

**BGMS PAC General Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2023**

**Attendance:** Jodi S., Amy S., Krista B., Laura H., Kassy P.

**Guests:** Jonathan H., Claire B.

**Call to Order:** 6:33pm

**Land Acknowledgement:** We would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we are gathered on is the traditional and unceded territory of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie & Semiahmoo First Nations.

**Quorum established.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Add "Hot lunch bins" to old business. Motion by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. All in favour.

**Approval of Minutes:** January 7, 2023 BGMS General Meeting - Motion by Jodi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy. All in favour.

**PRINCIPAL'S / VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jonathan Harris & Claire Burns**

- Ms. Burns shared a slideshow of activities that have happened in the last week, noting that the students really love watching this each Monday.
- Respect & Diversity week: morning announcements were done by four students in their family's languages, display in foyer sharing different languages spoken at home by students, each class worked to brainstorm what does respect/diversity/inclusion mean?
- Spirit Week is next week, a different theme each day, see Facebook/Instagram for info
- Class/team/club photo day on Thursday March 9.
- Report cards available on MyEd BC on Friday March 3. P/T conferences next week, sign-ups are available now.

**EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President: Jodi Stiglic**

- A reminder that all parents and students are held to a district-wide code of conduct regarding kindness and respect, this can be found in your child's agenda. PAC Executive is held to a PAC-specific code of conduct as well. A reminder to all parents to keep to this, in school and online in our parent Facebook group.

**Vice President: position remains vacant**

- No report

**Secretary: Valerie Friess (absent)**

- No report

**Treasurer: Amy Synesael**

- Bank balances as of January 31, 2023 - Main: \$9,786.36, Gaming: \$15,908.52
- Gaming account has \$2513.58 that is currently unallocated.
  - Suggestion of new volleyball standards for the gym; Ms Burns shared that a new set of poles would cost between \$2,000-\$4,000 depending on customizations. Mr Birkhiem will get a formal quote. Amy estimates that there will be \$4805.08 total available to put towards new volleyball poles, plus whatever amounts in the gaming budget are not spent at the end of the year.
  - Krista suggested iPad stands for teachers to use in class while teaching. Mr Harris confirmed that several teachers have mentioned this as well.
  - Further discussion is needed.

**DPAC: Jodi-Rae Stiglic**

- Motion brought forward from Noel Booth Elementary PAC, that Langley DPAC writes a letter to the Langley School District requesting clarity and understanding on the following:
  1. Statistical data and report through budget as to how they disperse and/or allocate the funds they receive from the Ministry of Education and Jordan's Principle (if applicable) for students with designations/diagnosis or Neurodiverse Learners to schools within the district to pay for Education Assistants (EAs) and Resource Teachers, including what is moved into contingency funds.
  2. Rationale/criteria as to how many Education Assistants schools will receive based on the number of designations within each school and need of student(s)

**RATIONALE:** We understand from our families at our school and neighbouring schools, that there are many students who are not receiving support by means of Education Assistants and/or Resource Teachers in the classrooms due to lack of funding from the district. The shortage in our classrooms affects the mental health and education of our children and staff. On average we believe there is 1-3 children per class who bring in extra funds with their designations to the school district, yet these funds are not shown in the staffing to support the children and teachers. At our school we have 6 EAs all of which are 1:1 support for medically fragile students; this leaves the estimated 50 children unsupported.

- Note from Mr Harris that while funding comes from the province, the district uses its discretion as to how the funds are allocated.
- All in favour of the motion as presented by Jodi.
- Scholarships: Assistant Superintendent Moino suggested PACs could provide scholarship applications online via Google Forms. Possibly something to look at for next year.

**Fundraising: Cashmere Roder (absent)**

- Purdy's is due March 8, available for pick up at the office on April 3.
- Veronica's Perogies fundraiser is on now, due March 10. Pick up April 6 after school

**Popcorn: Laura Henham**

- Popcorn prices have gone up from \$76.80 to \$84 per case. Harlan's (our supplier) agreed to sell us 10 cases plus one free for the old price. This will get us through the first part of next school year. Laura has gone ahead and ordered this for us.

**Hot Lunch: Jodi Stiglic**

- Debbie and Tanya have stepped down from this role, Jodi will take over for the remainder of the year. Krista offered to help Jodi coordinate as well. Thank you Debbie and Tanya for all of your hard work organizing hot lunches for our kids.

**ERP: Tara Sutherland (absent)**

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Scholarships:** PAC was informed today (application due date) that the link for our scholarship application wasn't working, it has been resent and there will be an extension until April 6th. Krista mentioned for next year to have more inclusive ways to apply i.e. if a student isn't a writer, could they submit a video or power-point instead?
- **Changing name to bank accounts:** no issues with any cheques deposited, will table this until next meeting.
- **Fundraisers:** see Fundraising report above.
- **Hot lunch bins:** PAC Executive discussed pricing and types of bins and it was decided to purchase 10 new bins from Costco for a cost of \$123.09

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Changing meeting day & ideas to increase meeting attendance:** PAC has received some feedback about Tuesday evening meetings not being ideal. Laura mentioned parents possibly feel like they aren't needed in middle school. Less community building for parents in middle school as children gain/need more independence.
  - Ideas: offer babysitting by students, possibly earlier in the day? Draw for hot lunch credit? Admin will really encourage parents at Grade 6 welcome event.
  - PAC meetings are a great way to find out what's going on at school! No pressure to take on any tasks. PAC will create and post a survey re: parent involvement. Will keep March general meeting on Tuesday evening, change to Wednesdays possibly starting April.
- **Changing bank signers:** with two signers stepping down from the PAC Executive, we will need to add a third signer (as per our bylaws). Amy motions to add Cashmere Roder as a signing authority on the Betty Gilbert PAC General and Gaming accounts, Kassy 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour.
  - Motioned by Amy to remove Tanya Gray and Debbie Ion as signing authority on the Betty Gilbert PAC General and Gaming accounts, Jodi 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favour.
- **Dance:** Several parents have indicated that they wish for BGMS to have a dance for students. Mr Harris shared that many schools are stopping dances due to unfortunate situations arising (i.e. drugs, vaping, fights, etc). There are financial considerations, as well as staffing considerations (staff may not want to stay late to help supervise). Admin

are willing to have a discussion **if there are parents who are willing to take it on**, making sure it's safe for kids.

- Grade 8 Farewell dance is in the works during school hours after the Farewell ceremony. PAC has a budget line of \$1000 for Grade 8 Farewell. Mrs McDonald has asked for an additional \$1000 to include a charter bus to Playland. Kassy motioned to increase the gaming budget for the Grade 8 Farewell to \$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura. All in favour.

**MOTIONS:**

- None

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6:30 pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:04 pm