

**Betty Gilbert Middle School Parent Advisory Council - Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm - School Library**

**Call to order at 6:34 pm by Jodi Stiglic**

**Attendees:** Laura Wheway, Amy Synesael, Valerie Friess, Adeana Zappone, Christine Storey, Tiffany Harrison, Allie Brush, Nicole Chadwick, Jodi Stiglic, Mindy Guthrie, Claire Burns

**Welcome & Introductions**

We acknowledge that Betty Gilbert resides on the traditional, unceded territory of the Matsqui First Nations.

**Established Quorum**

**Approval of September 2024 Agenda**

Motioned by Valerie, seconded by Allie. All in favour, none opposed.

**Approval of June 2024 Minutes**

Motioned by Valerie, seconded by Adeana. All in favour, none opposed.

**Principal / Administration report**

- Transition for Grade 6's - great start to the year with the help of Grade 8 WEB leaders!
- House Teams (Eagles, Owls, Hawks, Falcons) - Raptor Rapport meetings happen on Thursdays
- Jon Hansen presentation - reminded students "you are worth it!" encouraging students to focus on their positive qualities.
- Terry Fox run happened last week and BGMS raised \$2026.95 for cancer research
- Clubs and sports teams are starting up - Reading Club, Pokemon Club, Choir, etc.
- Food programs starting up - breakfast and lunch. Breakfast Club is drop in and open at 8:15 am.
- This week is a focus on Truth and Reconciliation with class discussions and Orange Shirt Day on Friday. BGMS parent Melissa Epp will be drumming at an assembly, and will lead a march of the entire school through the nearby area. This will be a visible representation of the reflection and work that's being done this week at our school.
- Thank you PAC for popping popcorn for every student at our school - for free!
- Volunteering - For any volunteers working regularly with students, SD35 now requires a criminal record check, questionnaire, and a 30 minute video to be watched. This includes parent volunteers driving for sports teams. Record check should take about 15 minutes at Murrayville RCMP detachment.
- Jodi mentioned that parents are wanting to come and watch events such as Terry Fox. Mrs Burns noted the school is trying to find a balance between closed school community events, and parent involved events. Consideration goes to size of gym, desire for kids to have their parents there, etc.
- Reminder BGMS is nut and scent aware

**Executive & Committee Reports**

**President - Jodi Stiglic**

- Excited for new start to the year; popcorn day for all students (free!) went really well.

**Vice-President - Laura Wheway**

- no report

**Treasurer - Amy Synesael**

- bank balances at end of August 2024 (Main account: \$10,562.76; Gaming account: \$3,294.54)

- Last year fundraising brought in around \$9200, this includes all hot lunch, popcorn, etc.
- Re: Main budget - under budget last year overall. We spent lots of our money last year which is great, but it left us with less carry over than anticipated (\$1500 less). This will need to be adjusted so we do not overspend this year. Amy suggested re-allocating the \$3500 budgeted for the Climbing Web, as the district is now paying for this.
- Re: Gaming budget - spent \$10,898 last year, with ~\$3300 carried over. This is \$1400 less than expected. Amy suggested decreasing the gaming budget by \$1500 from our Indoor/Outdoor Enhancement budget, as this was increased last year also for the Climbing Web. Amy motioned to reduce gaming budget by \$1500, Laura seconded. All in favour, none opposed.

**Secretary - April Levine (absent)**

- no report

**DPAC Rep - April Levine (absent)**

- no report

**Members-At-Large - Allie Brush, Adeana Zappone, Nicole Chadwick**

- no reports

**Hot Lunch Coordinator - Laura Wheway**

- upcoming vendors McDonalds, A&W, Subway, Panago - will be available on Munchalunch soon

**Popcorn Coordinators - Tiffany Harrison & Allie Brush**

- some discussion about the size of popcorn bags used. Considering using smaller bags for cheaper, or large bags 2/3 full and taped closed. This is preferable to keep messes off the floor and brand new turf fields. Will keep price at \$2 due to food prices increasing.

**Scholarship Coordinator - Valerie Friess & Allie Brush**

- no report

**Bylaws Committee**

- Thank you Jodi and Laura for stepping up to be on this committee. We are looking for at least one more person to take a look at our PAC Constitution & Bylaws and help determine if there are any changes that need to be made. Please contact bgms.pac@gmail.com if interested!

**Fundraiser Coordinator - vacant**

- While we have no formal coordinator, Jodi will organize Purdys and Neufelds fundraisers, and April has set up the Great Little Coupon Book fundraiser. All orders, payment, and unsold books need to be returned to school by Wednesday October 9.

**Dance Committee**

- Jodi Stiglic, Tiffany Harrison, Melissa Epp, Laura Wheway, Christine Storey will be on the committee (more help is always welcomed!). DJ is lined up already. Planned for January and May, dates TBD. Committee meeting to be scheduled.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- Parking Lot Procedures: what are they? People are driving onto the sidewalks, despite pylons. Parents are dropping kids off at various different areas in the parking lot, doing u-turns in the school zone, etc. Claire and Mindy will bring this forward for further clarification and possible solutions.

- Funding request from Ms McArthur: Grade 7 Wild Robot field trip. Asking for help from PAC in any way possible. It costs \$1100 for 4 buses. Estimated \$2650 for the entire field trip, ~\$17/student. Suggestion to use already allocated \$1200 bus money for this now and see where we stand in spring. Amy will follow up with Ms McArthur.

Funding requests from Ms Lauman: would like \$90 for incentives and rewards for Reading Raptors Club. PAC approved, this will come from our Clubs budget line in our Gaming budget. Would also like \$500 for Book Fairy literacy initiative, to sneak new books into classrooms overnight from the "Book Fairy". PAC discussed. Laura motioned to add budget line of \$500 for Book Fairy, Nicole second. All in favour, none opposed.

**Next Meeting date: October 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Adjourned by Jodi Stiglic at 8:02 pm**