

Gordon Head Middle School
PAC Meeting minutes
December 16th 2015

APPROVED

Present – Brent K, Lisa W, Lesley D, Faye H, Marion G, Carren D, Marla M, Diane McNally,

Meeting called to order at 7.08pm

Approval of prior minutes – The minutes from the November 2015 meeting were approved. A copy of all the latest minutes can be found under the Parent Info section of the GHMS website.

Update on recent events

Our **community campaigns** were a big success this year. The support from all students, staff and parents is greatly appreciated and we were able to put together six wonderful Christmas hampers. The hampers were picked up and delivered by the Saanich Fire Department. This year we were also able to support the SOLID foundation with donations of socks, toiletries, warm clothing, etc. Included in this parcel were 80 homemade hats which were created by someone's special Grandmother. All of these items were delivered to SOLID and will be personally distributed on Christmas Day to people living on the streets. SOLID is a peer run outreach program organised by people who used to be homeless themselves. Our support was greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in learning more - <http://solidvictoria.org/>

The **pancake breakfast** was well supported again this year with lots of family and friends joining in to share the festive season with one another. Thank you to Renata K for her help organising this popular event and to all the parents and staff who stepped up to flip pancakes and wipe down tables afterwards. The left over pancake mix was donated to the Rock Bay shelter.

Upcoming Events

The **staff appreciation lunch** will be held on Friday 5th February and a signup sheet will be circulated early in the new year. We will be looking for cleanup helpers as well as menu items.

Bingo will be held on February 26th and we are looking for someone to assist Marion G in running this great fun event. If you are interested in helping out please email Marion via the PAC email - ghmspac@gmail.com

Anyone with baskets left over from Christmas who would like to donate them for the raffle/silent auction baskets can drop them off at the office.

Spring Fun Day/Games2U event is tentatively booked for 1st June pending checks with Saanich that the building is not already booked by them for community classes.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Thrifty Foods have rectified their error and have credited us back to October. All cards are now working properly so please keep using them (and also the Fairway cards). The Fairway cards continue working all through the summer too.

Treasurers' report

The final invoice for the shipping and handling (\$212) for the track and field equipment has come in and been paid.

Account balances as of 16th December 2015 are –

- a) Gaming - \$11,966 (GHMS still to cash approx. \$7K)
- b) Chequing - \$25,500 (\$10K coming out for hot lunch expenses and Grade 6 First Aid)
- c) GIC - \$9,618.21

By end of the school year, the Gaming and Chequing accounts will expend most funds covering budget line items and costs of hot lunch and other events.

The GIC is due to mature on March 1st 2016 and it was agreed to rollover this money and have it earmarked for the new playground fund. This money highlights that wherever possible money raised is spent on the current students but that some of the fundraising inevitably goes to the development of the school and the benefit of the community and future students. It was felt that this was a fitting use of the money and a good legacy from past families.

Principals Report –

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the community projects – it is great to be part of a school which cares so much. Also a big thank you to the Parents and the PAC who so generously support the school.

A suggestion came in about using the 3D printer to make small items for sale – both to raise funds for more supplies and upgrades but also to give the students opportunities to use the printer to create new designs. It was agreed that this was an idea worth exploring and Mr Kelly agreed to discuss with Mr Bolton how to move this forward.

Dianne McNally, one of the district trustees, attended the meeting and gave an update about the new energy on the board following the changes in administration and new trustees. Piet Langstraat is the new Superintendent for SD61 - <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/superintendents-message/>

**Meeting adjourned – 8.05 pm.
Next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7pm.**