

**Gordon Head Middle School**  
**PAC Meeting minutes**  
**January 20th 2016**

**Present** – Brent K, Lisa W, Lesley D, Faye H, Marion G, Carren D, Bonnie D, Cecilia V, Sheri Y, Andrea C, K Luchies (Principal of Lambrick Park)

**Meeting called to order at 7.05pm**

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

Kevin Luchies, the Principal of Lambrick Park, attended the meeting to give a brief presentation about Lambrick Park and answer questions from parents. He talked through the transition process which started back in January and will run through February. So far this has included visits to GHMS by the Lambrick Park Vice Principal, the Open House at Lambrick Park and the visit to Lambrick by all the Grade 8s. Still to come are the Accel assessments and the half day visit to Lambrick by the Grade 8 students on 10<sup>th</sup> February. This mini retreat will include lunch, workshops and course selection. All students will attend regardless of which high school they are attending as the day allows valuable discussions about high school in general. Mr Luchies was keen to stress that if anyone has any further questions then they are more than welcome to contact him directly or visit the school in person.

**Update on recent events**

The recent **Art Starts performance** was hoop dancing which was excellent and well received by the students.

**Upcoming Events**

The **GHMS Open House** will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 7pm to 8.30pm. This will be an opportunity for future Grade 6 students to tour the school and attend a welcome presentation in the gym. There will be a PAC information and welcome desk set up in the gathering area to give new parents an opportunity to meet existing parents and ask any important questions. If you are able to volunteer any time to meet and greet new parents then please contact Lisa via the PAC email. – [ghmspac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmspac@gmail.com)

The **staff appreciation lunch** will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and a signup sheet will be circulated shortly. We will be looking for set up/cleanup helpers as well as menu items. This year's decoration theme will be based around literacy.

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

**Bingo** will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> 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 - [ghmpac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmpac@gmail.com)

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

The next **Scholastic Book Fair** is being planned for the end of February – more information to follow.

The **PAC budget meeting** will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - [ghmpac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmpac@gmail.com)

**Spring Fun Day/Games2U event** in combination with Lambrick Park school has been confirmed for Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Fundraising**

Bonnie D has kindly stepped forward to organise the **Save Around book** fundraising campaign when school starts again in September. Entertainment Books will not be sold by GHMS in 2016/17.

#### **Treasurers' report**

Account balances as of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 are –

- a) Gaming – approximately after all expenses \$1,500.00
- b) Chequing - \$17,916.91
- c) GIC - \$9,618.21

Hot lunch is to give us an expected profit of \$10-\$12,000 this year and has been very successful.

The 3D printer is proving very successful. Mr Boulton is hosting a Pro-d session and 10 teachers have signed up from our family of schools. . Grade 8 students are very engaged via their Technology exploratory and there are plans to start a Grade 6 and 7 digital technology club to allow these grades to have access too.

At the moment we are expected to pay about \$300 per year on consumables for it to run which is covered through PAC Exploratory funding. Mr Boulton is looking at creating a business model to fund this expense from the sale of student 3D printer creations.

Recently a project was run that printed 3D gaming dice for role play games that cost 18c to make and were sold at a profit. This enabled us to make a donation to Unicef of \$70.00.

### **Playground Report**

Talks are currently underway with the school facilities department to ensure that the current area being used by the playground is still appropriate as a location in the future when the playground is replaced. This will then enable the playground committee to go forward and contact playground supply companies. Anyone interested in joining the playground committee should contact Andrea via - [ghmspac@gmail.com](mailto:ghmspac@gmail.com)

### **Principals Report –**

The school has also been supporting the **technology improvement** drive with the recent purchase of the Chromebooks with contributions from PAC funds as well as school funds.

An opportunity will be coming up for some Grade 8 students to visit Lambrick Park and take part in the **Spotlight on Trades day**. This will be a 2-day opportunity for keen students who are considering this area as a career path and would like the opportunity to explore more and try it out. There is limited space available.

### **New Business**

A number of key **PAC positions will be coming vacant** in Sept 2016 as students move on to their new schools. These include – Chair, Treasurer, Fundraising coordinator and Secretary. There are always 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](mailto:ghmspac@gmail.com) or [approach an existing committee member](#).

The PAC intends to review the **current constitution and bylaws** before the end of the school year and identify any changes. The current documents are on the GHMS website and were last reviewed in May 2008. A vote will take place in April and then any changes will be forwarded to the BC Corporate Registry.

The **parent orientation recommendations** have been completed and passed to the school administration for review. Most will be integrated into website content. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**Meeting adjourned – 8.05 pm.**  
**Next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7pm.**