

Glenwood Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017, 7:00 P.M. – Room 2

Present:

Ariel Boulet, Briana Fraser (Vice-Chair), Gwen Simcoe (Treasurer), Kushla Krishna, Kyndrie Malmquist (Chair), Laura Iwan, Reg LaPlante (Vice-Principal), Stacy Wallwork, Sylvia Baban, Tasha Murray (Secretary).

Meeting Chair: Kyndrie Malmquist

Note-taker: Tasha Murray

I. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Motion to accept agenda as presented (Gwen/Briana; motion approved).

II. Approve Minutes/Agenda

Motion to approve minutes from January 27, 2017 PAC meeting (Gwen/Briana; motion approved).

III. Reports

a) Vice-Principal's Report – Mr. LaPlante

Mr. LaPlante thanked Glenwood Parents for making time in their busy schedules to attend tonight's meeting.

February Review

February was a busy month filled with learning opportunities inside the classroom and out. We had Div. 2 and 3 visit the Fraser River Discovery, Div. 1 and 2 attend the Science Fair at Burnaby South, Div. 5 very excited by the Planetarium's visit to Glenwood's gym, the band participated in a great evening of music and fun at Byrne Creek, and just today Div. 4 had a wonderful experience at the Vancouver Aquarium. Glenwood staff would like to thank the PAC for their financial support of these field experiences and we would also like to thank the many parents who consistently volunteer their time to chaperone.

Basketball season has just wound up, and we would like to thank parent coach Stacey Milne and teacher sponsor Christina Pook. Stacey has also been working with a group of girls during the season building skills and confidence and I'm sure this will result in a girls' basketball team for next year.

We have continued to have various work done to our building. A new PA system is being installed, automatic doors and security fobs are finished, and heating seems to be consistent. We are waiting for the grounds crew to return to repave the part of the playground that was disturbed in order to repair the burst pipe in front of the school.

Staffing

Ms. Judy Tai is working with our Div. 1 and 2 students as well as some ELL students on Mondays and Wednesdays and Ms. Alexa Dredge has taken over from Ms. Veitch as Div. 2's classroom teacher. Ms. Veitch was very appreciative of the kind words and gifts that parents generously arranged for.

School plan

Staff would like to continue with a numeracy goal as the basis of our next school plan. We feel that focussed efforts in this area over the last 3 years are showing results and wish to continue to build on students' achievement. Staff will work together to develop the plan and Mr. LaPlante will continue to report back to the PAC group to share progress.

Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA)

FSA exams have been completed and are being marked this coming weekend. Exams will be returned to schools and then to parents by March 31. FSA exams will take place in the fall starting in the 2017/18 school year.

Student Led Conferences

Staff and students are looking forward to student led conferences on Feb 28 from 2:10 to 5:30PM. Hopefully the notice home provided some useful information in terms of intent and structure.

School Website/Listserve

We will test drive online access to this month's newsletter and PAC newsletter. We will post on our site and e-mail through the list serve and have a small number of hard copies available in the office for pick up. Any notices that go home will be posted on the website as well. Feedback is appreciated on this initiative!

Coast Salish Weaving Project

We will be inviting Mary Hotomanie and a Coast Salish teacher into all of our classrooms sometime after Spring Break to engage in a Coast Salish Weaving Project. Students will learn how to do simple weaving and learn about Coast Salish people pre contact. Once dates are confirmed we will invite parents to be part of the project. Part of the work is based in an interactive SFU website –

<http://www.sfu.museum/time/en/flash/>

Misc.

Kindergarten enrolment at this point is 10, although it is early in the process.

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 28 – Student Led Conferences and Book Fair (2:10 – 5:30 PM)

March 3 – Book Fair ends at 1pm
March 7 – Primary Choir at Edmonds for Primary Days of Music
March 10 – 2nd term Reports home
March 11 – 26 – Spring Break!
April – Track begins
April 14 – Good Friday (no school)
April 17 – Easter Monday (no school)
April 18/19 – Intermediate Choir Festival
April 28 – Talent Show
May 8 – First Aid training Gr. 6 & 7

b) Treasurer's Report –Gwen

The following reports were presented:

- Treasurer's Report January 2017
- Income Statement Jan 31 2017
- Fundraising Report 2016-2017 Jan

Highlights:

- Current cash balance in our bank accounts at January 31, 2017:
 - General Account: \$17,871.17
 - Gaming Account: \$3,032.13
- Fundraising now at \$5,369.60 (forecasted to be at around \$7K at year-end)
- Grade 7 farewell activity has an approx. \$1,571.20 after the hot dog day and snack day fundraising
- Document cameras were purchased at \$830.90

A motion was made to approve payment in full (\$2,111.22) of the invoice for 4 iPads (Gwen/Briana; motion carried).

The quote for an additional park bench for Glenwood's playground came in at \$563.36. It is the same design as the existing benches. (The parents' wish is to put it near the tree at the southwest side of the playground, near the other bench that is in that area.) There is currently \$2,242.00 left in the playground budget, so plenty to cover the cost of this additional bench. The order has been made to the district.

The budgeting process for next fiscal year starts in April. Gwen requests that the school think about a wish list in advance. Reg suggested considering a long-term arts/drama project. Ariel noted there are opportunities to apply for grants for these kinds of projects as well.

c) Vice Chair – Briana

There are a couple of events still remaining this year. Bev is coordinating the staff appreciation luncheon. It is usually done by donation of potluck dishes. There is also the Grade 7 luncheon in June.

d) Chair/Fundraising Report – Kyndrie

There is a movie night planned for March 3 (Trolls). A flyer will be sent home soon.

UPDATE: The final movie night for the year is now planned for April 28th (Sing).

Cobs Bread (Marketing Crossing location) is doing a hot cross buns sale on March 4 with proceeds going to Glenwood if you request it during purchase. More information will come to parents.

UPDATE: Cobs Bread raised \$166 for Glenwood from the sale of hot cross buns on March 4th!

IV. New Business

a) Grade 7 Farewell Activity Update

Some of the activities being proposed need approval of the district Board office. The top suggested activity is a white water rafting tour in Squamish. The cost is \$115/student including activity and transportation. There is enough time to plan other options if this activity isn't approved. There are 13 grade 7s that will attend the activity.

There will be a Fun Snack day on March 1 to continue the fundraising effort.

b) PAC Facebook Page

Communication with parents is always a challenge and a Facebook group was started in January. So far there are 23 active members in the group and it has been a good way to send messages and answer questions about PAC events and other community news. Any Glenwood parent/guardian is welcome to join. The page will be highlighted in an upcoming PAC newsletter.

c) Parent Education

The Glenwood PAC is pleased to present, "The Problem with Discipline", a free parent education evening with Christopher Burt on Wednesday, April 5 from 7-8:30 PM. This will be an opportunity to connect with other parents and learn tips for how to navigate through the challenging world of parenting.

A flyer will be sent to families via the Glenwood listserv and posted at school. Registration will be open to parents/guardians from Glenwood and other surrounding schools in the Burnaby School District. Limited childminding will be available.

Some in attendance thanked the PAC for hosting an evening meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Upcoming PAC dates are as follows:

- March 3 movie night
- April 21 PAC meeting, 9:05AM
- April 28 movie night (updated date)
- May 5 PAC budget meeting for 2017/18 School year, 2:00PM
- May 26 PAC Annual General Meeting, 9:05AM

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