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Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday October 20, 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: 5 parents in attendance

1. **Welcome and call to order.**
2. **Approval of September 20, 2021 Minutes** provided an amendment is made to show that Babysitting would cost \$1,500 not \$15,000. Annie and Anna approved.
3. **Chair Reports:**
 - RDPA Update (Lisa for Rana):** Lynne Archer, Assistant Superintendent, attended this meeting. Ms. Archer explained that the COVID directives come directly from BC Health. There is continuous monitoring of what is happening in the school around safety. BCCPAC Summit will be happening next month, but Garden City is not a member. The next Board Meeting will be December 2, 2021. PAC 101 is being held on November 9th and it is hoped that Wendy Ng can attend.
 - RAM Update (Sonja):** The RAM Membership Drive is ongoing with the early bird draw deadline November 12th to be eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate. Beard Papa fundraiser is on now for the upcoming weekend. Mask fundraiser is also ongoing: Adult masks are \$10/box for 50 4-ply masks and Kids masks are \$12/box for 50 3-ply masks. Ongoing fundraisers still active are Mabel's Labels and Flipgive. Explained how to support RAM via Flipgive. Next RAM meeting November 16th via Zoom. Tomorrow, October 21st, 2021, there is a Virtual Parents Night for parents of children in Montessori. Details are on the RAM website and social media. RAM now has a Twitter account and everyone is encouraged to follow at @RMD_Montessori.
 - Hot Lunch Updated (Faith):** They are trying to get everyone's lunch in on time. Hot food bags have been purchased to keep the pizzas warm. Prices have gone up since the last meeting. Suggestion to raise the prices 25% in January. Currently Pizza Hut sells these at \$4.99 + tax, which comes to \$5.25/ each. Discussion around raising price. Agreed to raise price in January \$5.25/pizza. Did look into options for sushi as an alternative to pizza, but other parents advised that it's a small quantity and not very delicious. Currently other sushi places aren't giving a good discount for schools. Next pizza day is Friday, October 29th and the deadline for ordering is tomorrow, October 21st at midnight.

Fundraising (Anna): We are starting a fundraising even with Growing Smiles. We partnered with them 2 years ago selling poinsettias, wreaths and festive planters. Poinsettias are around \$15, and planters and wreaths start at \$35. Order deadline will be mid-November and they will be delivered to the school during the first week of December. Parents can then come and pick up their orders outside. Please consider supporting this fundraiser and they make great Christmas gifts.

4. **Treasurer's Report (Wendy):** The Hot Lunch balance is currently \$5864.49 which includes deposits from all payments via the Munchalunch program. This also includes those who paid for all 9 pizza days up front. Expenditures: \$336 for the subscription to Munchalunch; \$2800 for the classroom allotment; field trip supplement of \$300; \$500 for FTE resources. The current balance is \$8417.66. The profit made for the first 2 pizza days was \$300 for the first one and \$360 for the second one. Gaming Account: The gaming grant of \$6060 has been received and with the previous years balance, we have a total of \$13,762.60. Expenses: We have ordered new cheques which cost \$90.34. We also made a cheque for \$1685.09 to Garden City for playground equipment. The book balance is now \$11,987.17.
5. **Administrator Update (Ms. Schulz):** Garden City participated in the Cross-Country Run with about 30 students practicing during school breaks. Approximately 18 students attend the actual run at Garry Point. Intramural Volleyball for the grade 6's & 7's has begun and it's possible we may play another school. Photo Day is Monday, October 25th with retakes on November 15th. The grade 7's will get another photo day in May for their Grad photo. The is usually the photo that is put in the frame by the school for the actual graduation.

There are innovation grants going on at Garden City working on the e-portfolio reporting system. Garden City has received a learning space innovated grant where we have our old computer lab to design a new learning lab. We have been approved for a mural on the outside gym wall and will hopefully be painted next summer. Garden City is partnering with McMath Secondary to again collect Halloween candy for the Downtown Eastside. Students can bring the candy to Garden City and then McMath will pick it up. Thank you to PAC for the financial support.

Reminder that drop-offs in the school parking lot are not allowed because it is unsafe for the children. Daycare buses are still allowed to use the parking lot for pick up. We request all parents follow the rules and please park in the neighbourhood and walk in to drop-off/pick-up your children.

Administrator Updated (Ms. Norman): We have already purchased some outdoor equipment. We worked with Mr. Yesaki to make sure that we were getting things for all of the grades. There is about \$300 left to spend. We are doing some leadership activities with the grade 7's. With the wetter weather, a reminder to please send a full change of clothes to school including underwear and socks, especially for the younger children. Also a reminder to check for sizing after Winter Break to ensure clothes at the school are the correct size.

Next PAC Meeting: November 24th, 2021 @ 7pm.

Adjourned 7:26pm