

Ecole Golden Ears Elementary School

January PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2025 - 6:30PM | Hybrid Meeting - Zoom & In Person

- Attendance: Jenny M, Jen D, Helen R, Jane T, Nicole N, Laura B, Jodi C, Mursal C (via zoom)
- Welcome & Land Acknowledgments
- Previous minutes approved by JM and JD
- **Fundraising**
 - Valentines cookies from Lexi's treats being handed out on February 13th; ordering still open on Munch a Lunch
 - Krispy Kreme donuts being delivered on the Friday before spring break; ordering still open on Munch a Lunch
 - With the funds we have raised, we were able to install a communication board in the courtyard. Our sensory room also received some upgrades, as well as Miss Jamie got a few new items.
- **Events**
 - PAC is looking into arranging a Yoga night for parents/guardians to attend. It will be paid for by PAC and parents can attend free of charge. Jenny to get in touch with counselor Jen S as she is a yoga instructor.
 - Planning a paint night, possibly for adult and child for February
 - Jen D and Laura B are in talks about a potential multicultural spring market
- **Financials**
 - So far we have broken even on expenses and revenue
 - **Requests for funds:**
 - Jen S has requested funds for some books to assist in her body science presentations: total, less than \$40 for 2 books. All in favor.
 - Field trip funds: teachers have requested funds to help with the cost of field trips and bus expenses: tabled. Execs need to attempt to come up with a fair and equitable plan.
- **Hot Lunch Update**
 - Nothing new to report. Our upcoming hot lunches are available for order on Munch a Lunch.
- **PAC Bylaws**

- First meeting was scheduled for January 28th at 6:00pm. Laura to send out volunteer form on parent portal (to gauge if parents are interested in joining the committee)
- **DPAC Update**
 - Nothing new, meeting on January 23rd
- **Principal's Report**
 - Pancake breakfast was a success, went very smooth, classes grabbed and went
 - Blue Monday was observed; staff chatted about things they do when they're feeling sad. The message was that it is important to normalize emotions and remove the stigma of asking for help
 - Black excellence day is approaching; it is important to celebrate the contributions of black Canadians and it is a good kick-off to black history month
 - On Tuesday January 28th at 1:00pm, the container containing our earthquake supplies is scheduled to be cleaned out and replenished (items to be purchased by PAC)
 - Serena Kozak's last day is set for January 31st. Her contributions have been much appreciated. Angela Downey will be joining the office staff on February 3rd.
 - School growth plans have been approved. The goals remain similar, focusing on literacy and belonging. Literacy: primaries still working with Ufli program; intermediates focusing on decoding non-fiction. Belonging: each month's assembly will focus on grandfather teachings. When students are recognized for upholding the values of one of the teachings, they receive an eagle's feather to colour and hang up.
 - Term 2 conferences are coming up. Schedule to be released by teaches mid-February
 - Photo Expressions was talking about booking again for next year; mostly good feedback was received from this year's portraits
 - Field-trip processes: staff has streamlined the process of volunteering for field trips with forms etc. Forms MUST be submitted at least one week prior to the field trip date.
 - Morning office visits: parents are requested to please not come to ask questions or make requests until at least 8:45am as the office staff is very busy until that time
- Meeting adjourned 7:49pm. Minutes taken by JM.