



Golden Ears Elementary PAC Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Attendance

- School District - Laura B (Principal), Kristen P (Vice Principal)
- PAC Exec: Helen R, Jenny M, Hannah N, Natalie W, Mursal C
- PAC Members: Nicole N, Jane T, Caitlin A, Patrick D, Charlie U

Welcome and introductions

Land Acknowledgement (Laura B)

Approval of previous minutes

1. Recently completed fundraisers and events:
 - a. West Coast Seeds - January 8 to February 11
 - b. Home Alone Course - January 16
 - c. Heart Cookie fundraiser - February 13
2. Upcoming fundraisers and events:
 - a. Movie Night - The Super Mario Bros Movie - February 28 - Note: CASH only sales for the concession
 - b. Parents Night Out - March 7 (**sign up here** <https://momence.com/s/111001499>)
 - c. Krispy Kreme Donuts - March 14
 - d. Spring Hot Lunch
 - e. Parent Yoga Night - March 10 (Time is TBC)
 - f. Popcorn Day - May
 - g. Freezie Day - June
 - h. Fun Day will be changed due to restrictions on space, etc - inflatable funds have been redirected to Field Trip Funds instead but PAC to discuss participation in other ways such as providing a treat for students, etc
 - Parent suggestion for fundraiser: Mitchell's Soup Company
3. Finances
 - a. Recently purchased earthquake supplies and clothing racks for the Community Free Store
 - b. Account balances:
 - i. General - \$31,687.33

- ii. Gaming Account - \$18,751.49
 - iii. Term Deposit - \$25,000.00
 - iv. Term Deposit - \$50,000.00
 - c. Field Trip funds - PAC is providing up to \$200 per teacher from the Gaming Grant for use towards field trip costs
 - i. Teachers need to submit requests by March 1
 - ii. Have received nine requests to date
 - iii. Funds can be used towards transportation, subsidize admission fees, etc.
 - iv. Pilot to determine how well this system works for teachers and PAC to utilize the Gaming Grant funds
 - d. Gaming Grant applications will be changing starting next year to be associated with a Business - PAC will seek more information and clarification
 - e. Square Payments Transactions - due to a change in Square Payment's rules PAC is halting use of Square to process debit/credit transactions at events until further information from DPAC
 - i. Effectively immediately concession sales at events will be CASH only
 - f. Grade 7 Yearbooks - PAC had budgeted \$800 for yearbooks based on the 2023/24 school year but it has been flagged that does not cover the full cost
 - i. **Moved/Seconded**
THAT the Yearbook budget for 2024/25 be increased from \$800 to \$1500
CARRIED (yay 8; nay 0)
4. Hot Lunch
- a. Pizza Pizza went okay but took multiple deliveries to get all the orders - have not heard any complaints
 - b. Working on Spring Hot Lunch dates and meal options
 - c. **PAC is seeking a two Hot Lunch Coordinators for the 2025/26 school year**
 - i. Ideally will be available to train with Jenny M in May/June so ready to go for September
 - ii. At least one coordinator needs to be on site for each Hot Lunch date which is why two coordinators would be ideal
 - iii. Responsibilities includes setting up Hot Lunch for ordering on Munch-A-Lunch
5. PAC Bylaws - looking to provide updates to parents in April so they are ready prior to elections in May
- a. Notice for meetings will be sent out on the Parent Portal and Social Media (FB <https://www.facebook.com/goldenearselementarypac/> and Insta <https://www.instagram.com/parentsofgoldenearselementary/>)

6. PAC Elections will be held on May 13

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Golden Ears Elementary PAC AGM and Elections will be moved from June to May 13

CARRIED (yay 7; nay 0)

7. DPAC

- a. DPAC is working on amendments for their constitution and bylaws
- b. DPAC has discussed the Ombudsperson Investigation and will be sending out information on their Social Media regarding the exclusion investigation into BC Schools
 - i. <https://bcombudsperson.ca/school-exclusion>
- c. School insurance policy - moving forward PACs need to ensure the School District Volunteer form is completed for all volunteers including for PAC events
 - i. GEE PAC will ask parent volunteers if their forms are filled out prior to events
 - ii. The Volunteer Form can be found online:
<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/New-SD42-Volunteer-Application.pdf>

8. Principals Report

- a. Thanked PAC for Popcorn Day on February 6
- b. Celebrated Black History Month - teachers provided age-appropriate activities on the contributions of Black Canadians
- c. Lunar New Year celebration - the school enjoyed celebrating on January 29
- d. Love Your Library Day - February 13 - held a poster contest and have them displayed in the library
- e. Ramadan begins sundown of Feb. 28 - the school will have alternate spaces available at recess/lunch for students who are fasting to utilize
 - i. Suggested PAC could maybe have a special treat day following the end of Ramadan (last day of fasting is March 30)
- f. New school secretary - Andrea Dowling
- g. School had two basketball teams running - boys had last game on Monday, girls have last game on Friday
- h. A number of field trips this month - skating, high school drama events, ski trip on Friday to Cypress
- i. Have had a number of presenters including Dan the Garbage Man and O.W.L
- j. Last week 25 LFI students, teacher and administration went on a cultural trip to Quebec
 - i. Have opened registration for next year's trip for the French Immersion classes
- k. The artist Jason Craft came to the school on February 22 to repair the mural in the school entrance

- I. Will be hosting two Art Starts performances - one for primary and one for intermediate - as the school cannot host all the classes in the gymnasium for one performance
 - i. Previously PAC agreed to cover the cost of the second performance; PAC confirmed covering the cost and Laura will forward the cost information
 - m. Ready Set Kinder will be May 22 - PAC welcome to have a table set-up again

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 11 - 6:30pm
- Wednesday, April 16 - time TBC
- Tuesday, May 13 - **AGM and Elections** - 6:30pm (in person and Zoom)
- Tuesday, June 10 - 6:30pm (in person and Zoom)

Adjourned 7:59pm