

MINUTES

Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday January 11, 2022 @ 7pm

1. Welcome and call to order

Administration: Ms. Norman, Ms. Wong
PAC Executive: Winnie Loong, Wendy Ng, Anna Seto, Lisa Wangh
Parents: Samantha, Jaimee

2. Approval of December 7 2022 Minutes

Approved by Anna and Wendy

3. Chair Report

Movie & Pajama Day

Popcorn and hot chocolate fundraiser were a HUGE success. We raised \$860.
PAC would be more than happy to do another one if needed

PAC Winter Social – Winter Wonderland Skating at Minoru Arena

Paid 75 rentals, but over 100 people showed up
Next winter wonderland we will plan to do mid-week as Friday was very busy

Babysitting Course

January 30th PRO-D Day
830am-3pm in the gym
Maximum 30 students, register by mid-January
**Ms. Norman suggested an All by Myself safety training for kids who stay home alone. Perhaps
PAC can sponsor this

RAM Update:

Representative not present, no update

RDPA Update:

Representative not present, no update

Hot Lunch Update (Lisa for Faith):

Don't forget to order your PAC hot lunches by the deadline!

Monday Specials are all confirmed for this term:

Boston Pizza
HiFive Chicken
Opa!
West Coast Poke
Taco Luis

Fundraising (Anna):

Mr. Coopers Pies. All ordering is done through vendor. Pies are sold at discounted price or \$10, PAC receives 25% of sales. Pies delivered to school for parents to pick up. Anna to check on minimum orders. Aim for end of February start date, pick up week of March 6th.

Next Movie Night: March 3rd

PAC can do Garden City logo printed mugs, etc. in conjunction with school spirit wear. Aim to start February 1st.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report (Wendy):

PAC account book balance \$10964.31

Fundraising:

Hot lunch \$1801.26
Growing Smiles \$177.05
Movie Day \$860.43

Expenditures:

Classroom allotment \$171.77
Resource teacher supplement \$198.34
Movie License \$425.25
Library Resource \$450.25
Winter Skating Treats \$31.50
Teacher Appreciation \$86.40

Gaming Account book balance \$10772.39

Winter Wonderland \$315.40

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Teacher's Wishlist:

In order of priority

1. Marine cushions for outdoor learning \$210
2. Classroom toys, puzzles, games \$3000 (15 classes, \$200 each)
3. Chess sets for chess club \$300 (already budgeted)
4. Raised garden beds \$3500
5. Board games for the Games Club \$200
6. Music Equipment \$1000 (4 new ukuleles, windchime, amp)
7. ADST STEAM Hub \$1000

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8. ~~Novel Sets \$1000~~ hold off for now
9. Drop down screen for gym \$5000 motorized, \$2500 non-motorized
10. Filament for 3D printer \$200 (already budgeted)

PAC will look at the finances to see how we can accommodate this list.

5. Administrator Report

Ms. Wong would like to thank PAC for the cupcake treats on the last day before winter break!

This term is very short—10 weeks!

Basketball season is starting

- Boys Grade 6/7 coached by Mr. Wu and Mr. Yesaki, practice on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Boys Grade 4/5 coached by Mr. Brown, practice on Wednesdays
- Girls Grade 4/5/6/7 combined (only 3 from gr.6/7) coached by Ms. Wong, Ms. Norman, Ms. Inniger, practice on Wednesday mornings, Friday after school
- Games/scrimmages planned with other schools
- New basketballs purchased for the school
- Looking to purchase volleyballs that can be used outdoors

Grade 6/7 Leadership

- Ms. Norman and Mr. Brown to head up, starting January 13
- Focus on having kids plan and execute events, gain leadership skills
- Upcoming events are spirit days, and kindness week

There are a lot of clubs this term! Teachers are volunteering their time so that kids can have the opportunity to engage and interact with peers. This was sorely missing during the start of covid.

Knitting Club

- Meets on Tuesdays, run by Ms. Maurice and Ms. Sherwood (retired teachers, Ms. McGregor's mom!)

Chess Club

- Meets on Tuesday and Thursdays, currently not enough space to accommodate younger grades
- Girls Craft Club and Science Games Club
- These particular groups were created to allow children to engage, interact and meet new friends

Family Teams:

Activities to resume at the end of the month. The grand finale so to speak would for family teams to participate at Sports Day

Staff already preparing for September 2023

- Letter of Intent already went home with families. This helps the district plan for staffing requirements, number of classes, etc. Please return yours asap!

- Kindergarten Registration started in November 2022
- Late French Immersion for Grade 5 students to Whiteside, deadline January 20th
- Montessori, deadline January 20th
- PLEASE NOTE: Influx of new students to the district that were temporarily placed in Montessori at our school. These students will be placed into the neighborhood program in September unless they apply to remain in the Montessori program. Deadline is January 28th.
- Transfer Application, deadline January 28th

Grade 7 Transition Process (Palmer)

- Counselors, former GC alumni was on hand this past Tuesday to talk about what Palmer has to offer, expectations, etc.
- Two option programs available at Palmer: RAIL and Incentive
- RAIL will host an info session on January 26th
- Incentive only for students interested in participating (presentation held in the Library on Thursday)
- Parent Info night January 26th at Palmer
- Course selection deadline January 27th
- Meet and Greet May 23rd at Palmer
- Connections Program, one full week before start of school students can go and experience Palmer for one week, play games, meet new friends, etc.

Surveys:

- MDI for Grade 5 students, questionnaire for community planning
- Learning satisfactions survey for Grade 4 & 7

Other dates:

- Grade 4/5 Taking care of ourselves and others February 3rd
- Evacuation Drill scheduled for February 6th
- Early dismissal March 2nd (not the 7th as noted on the agenda calendar)

6. Additional Business

ADST Steam Hub looking for Lego donations! Used or new is ok.

7. Next PAC Meeting

February 8th, 2023 @ 7pm

8. Adjournment 8:00 pm