

April PAC Meeting – École Peter Greer Elementary

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Location: PGE Library

(online option available at <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/2735419423> Meeting ID: 273 541 9423)

In person: Taylor Conlin (president), Josh Goode (vice president), Tracy Kuzik (vice-principal), Danielle Lamb (treasurer), Stefanie Schumer (secretary), Timothy Lynch

On zoom: James Minkus (principal), Sue Manzuik

1. Land acknowledgement - Danielle Lamb
2. Adoption of agenda - Stefanie moves, Danielle seconds
3. Adoption of Minutes from March 12, 2024: Josh moves, Danielle seconds
4. Vacancies – New members are needed urgently, as a number of executive positions will need filling next year! Positions up for election:
 - i. president
 - ii. vice president
 - iii. COPAC rep – this person is needed to have quorum
 - iv. co-secretary – someone to step in when Stefanie is not there
 - v. Hot Lunch Coordinator – 5 volunteers are needed per week to make hot lunch run smoothly
 - vi. Yearbook Coordinator (shadow position) – to learn from Sue next year and take over the roll full-time in the 2025/2026 school year

There are 7 executive positions. We need 4 of the exec at a meeting to make quorum, we need all executive positions filled in order to get gaming we need all the exec positions filled.

5. Gaming Funds 2024/2025 Application (Status Update) – Danielle applied for gaming funds today (opens in April). Fiscal year end is August 31st. We find out if we receive funds next year around September. Gaming funds are usually spent on field trips and events. They can only be carried for 2 years, so we do try to spend it. We receive \$20/child.

6. Principal/Vice-Principal Reports (James and Tracy)

a. Gaming funds – deadline is June 30th (Danielle has already applied).

b. Welcome to the new vice-principal, Tracy Kuzik!

c. Music Monday, May 6th at 9:30am –Ms. Carr has organized the whole school to sing a song on that morning to celebrate the vital role of music in our communities. Parents are invited to attend.

d. Fire safety training is coming up next week with our Lake Country firefighters.

e. Next year's enrollment – hopefully there will be 11 English classrooms, but PGE might only be approved for 10 (this is currently being discussed). Eleven classrooms mean smaller class sizes and allows PGE to take up overflow from Davidson and Oyama. In French, we have been approved for an eighth French class – that's one more than this year! It will probably be a 2nd 4/5 class. Numbers look about the same as this year – currently 391 for next year.

Staffing assignments will be posted in May. There are two teachers returning from mat leave. We are also able to maintain support staff levels.

Next year's classes will be created next week. These may change up until August.

Music specialist - Ms. Carr has been approved for 2 days per week next year. She would like to purchase djembe drums (and may possibly be looking for funding from the PAC - about \$14k in total.) Music will continue to be K-3 only. Unfortunately, grades 4 and 5 will not get any music classes with a specialist.

f. Grade 5 transition to middle school – The grade 5s are beginning to prepare for their transition to Grenda next year. Gr5s will go visit HS Grenda, and there will be parent info nights at HS Grenda.

g. New website – we are transitioning to a new website. It will be more phone/tablet friendly, and also features new school logo.

h. ELF Session on May 2nd is sold out!

i. Track and Field is coming up soon. Apple Bowl (track meet) in Oyama is May 22nd.

j. Cross-Country Running - started up today. There will be a race with Davidson May 28th at 3pm.

7. Written Reports to be shared if applicable:

a. COPAC (Caitlin) - tabled

b. Treasurer (Danielle) – Gaming Account amount is incorrect (not \$87k!) The correct amount is \$7454.87

i. April Financials To-Date (see attachment)

c. Fundraising – Save-On fundraiser is continuing. Mabels Labels (promote more at year end and over summer), and TruEarth are ongoing

d. Events

i. Family Fun Night – Planning Meeting to be re-booked.

e. Fun Lunch (Jane) - tabled

f. Fruit and veggie program (Sasha) - tabled

g. Yearbook (Sue)

i. Cover Art – 13 pieces of art were submitted. A survey has been sent out to PAC members - please vote for your top choice.

h. Vice-President (Josh) – nothing to report

i. President (Taylor)

i. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10, 2024

In the past, we have done small plants, coffee and donuts, dairy queen, candy bar.

We usually do something on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Altogether, there are about 45 staff.

Danielle motions that PAC spend up to \$500 for Teacher Appreciation week.

Stefanie seconds. No one opposed. Motion carried.

j. Budget, ideas, planning – Need to decide a plan

8. Action items from reports – nothing to report

9. Motion to adjourn – Josh moves, Danielle seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024