**Garibaldi Senior Secondary Parent Advisory Committee**  
**APPROVED Minutes**  
*Wednesday November 13th, 2019*  
*6:00 pm Garibaldi Library*

In Attendance:  
**Executive Members: PAC Members:**  
Chair – Sandra Acutt Lori S.   
Vice Chair – currently vacant Pascale S.  
Treasurer – Thea Skorbinski Student Guest: Nicole Skorbinski  
Secretary – Jodi Murphy   
DPAC Rep – Jodi Murphy **School Staff:** Principal – Ian Liversidge

Vice Principal – Colin Sharpe

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order** at 6:02 pm - Chairperson  
o Acknowledgment to the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nations

• Approval of Agenda  
**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Agenda for November be approved as distributed.  
**CARRIED**  
  
• Approval of Minutes

**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Minutes from the last meeting (September 11th, 2019) be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
September’s minutes entered into the record.

• Approval of Special Meeting Minutes

**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the Minutes from the Special Meeting to disburse Gaming Grant (November 5th, 2019) be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Special Meeting/Disbursement of Gaming Grant’s minutes entered into the record.

**2. Presentation regarding MYP (Middle Years Program) -- Helen K. and Assunta B.**

• GSS’s second year into the program (grade 8s MYP for all eight subjects, grade 9s for six core

subjects and next school year, grades 8, 9 and 10 will all be involved)

• same BC Curriculum but unique MYP assessment and inquiry-based framework for learning

(based around collaboration); descriptive feedback on assignments and report cards now,

with the use of rubrics (uses numbers 1 – 8, with most students falling in the 3/4/5 range)

• MYP assessment rubrics are standard-based assessments that are in-line with the current Ministry

of Education assessments; handed out at Student Led Conferences

• information regarding IB Program and MYP rubrics are on school website (password: gssparent)

• all units taught are linked to global context

• at end of grade 10, students complete a ‘personal inquiry project’ to show learning (work with a

teacher supervisor); a springboard to CAPSTONE (grade 12 final project that is required

for graduation)

• continual IB training—five teachers last year and six this year attended specific program training

• a similar reporting presentation will be offered at GSS in December—all parents welcome

**Presentation regarding Science at GSS – Assunta B. and Helen K.**

• Junior Science (grades 8/9/10): 1. Design labs using Scientific Method

2. Reflect on impact of Science

3. Knowledge & Understanding of Science(core competencies)

• Senior Science (grade 11)…must complete one grade 11 Senior Science course to graduate;

Biology now referred to as ‘Life Sciences’

• Senior Science (grade 12)…Human Anatomy and Physiology, for example;

Environmental Science is a new addition

• many Clubs and field trips involving and offered to Science classes: Green Group, Playland,

Vancouver Aquarium, Capilano University, Green Brick (in-school field trip

regarding engineering) and Operation Wallacea—Mexico (June/July 2020), to name a few

• working as a SCIENTIST is the primary focus for all GSS Science courses

**3. Principal’s Report – Ian Liversidge**  
o Since September’s meeting:

* staffing (Science) Maternity Leave open
* Band Position will transition soon
* Link Crew – ongoing
* Orange Shirt Day – ABED
* Student Leadership Retreat at Loon Lake
* Grade 8 parent evening – solid attendance
* Grade 8 Hike and Scarf Presentation/Link Crew Student Leadership (Training from GSS staff)
* start-up for Strong Start Program  - well attended though decrease in numbers due to the new

school opening with a Strong Start as well

* Band, WIZ! and Athletics season all have ramped up and or transitioned into season 2
* Collab Day use for MYP Implementation and At Risk Student meetings
* School Teams progress  – an instructional leadership group in the school, changing practice
* SD 42 Inquiry Participants  - Reflective Pro D, individual
* SPED Dating…connection between Support staff and classroom teachers in conversation for

student support

* Halloween Dance/Fund Night - Student Leadership
* 2 outdoor Club events – planned…weather challenges Joffrey Lake and Elphin lake (overnight);

more trips in the future

* 20 SFU Student Teachers in to see IB/GSS; Student Teachers from UFV (2), SFU (2) & UBC (2)
* new CLC up and moving forward
* Terry Fox Run as a full school event
* EA practicum students from Douglas College
* UBC presentation to students/families in GSS library
* Remembrance Day Ceremony well received
* ShakeOut BC – Earthquake Drill
* hosted Federal Election
* WE Day event…November 19th, 2019
* Student Led Conferences
* PAC “spending” distributed
* NY field trip in planning
* Mexico – Wallace field trip in Planning
* more Clubs added:

https://secondary.sd42.ca/gss/clubs/

o Coming Soon:

**•** report card distribution third week in December  – electronic only

**4. Treasurer’s Report – Thea Skorbinski**  
**Currently:**o Chequing $1 988.18  
o Gaming $21 398.98  
o Thea looking into where chequing (general) account money came from (will need to pay $75.00 to

BCCPAC from this account)

o PAC banking has now changed to Westminster Savings (same as school); can e-transfer and perform

direct deposits

o as there is $3.72 left in the contingency fund following the disbursement of the Gaming Grant, the

