

GEPAC Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 15, 2024

Attendees:

Chelsea Hadland
Sarah Estabrooks
Valerie Townsend
Kirsten Mazur
Brandy Pacheco
Elisha Clark
Caitlin McIntosh
Kayla Coers

1. Meeting called to order @ 4:02pm
2. Minutes from last meeting – sent via email and Facebook
 - Motion adopted by Sarah E. and seconded by Val
3. Treasurer's Report - Valerie Townsend
 - GEPAC Account
 - Opening Balance 12,461.05 Closing Balance \$11,454.63
 - Expense – Hot Dog Day Supplies \$170.47
 - Deposit \$1164.05 Grindrod Rec Donation \$900, Popcorn Day \$91, SD83 Cheque \$138
 - Expense - \$1000 Swim Program \$1000 Library
 - Upcoming \$253.19 Brandy for Fun Fair prizes
 - Gaming Account
 - Opening Balance \$2377.03 Closing Balance \$377.03
 - Expense - \$2000 towards bussing
 - No omissions or errors
 - Motion adopted by Brandy seconded by Sarah
4. Principal's Report – Kirsten Mazur
 - Thank You
 - For the donations for swimming, bussing, and library
 - Students will help choose books for the library
 - September Enrollment
 - The school had to submit the numbers to the district which is submitted into a program which then helps make projections to go towards school decisions.
 - 16 Kindergarteners are registered with 2 Cross Boundaries so we will most likely have a full Kindergarten class
 - We would also like to know which Grade 6's will be going to A.L. Fortune as soon as possible.
 - Feedback from students that transitioned from Grade 7 to 8 - there is a lack of orientating the Grindrod students in Grade 7 as they did that with the Grade 6's from M.V. Beattie the previous year. Also, students who are looking at going into Band find that missing that one year in Grade 7 makes things slightly harder.
 - Next year, numbers should be between 125 and 130.
 - Curriculum
 - Gymnastics
 - Starts March 1st.
 - We have to borrow equipment – the springboard and the vaulting box – from another school.
 - 2 weeks straight
 - Wheelchair Sports
 - Is going on right now.
 - The wheelchairs come from a program called "Sport Play" used to promote awareness for people who have disabilities.
 - Goal Setting & Core Competencies

- Students are making their own SMART goals and are working on taking responsibility for them.
- Student Learning Survey
 - The link was sent out in the newsletter, is on the website, and a personal email will be sent to parents of Grade 4 and 7.
- Art Fair
 - March 6th 14 students will be heading to the Art Fair
 - All students will have a piece of art hanging at the Piccadilly Mall that week.
- Winter Recreation
 - The school is looking for feedback
 - This year had a few hurdles with the lack of snow and the arena being shut down.
 - The younger students had a great time with sledding – the school would really appreciate a local hill that is safe for students to use so if anyone knows of anything, let Kirsten know.
 - There are less students going downhill skiing – 15 opted out this year– what is the reason for it? Is it because of money? Should we take away the backup choice of going Cross Country Skiing? Silver Star gives quite a discount so finances shouldn't be an issue.
- School Learning Plan
 - Replaces “Student Improvement Plan”
 - They want the school district goals to align with school-based goals.
 - Intellectual Development – aligns with Grindrod’s Numeracy and Literacy goals
 - Human & Social Development – “Belonging” but what are ways we can measure?
 - Career Development – There is a career curriculum that starts off just being able to get along with a group up to Grade 7 where they do Project Management. The school needs to come up with a school goal – currently brainstorming
 - Developing a Culture of Wellbeing – Making sure students feel good but it is also difficult to measure
 - Community Partnership
 - Organizational Development
- Book Fair
 - Coincides with the Student Lead Conferences in early May
 - Volunteers will be needed from noon on
 - The school gets 30% back from what is sold
- Shuswap Food Action Society
 - Continuing with Soup Days
 - Breakfast and lunch programs
 - We hope this will continue for next year
- Student And Family Affordability Fund
 - \$9000 carried over from last year so the school wants to find a way to spend most of it by the end of the year
 - This helps cover any missing school fees (about \$2500)
 - Spring Break Food Hampers (\$175) through Askews where the school can give groceries to 15 families which will be delivered. The school will figure out who needs it but if you know of someone, send an email to Kirsten. It's not enough food to last for two weeks but it should help a little bit!
 - Monthly Food Box Purchases
- Thank You Cards
 - Kids are currently working on them.

5. Old Business

- Thank You Cards
 - Sarah picked up a couple and Kirsten is working on some with the students
 - Farmer Johns and Brandy’s parents will need a Thank You card

6. New Business

- DPAC
 - We don't have any Grindrod rep – we need a volunteer(s)
 - Meeting Dates – February 28th, April 24th, May 22nd 7:00 – 8:30 pm through Zoom
 - We would like to rotate for the rest of the year– Britney, Sarah, Chelsea
- Picnic Tables
 - There are potential community members who might be willing to help purchase picnic tables. We need to get them information as soon as possible so GEPAC can move forward with budgeting for the rest of the year.
 - Out of all of the choices, we all like the hexagonal picnic table. The cost is about \$1631 + \$37 for hardware per picnic table. Total of \$5004 plus shipping.

- o Kirsten will email this choice to the school district to get approval.



RECYCLED PLASTIC PICNIC TABLES

 Cedar Brown Green Gray

MODEL NO.	DESCRIPTION	SIZE L x W x H	WT. (LBS.)	PRICE EACH		ADD TO CART
				1	3+	
H-2560	46" Hex	72 x 72 x 30"	250	\$1,696	\$1,631	Specify Color
H-6575	46" ADA Hex	61 x 72 x 30"	210	1,683	1,618	Specify Color
H-2561	6' Rectangle	72 x 61 x 30"	310	1,605	1,539	Specify Color
H-2562	8' Rectangle	96 x 61 x 30"	350	1,762	1,696	Specify Color
H-2563	6' A-Frame	72 x 61 x 30"	260	1,670	1,605	Specify Color
H-2564	8' A-Frame	96 x 61 x 30"	350	1,860	1,795	Specify Color

DROP SHIPS IN 1 TO 2 DAYS FROM KS UNASSEMBLED VIA MOTOR FREIGHT

RECYCLED PLASTIC PICNIC TABLE MOUNTING HARDWARE

MODEL NO.	DESCRIPTION	FITS	PRICE EACH	ADD TO CART	
H-2565	Mounting Hardware	Rectangle Tables and Benches	\$37	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="button" value="ADD"/>
H-6681		Hex and A-Frame Tables		<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="button" value="ADD"/>

DROP SHIPS IN 2 DAYS

7. Events

- Sundae Day
 - o Farmer John's would donate more ice cream if we want to have another one but we would have two different flavors. There is a concern that students would feel it is unfair if they didn't get the flavor they wanted. Do we want to deal with this?
 - o Let's see how the next month is for events before we decide on another Sundae Day
- Hot Lunch Spaghetti
 - o Will be February 23rd
 - o We went with \$4 for spaghetti and \$1 for a bun so that we reduce food waste
 - o We sent out the forms last week but there were many students as of today who did not hand in orders.
- Popcorn Day
 - o Every last Friday of the month for \$1.00 each
 - o March 15th during lunch hour
 - o Order form – prepaid – hand out like soup prior to lunch at tables
 - o Should we have extras available for purchase?
 - o One order form for the rest of the year.
 - o Sarah will order from Amazon and has seasonings from the Dollar Store

- Popcorn Trolley - \$200ish but the school has 5 trolleys total so let's see how things are for the next couple of months

8. Fundraisers

- Popcorn Days
 - Last Friday of every month
- Fun Fair – June 7, 2024
 - Fun Fair Committee will begin March 20th @ 3:30 in the playground
 - Bounce House – Ruckus Rentals is not available at this point in time for rentals so we will back to the previous company as we can't find anyone who will deliver
- Raffle
 - Prizes – So far there has been no on stepping forward.
 - Sparkling Hill - \$500 or substitute Halcyon (Val will contact)
 - 63 Acres – still waiting to hear back from Erika
 - Rancho Vignola Basket – approx. \$110 value
 - Goal to have everything ready for the middle of April
- West Coast Seeds – closed. Pick up will be in March. We don't know the profits at this point in time.
- Hanging Baskets – Caitlin – orders out, due February 20th; pick up will be in May
- Laura's Pies – Jess Washtock – Orders out March; pick up April 11th.
- T-Bones Fundraiser Idea – Gift Cards get 15% back
 - Should we add this to the gift card fundraiser?

9. Budget Request Update

Class Materials & Supplies	\$800 Classroom (PAID)
Grade 7 Hoodies	\$300 (PAID)
Teachers Requests	\$234.10 Division 4 and 5 for Cookie Sheets (PAID)
Swimming	\$1000 (PAID)
Rec Program Bussing	\$2000 (PAID) Gaming Account
Library Funding	\$1000 (PAID)
Picnic Tables & Installation	Picnic tables – budgeting \$6000
Learning Circle	Tabled until the spring

10. Beautification Project

- Log Donation – need to let Sperlich know that we won't be using them
- Picnic Tables – Hexagonal picnic table; Kirsten will send through to the school district to get approval and get a final quote before asking for donations.
- Installation – Kirsten will talk to the school district to set up installation of benches, picnic tables, and bike rack
- Work Party – We would like to set up a work party in May to do the Learning Circle, sandbox, rock movement.

11. Action Items

- Sarah – Thank You Cards –Farmer John's & Brandy's parents; popcorn day
- Elisha – Spaghetti Day
- Chelsea – newsletter; raffle letter; DPAC link
- Kirsten – bench, picnic tables, and bike rack installation with School District
- Val – contact Halcyon and 63 Acres

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11th 4:00pm at Grindrod Library

13. Meeting Adjourned @ 5:52pm