb 10, and OKM on Feb 17.
- xii. The Kelowna Museum offers opportunities to learn nsylxcən. The next offering is: Learning a Language: nsylxcen for Everyone Level 3 – starting January 20th. <https://www.kelownamuseums.ca/event/learning-a-language-nsylxcen-for-everyone-level-3-4/>
- xiii. REMINDER: The CARE team is seeking community mentors for SD23 students participating in this program. Share this link and/or the attached poster with your community and friends. <https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/care-in-sd23/home>
- xiv. January Health Promoting Schools Newsletter <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/default/files/PDFS/health-promoting-schools-newsletter-jan-2026.pdf>
- xv. -The Outdoor Council of Canada is offering Field Leader Training Certification that may be of interest to parent volunteers and activity leaders: Sunday February 8th & Friday February 13th - <https://outdoorcouncil.ca/event/field-leader-hiking-2/>

- xvi. Read & share the new District Newsletter. It comes out monthly on the last Friday of every month.<https://app.smore.com/n/hwb4g>

7. Fundraising

- a. "One and Done" name change to "Easy Give Fundraiser"
- ## **8. PAC 360: A time for any questions, concerns, feedback, and input.**
- a. Is there a way to access people who would want to volunteer but don't have time to come to a PAC meeting?
 - i. Making the volunteer sign up very specific when inviting
 - ii. At Monday coffee table have a sign up for PAC emails and for volunteering for specific committees
 - iii. Newsletter in backpack that has them sign up for mailchip and directs them to the volunteering page of the PAC website - the less clicks required the better!
 - iv. More reminders the better

9. Adjournment