

# École Golden Ears Elementary School

## PAC Meeting Minutes

*Thursday, October 19, 2023 | Hybrid: Zoom & In-Person*

- Call to order at 6:35PM
- Attendance: Erin, Hazel, Nicole L, Rani, Emily, Jen, Jenny, Hannah, Mursal, Natalie, Morgan, Ms.Brandon, lysha, Nicole N
- Acknowledgement and Welcome
- PAC executives and attending parents' introductions
- Approval of previous meeting minutes: Jen and Morgan
- DPAC updates
  - Best Buy technology grant available – PAC is looking into applying
  - Technology in school: district is looking into possibly funding iPad for schools – more info to come
  - Note: gaming grant referred to as PAC grant moving forward
  - District food program (FFSFPP): universal lunch program twice a week at three schools as a pilot program
  - Breakfast program uses the same funding (FFSFPP) – GE offers breakfast club
  - Shortage of teachers in our district – district is working on it
  - Washroom uncleanliness at schools has been brought up to the district – janitors currently not on-site during school time due to budget restrictions
- BUDGET ITEMS
  - Halloween dance: proposed budget approved
  - Fall market: \$ proposed budget approved, PAC will approach Tim Horton to donate coffee and hot chocolate
  - Jenny and Jen will do food safe certificate – paid by PAC
  - General account will pay out class funds \$150 per division, \$4,200 total for 28 divisions – all in favour
  - Pancake breakfast on December 6<sup>th</sup> – non profit, PAC will fund – proposed budget approved
  - Movie license: should still be valid from last year, PAC to check
  - Holiday re-gift event by parent donations – more info to come, ask parents to donate household items in giftable condition, class by class kids “shop” for a gift for a parent in their life and PAC will help wrap the gift, December 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, PAC will also look into donations for wrapping paper – proposed budget approved
  - Grade 7<sup>th</sup> year books – PAC will cover the cost of yearbooks - all in favour
  - PAC grant items:
    - \$10,000 for school/sport equipment (possibly also getting yoga mats and cart) – PE teacher is working on finding suitable items

- School is looking into getting a better sound system: look into Best Buy grant
- School is requesting funding for pop up tents – all in favour of getting quotes
- Outdoor learning space – PAC to set aside \$10,000 – all in favour
- Table cloth with the school logo and banner (school spirit items) – PAC will look into the cost and funding
- PAC to cover cost of washer and dryer installation of not covered by grants
- FUNDRAISER(S):
  - Tickets for January 26<sup>th</sup> Giants game – will be on munch a lunch for order in the next two weeks, January 12<sup>th</sup> deadline to order tickets
  - Tissue drive: bring in tissue a box as donation, kids will get a raffle ticket which will go into a price draw – more info to come
  - Paint night went well, another paint night in the works for December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - A teacher recommended a Spice Age fundraiser – PAC looking into it
  - Meridian Meats is open – few orders so far
- HOT LUNCH:
  - First hot lunch went okay-ish (some delivery challenges)
  - Keep it at one a month for now
  - Donation option was successful, funds are used for students' whose families are not able to afford hot lunch
- TREASURERS REPORT:
  - PAC grant was approved for past school year, funds were deposited in October
  - Currently no cheque book for the general account: cost about \$120 – all in favour of getting a cheque book (Emily will look into a free option at RBC)
  - BC PAC association fees are covered by the district this year
- Ms. Brandon: Principal's Report
  - Big thank you for the teacher appreciation on World Teacher Day
  - School growth planning day October 2<sup>nd</sup>, (two main focuses: sense of belonging in community & literacy), draft plan will be shared with the community by the school – more info to come
  - STARS (school character development approach) is possibly being discontinued, school is looking into establishing grandfather teachings a the new approach
  - PE equipment from PAC funding will be purchased
  - Photo days went well, parent helpers were appreciated
  - Field trips to the pumping patch for some classes
  - Dan the recycling man has been in the school
  - Cross country upcoming
  - Triple ball team: kids enjoy learning the sport
  - Arts starts performance on October 24<sup>th</sup>

- Halloween is coming soon, haunted library and parade, please make sure your child has an appropriate costume
- Remembrance Day coming up – school wide assembly (due to capacity limits parents are not able to join)
- New portable is almost ready, only city inspection is needed
- Next meeting: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30Pm, hybrid
- Meeting ended: 8:07PM