

Gordon Head Middle School
PAC Meeting minutes
February 17th 2016

Present – Brent K, Lisa W, Lesley D, Faye H, Marion G, Bonnie D, Shaylene J

Meeting called to order at 7.10pm

Approval of prior minutes – The minutes from the January 2016 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

Grade 5 Open House was a great success with a good turnout. Thank you to all the parents and students who volunteered on the evening to show people around and answer questions. Our 3D printer and our recycling stations helped impress our visitors as well as the overall positive feeling in the school.

The recent **Staff Appreciation Lunch** was wonderful and much appreciated by all staff. Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the room under Vicky K's expert guidance, provide the food and also wash up afterwards. It was noted that this is a great time of year to hold this event and that it is best not to hold it on a Pro D day.

The **Grade 8 Lambrick Park** visit went really well and proved useful as a general introduction to High school for all students regardless of their high school choice. It helped ease some of the uncertainty over the high school process and answer a lot of questions.

Upcoming Events

Pink Shirt day is coming up on 24th February. Everyone is encouraged to wear a pink shirt to show their support for this anti-bullying campaign.

Bingo will be held on February 26th and all preparations are underway for a great event. Basket donations are coming in and a working party will meet at Marion's house on Tuesday 23rd Feb to build the auction baskets. All helpers are welcome. If you are able to volunteer on the night please fill in the signup sheet.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11CiwAtrRb98mP2uRHUSswfxEWEIMsPA79uyv3puzsS0/edit#gid=1735554878>

The **Scholastic Book Fair** starts on Wednesday 24th February and runs until Tuesday 1st March. Please support this great event. If anyone is able to volunteer then please contact the PAC - ghmpac@gmail.com

The **PAC budget meeting** will be held on Wednesday 30th March at Lesley D's house at 7pm. This will be in place of the March PAC meeting and will focus on preparing a budget for the 2016/7 school year. Anyone interested in attending is very welcome and address details can be found by emailing - ghmspac@gmail.com

Spring Fun Day/Games2U event in combination with Lambrick Park School has been confirmed for Wed 1st June. If any special interest groups/vendors,etc wish to hold an event or run a stall at the Fun Day then please contact Lisa via the PAC - ghmspac@gmail.com

Committee Reports

VCPAC

There are a couple of up and coming conferences that were recently advertised on the VCPAC website - <http://www.vcpac.ca/>

20th Feb – Social Justice Youth Conference – 10am-4pm – Central Middle school

27th Feb – VCPAC Parent Conference – Royal Bay school - \$110 registration but some tickets might be available.

Treasurers' report

Due to illness there is no treasurers' report this month.

Playground Report

The school board have confirmed the location of a potential new playground is suitable and contact has been made with two possible suppliers. They will be sending in 3D drawings and designs that might be suitable for our age range of students and our budget.

Anyone interested in joining the playground committee should contact Andrea via - ghmspac@gmail.com

Principals Report –

Transition is now underway as students from outside our catchment area must apply to transfer in to Gordon Head. With 147 Grade 8 students leaving this year it is expected that the overall school numbers will decrease for next year however we are expecting a strong contingent of Grade 6 pupils for 2016.

All the sports teams are very busy with great support being shown for Volleyball and Swim Club. Rugby and badminton will be starting soon.

Our family of schools concert will be held on March 9th at Lambrick and promises to be a great event.

Thank you to the PAC who have helped to fund the new water station which is now in place in the Grade 6 wing.

New Business

In April we hope to have a joint event with Lambrick, Arbutus and Mount Douglas called Sex, Drugs and Alcohol. This will be held at Lambrick and will be aimed at parents and caregivers. More information will follow soon.

A number of key **PAC positions will be coming vacant** in Sept 2016 as students move on to their new schools. These include – Chair, Co-Chair, Fundraising Coordinator and Secretary. There are also opportunities for Member at Large positions. The PAC plays an important role in fundraising and the school community so please consider supporting your students during their key middle school years. Anyone interested should contact the PAC for more information - ghmspac@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned – 8.05 pm.

Next meeting will be a budget meeting on Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 7pm at Lesley Davenports house.