$1.50 service charge each month will come from the Chequing Account

**5. DPAC Report – Jodi Murphy**  
o **September’s meeting was at Webster’s Corners Elementary**o Superintendent’s Report  
 ▪ 250-300 new students in the district; enough for a new school every couple of years  
 ▪ Sept 25 was the official opening day for c̓ əsqənelə Elementary School  
 ▪ Sept 30 was Orange Shirt Day  
 ▪ c̓ əsqənelə will have Open House on Oct 15  
 ▪ Great ShakeOut on Oct 17; all elementary schools are participating.  
 ▪ new School Safety Notification System  
 • changes made to make the “lockdown” term more specific  
 • signs may be posted on the locked front doors telling parents to go home  
 ▪ there are currently four schools with Acting Principals  
o Trustee Report  
 ▪ Terry Fox Run – schools in SD42 raise approximately $35 000 a year for cancer research  
 ▪ SD42 has won international awards for budget documents  
o MRTA  
 ▪ spoke about the opening of c̓ əsqənelə  
 ▪ Local District Bargaining is complete; still waiting for provincial bargaining to be complete  
o CUPE 703  
 ▪ asked that PACs ensure that cardboard boxes are broken down for recycling and not to leave items

beside the bins  
o Canadian Parents for French  
 ▪ Approximately 1400 students are in French immersion in SD42  
o Student Voice  
 ▪ group of students; they haven’t started yet, but they do present to DPAC  
o Education Advisory Committee  
 ▪ meet a couple of times a year; DPAC sits on that committee  
o BCEDAccess Advocacy Conference  
 ▪ later in October; 4 parents representing SD42 DPAC will be at the conference  
o BCCPAC AGM  
 ▪ coming up – workshops including social emotional skills and information being brought back

to PACs  
o DPAC asking for input on any presentations for parents  
o DPAC 2018/2019 Year End Report  
 ▪ Teaching people about PAC101  
 ▪ Presentations on:  
 • Social Media  
 • Social Justice  
 • Rotary Club  
 • Treasurer Info  
 • Assessment Reporting Process  
 • Grade 8 Registration  
 • Kiwanis Funds  
 • Constitution & Bylaws  
 • Fire Prevention & Emergency Programs  
 • SEL (Social and Emotional Learning)  
 ▪ DPAC went to the BCCPAC Summit  
 ▪ Jodi will pass on any information to DPAC that is of interest/concern to GSS PAC  
o many new members at DPAC  
o noted that it is not necessary to have a motion to adjourn a meeting if all agenda items have been met

▪ Next meeting is at Albion Elementary on Oct 24th, 2019 – Emergency Preparedness Presentation

• Motion made to extend the meeting up to half-an-hour  
**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT the meeting be extended up until 7:45 (half-an-hour from now).  
**CARRIED**

**▪ October DPAC meeting was at Albion Elementary**o Albion has gone down six divisions as a result of the opening of c̓ əsqənelə Elementary School  
o in future, these minutes will include a link or attachment of the latest DPAC minutes, but the minutes

were not available at this time  
o Emergency Preparedness Presenter – Pitt Meadows Emergency Coordinator  
 ▪ lots of information handed out (photocopied for PAC as well)  
 ▪ disasters can also include floods, fires, extended power outages, etc.  
o Superintendent’s Report  
 ▪ Emergency Student Release Drills will be conducted annually  
 ▪ Secondary Schools will be included in future drills  
 ▪ new Centre for youth mental health and addictions will soon be available in the old

Frogstone Grill building; Youth Wellness Centre/Foundry Ridge Meadows  
 ▪ Vaping legislation is in the works

▪ 5.4 million dollars in guaranteed funding from the province will be for the construction of a

new school in east Albion  
o Trustee Report – Korleen Carreras  
 ▪ State of Education Report: Supporting All Learners – the Superintendent’s annual report;

available online at:

https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2018-2019-Supporting-AllLearners-web.pdf  
o MRTA Report – no representative present  
o CUPE 703  
 • Jason Franklin is the new president  
 • CUPE reps will be attending future DPAC meetings as much as possible and will rotate

through their Executive to introduce themselves to DPAC  
 • CUPE concern: applies more to secondary schools, but there are often students in the schools

who are unattended in the evenings and custodians are not always aware of who is in

the school; can be a safety concern for both students and staff  
o Youth Planning Council  
 • working on a new safehouse to replace the old Iron Horse  
o SD42 DPAC  
 • Executive Position – Communications Officer remains vacant  
 • Fall Advocacy Conference (attended in October) – focused on supporting children with

special needs; various workshops, with report pending  
 • Dr Shimi Kang is a possible upcoming presenter; focus on children’s mental health

• Next meeting is at Kanaka Creek Elementary on Thursday, November 28th at 7:00 pm  
 ▪ Presentation – Parents and the New Math Curriculum

**6. New Business**  
o Vice Chair position is currently open

▪ call for nominations

▪ Lori Skinner nominated for Vice Chair position

▪ no other nominations

▪ Lori Skinner declared Vice Chair by acclamation

o Motion made to change GSS PAC meeting start times to 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm

**Moved/Seconded**  
THAT GSS PAC meetings will now begin at 7:00 instead of 6:00 pm.  
**CARRIED**

**7.** Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

***Next meeting:***  
***Wednesday January 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm***