

# MINUTES

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## Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

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Wednesday September 22, 2021 @ 7pm

### 1. Welcome and call to order

#### Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Norman, Ms. Schulz  
PAC Executive: Faith Jay, Winnie Loong, Wendy Ng, Sonja Starke, Tony Wang,  
Lisa Wangh, Annie Yee  
Parents: 27 Garden City Parents

### 2. Approval of June 22, 2021 Minutes

Annie and Lisa approved.

### 3. Chair Report

**RDPA Update (Lisa):** There has not been an RDPA meeting yet.

**RAM Update (Lisa):** The first RAM meeting is Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Montessori parents encouraged to join the Zoom meeting. Membership Drive is currently on and is \$75/family. This helps support the Montessori program in the schools.

**Hot Lunch Updated (Lisa):** Requested approval to spend between \$300 to \$375 to use a platform “Munchalunch” to take orders and money. Approved to move ahead. Advised new parents of pizza days most Fridays through Pizza Hut. Individual pizzas are 6 inches and come in 5 different flavours. Cost is \$5 each. First pizza day will be Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussed possibly doing sushi in future.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

#### 2021/2022 Budget Proposal (Annie)

Reviewed the accounts that we have. Gaming account through the government provides approximately \$20/student per year, if the school is approved. This money is to be spent on non-curriculum items. Wendy will be the main Treasurer this year and Annie will be assisting.

PAC account at the end of 2020-2021 school year had a balance of \$9,389.17. The gaming account has a balance of \$7,702.60. The 2021-2022 budget was created by PAC with input from Ms. Schulz and the teachers.

Fundraising has been budgeted with a conservative estimate of 2 pizza days a month to create a net profit of \$400/month which would create a total of \$7,000 for the school year.

Spending: Munchalunch \$375; classroom allotment of \$200/class for a total of \$2,800; field trip supplement of \$10/child for a total of \$3,00; Food Safe certification \$170; farewell gifts \$400; parent/teacher lunch \$500; FTE resource \$500; music program (stands and ukuleles) \$600; library books \$1,000; garden supplies \$100; digital microscope \$120. Microphones for iPad recording were on the requested list of items for the school. Ms. Schulz advised they cost approximately \$15/each and the school would be pleased with however many PAC can supply. Agreed PAC will fund 22 for a total of \$330. Total expenditures are projected to be \$10,095.

Assuming we receive \$7,000 from fundraising with pizza days, after expenditures PAC account would be left with \$6,294.17 to carry forward for the next school year.

Gaming account can only be carried forward for 3 years. Assuming we receive the grant of \$6,400 this year, we would have a total of \$14,102.60 in the account for this school year. Spending: Art Starts First Nation Story Telling, \$4,000; BCPAC annual membership, \$75; teacher wish list \$1,600 (board games \$600, button maker \$350, filament for 3D printer \$300, chess set for chess club \$150, heavy duty fan \$100, outdoor education wagon \$80); gym equipment \$1,000; playground equipment \$1,000; grade 7 graduation \$1,000.

Discussed possibility of a day trip for grade 7 outdoor education but would cost approximately \$80/student. The price would include the buses. Budgeted a possible \$1,000 for this.

Grade 6/7 Babysitting Course. Budgeted for \$1500 which is \$50/child for 30 students. There is a \$10 deposit/student. Ms. Schulz will look into whether the company is offering this course this year.

Total budgeted expenditures from gaming account is \$11,155.

Budget approved.

## **5. Administrator Report (Ms. Schulz)**

The start of the school year has gone well. There are about 320 students at the school this year in 14 divisions. Ms. Dinh had her baby. The children seem happy, resilient and are doing well being at the school. Meet the teacher will happen virtually this week.

The same health and safety protocols are in place as last year: students line up outside and walk in carefully in groups at a time; a lot of hand washing and sanitizing; almost 100% mask compliance in the school.

There is a cross-country run at Garry Point on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Any students interested in the run can get a permission form from Ms. Schulz.

Orange Shirt Day and The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are next week. There is no school on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for a day of reflection.

Students have already started learning about The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

There is early dismissal on both October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for parent/teacher conferencing.

Some teachers are doing traditional report cards this year and some are doing e-portfolio reporting.

Photo day is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Photo retake day is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The upcoming Pro-D Days are September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **6. Additional Business**

## **7. Adjournment**

**7:37 pm**