

# MINUTES

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## Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

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Wednesday November 24, 2021 @ 7pm

### Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Norman, Ms. Schulz

PAC Executive: Faith Jay, Winnie Loong, Wendy Ng, Anna Seto, Sonja Starke, Tony Wang, Lisa Wangh, Annie Yee

Parents: 8 parents in attendance

1. **Welcome and call to order.**
2. **Approval of October 20, 2021, Minutes** Amendment that Wendy presented the financials, not Annie. Lisa and Annie approved.
3. **Chair Reports:**

**RDPA Update (Rana):** The last meeting was on November 2, 2021. Presentation given on SOGI 101 which provided basics on terminology and language to use such as gender pronouns. Also discussed GLAAD and their work towards LGBTQ acceptance. At the end of the presentation allyship was explained, what it means to be a good ally including offering support and speaking up against discrimination. The website Out in Schools was also shared (<https://outonscreen.com/out-in-schools/>).

RDPA hosted a PAC 101 session on November 9<sup>th</sup> which Wendy attended.

**RAM Update (Sonja):** The Membership drive had 64 families participate so far. A RAM Parent Education night is planned via Zoom for the Spring of this year. The mask fundraiser was a big success. RAM sold 300 boxes of adult masks and 225 boxes of children's masks. The net profit was \$2,216. The Beard Papa fundraiser brought in \$370 net. RAM has started fundraising with Tru Earth, an eco-friendly laundry detergent company in Canada. RAM is looking for volunteers for positions for the next school year. Parents can shadow a current executive board member or share a position with another parent. If anyone is interested, please contact us.

**Hot Lunch Updated (Faith):** Pizza Day continues to be popular. Teachers were asking about staff pricing. Lisa advised that it's not able to set that up via the website, but will look into it more. Booking Friday pizza days in 2022 will be discussed with Ms. Schulz later this week. As a reminder, pizza prices will go up to \$5.25 each starting in January 2022.

**Fundraising (Anna):** The Growing Smiles fundraiser resulted in 45 items being purchased with an overall profit of \$210. The plants are scheduled to be delivered to the school in time for parents to pick them up between December 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, there is a possibility of delays in the delivery due to the current situation in Chilliwack.

4. **Treasurer's Report (Wendy):** PAC Account: the pizza lunch balance is currently \$4812.46. This includes advance payments for the upcoming 3 pizza days so the costs for those have not been accounted into this figure yet. Pizza days are generating an average profit of \$350 each time. The winter plant sale raised \$210.89. Expenses: since the last PAC meeting, we have paid \$600 for the music program, \$1000 for library books, \$120 for a digital microscope and \$330 for iPad microphones.

Gaming Account: We only paid \$4000 for Art Starts so the current balance is \$7,987.17.

If anyone is interested in taking the Foodsafe course, it can be done online as well as in person on weekdays and weekends. PAC will pay for the course in order to have more certified parents to assist.

Pre-pandemic PAC held Winter Wonderland skate night for Garden City students and families. PAC has decided to hold off on hosting that this year. In lieu of that, a good bag or gift will be provided to students before the Winter Break.

5. **Administrator Update (Ms. Schulz):** The FSAs have been completed, marked and entered into the system. Results will be coming home to the Grade 4 and 7 parents in December. Leadership has planned a Cozy Day on December 10<sup>th</sup> where students can wear cozy sweats, pajamas, etc. We are collecting donations for the Food Bank via the KEV online system this year if anyone would like to donate. Grade 6 & 7 immunizations are scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>. The vision screening for Kindergarten students will be on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Reminder that January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 is a Pro-D Day. There will be early dismissal on February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon for conferencing. Intramural volleyball is continuing with Mr. Yesaki. There have been some games with other schools, but games were cancelled this week due to the fuel shortage. Field trips are happening but are dependent on the teacher. Some students have already been on field trips this year. Due to the pandemic, a number of organizations are choosing to do virtual presentations. There is interest in a day camp, but likely just for the Grade 7's this year. We are hopeful that this year's Grade 6's will be able to attend camp next year. Report cards will be coming out. Some teachers are doing the traditional report cards but these may be online or on paper and those will be coming out in December. Those classes which are doing e-portfolio assessments are being continuously updated. Families are encouraged to check their children's e-portfolio regularly. Mid-year summaries will be out the end of February.

**Next PAC Meeting:** TBA

**Adjourned 7:28pm**