

MINUTES

Garden City Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Attendees:

Administration: Ms. Wong, Ms. Norman

PAC Executive: Anna Seto, Lisa Wangh, Sherel Loo, Wendy Ng, Joanne Chang, Samantha Shi, Michelle Sue

2 Parents

1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Approval of February 21, 2024 Minutes**

Lisa and Wendy approved

3. **Chair Reports**

30 days notice for the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024.

PAC Executive Committee elections for 2024/2025

RAM Update No update

RDPA Update: No update

Hot Lunch Update (Joanne): All lunch dates set. New vendors: Booster Juice, Vina Vietnamese, Me, Coffee and Tea. Order deadline previous Thursday for following week. Sports Day on July 5th will have Yummy Slice and Booster Juice available for parents to order.

Fundraising Update (Anna and Lisa): Started Growing Smiles fundraiser. Movie night on June 21st Kung Fu Panda 4. Hoping to do popcorn sales. Maybe popsicle sales. Suggestion for Krispy Kreme fundraiser for grads. Cineplex movie tickets, last year we raised \$800 so think about for this year.

4. **Treasurer's Report (Wendy):**

PAC account current balance \$23,352.99

Gaming account no change, balance is \$7965.50

Music equipment predicted \$500 but might not be used. Ms. Wong will find out.

5. Administrator Report

Month of April, still continuing to plan for September. High school transitioning, Palmer coming. Welcome to Kindergarden planning and agenda planning and year end activities. 75th celebration coming.

Support reviews, look at all needs of students, resource team. Seeing if needs are sufficient. Incoming Kindergarden kids transition.

Next week have Bollywood workshop by Karima Essa. PAC supporting and part of gaming money will be used. K-7 all week Monday to Friday. Finale on Friday April 26th.

Next week RAM meeting.

April 26th second term written learning update will be live on MyEd. Will be digital, parents need to log on to view. Print a copy or save PDF because after period of time it will not be available. Written learning update that more information district provided in terms of definitions of developing, emerging etc. and what the percentages will look like.

Parents survey still up for Gr.4-7 parents

May 2nd will be hearing screening for Kindergarten kids.

May 3rd will be Gr 7 photos and panorama by Artona

Staffing:

Mr. Ha in place of Ms.Tang but committed to be here till May 8th. After that, undetermined. Ms. Scharf on medical leave. Has gone to posting. Ms. Pang will be the teacher until further notice.

Ms. Buss – will be on maternity leave end of May

May 8th Grade 7 band performing at Gateway Theatre. Any feeder schools with Palmer also performing. If parents want to come, need to purchase tickets and first come first serve. Mr. Ha will be starting Thursday lunch hour practice. Once they are finished performing go to upper balcony to watch other bands. Tonight, there will be a digital copy of the permission form.

Collaboration – between Jan and March. Gave teachers an opportunity to share stories and collaborate. One of the questions for them is how are they using different resource and engage students. Discuss programing. This week started with K students. Will be starting round two.

Grade 7 farewell. April 30th 7pm online, will send an invite to Grade 7 parents. If anyone is interested to spearhead or help organize. Typically morning is actual assembly then luncheon then activity which is partially decided with PAC and Grade 7 teachers.

April 30th Earth Day assembly.

Richmond School District collaborated with Touchstone Family Association and offer leadership skills workshop for Grades 5-7. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5pm only 12 spots. Need to register and apply for it. Youth workers that run it. Wednesday after school drop in. May 13th deadline to apply. Delivering after school program, growth and well being and social emotional development, build positive relationships, create project that contributes to community, games and exercise, fun and fitness. Drop in for group have snacks, video games and homework support starting week of May 21st and run until June 21st.

75th Anniversary – happening May 30th 5-8pm will use funds from PAC for cookies that say 75 and have coffee and tea. Will have mini tours led by someone. Communication through social media.

May 21st – Grade 7 to get tour of Palmer

District track meet on May 27th Grade 4-7 at Minoru. Track attack hoping for 2 sessions per week and use information to help kids sign up for track meet.

Kilometer club happening during lunch, stay tuned.

2024 Childcare symposium – for younger kids, organized by City of Richmond, celebrates childcare month. May 4th

Safer Schools Together website: safeschoolstogether.com There is workshop on April 19th – Establishing Respectful Relationships. Another happening in May - Digital Threat Assessment.

Family Smart – May 7th National child and youth mental health day

Emerging Themes – Code of Conduct are expected behaviours from students, staff and parent community. Highlight diversity and inclusion. Some feelings of exclusion from some students through language. Will be having conversations with staff and students that home language can be spoken at home and to use English to communicate with their peers. There have been some on social media and body shaming. Reminder to be aware what platforms your child is on and what they are doing on the chats. Some of these sites have age restrictions. We have students that are too young to have these. Have had some racial slurs used in schools, and need more awareness.

6. Additional Business

7. Next PAC Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 AGM 7pm

8. Adjournment 7:54pm