

Glenwood Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018
6:30 P.M. – Library

Present: Abby Wadley (Co-Chair), Briana Fraser (Co-Chair), Gwen Simcoe (Co-DPAC), Marion Gennaro (Treasurer), Reg LaPlante (Vice-Principal), Sylvia Baban (Co-DPAC Representative), Tasha Murray (Vice Chair), Laurie Lemanski (Secretary), Jyothi Mavila, Steve Elynuik, Lee McClelland, Kate Bostick, Kyndrie Malmquist, Ariyibi Ajibola Comfort, Monico Ruiz Gomez

The Glenwood Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee acknowledges and thanks the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish on whose traditional territories we teach, learn, and live.

Meeting Chair: Abby Wadley

Minute-taker: Laurie Lemanski

I. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

II. Approve Minutes/Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of minutes from September 26, 2018 PAC meeting was tabled until next PAC meeting. Hard (paper) copies of minutes required to be at PAC meeting to be approved.

III. Reports

a) Vice Principal's Report – Mr. Reg LaPlante

Mr. LaPlante would like to thank Glenwood parents for being at the PAC meeting this evening. In the past month Glenwood students have participated in a number of events in and out of the school. Volleyball season is nearing its end with only games at Marlborough left tomorrow and a play day next week. We had two enthusiastic and skilled co ed teams this year – Thank you Mr. Grant. Our intermediate students walked to Burnaby South for their first YPC concert which was Kung Jaadee – Haida Stories and Songs. Division 3 had a great fieldtrip to the UBC Museum of Anthropology. We had three visits to our school from outside groups – the mobile Dairy Classroom from the BC Dairy Association, a water conservation performance called “WHOA H2O from DreamRider Productions, and just today an anti bullying presentation called “No Time for That”. We also had Drop Everything and Read activities, our Halloween Parade and Assembly,

and our Remembrance Day Assembly – thanks Mr. Grant for sharing your collection with the school and organizing the assembly. Our school community was also very generous in its donations for both the Rotary “Coats for Kids” program as well as the Poppy fund.

School and district initiatives that staff and Mr. LaPlante are involved in this school year are:

- Communicating Student Learning Cohort
- Continuing our work in understanding and the development of e-portfolios with District lead for Pro D session
- Lunch and Learn Literacy series with District Literacy Consultant
- “GO TO Training” mental health literacy and well-being training
- Co teaching cohort - ELL and Classroom teachers
- New MYED report card platform training
- Learning Circle – weaving together Restorative approaches, Indigenous Perspectives, and Social Emotional Learning
- Developing a lunchtime intramural program for when the weather turns cold
- District Teacher mentorship Program

Updates

- Report Cards – New platform this year – MyEd from the Ministry
- Coding club for students Grade 3-7 update – popular addition to our extracurricular offerings! Possible fieldtrip in the New Year.
- The Grade 7 Committee is already hard at work fundraising for the Grade 7 school leaving event. This year’s choice was a 3-day trip to Camp Jubilee.
- Basketball court update.
- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA’s)
- House Team shirts have been distributed

Our next YPC performances is Karima Essa – Bollywood Star performances during the afternoon of Monday, November 19.

Glenwood’s Winter Concert will be December 18. We will have a matinee and evening performance of Santa “Go’s Green”. Lots of info still to come!

School Goal – Reading: Parents as Partners – what is working for you at home to engage your children in reading, what’s not working?

Social Emotional learning classes with Ms. Heal continue with Division 1 and 2 students.

Thank you to our many parent volunteers! In the past month we have had parents working on our behalf in many areas: primary readers, drivers for sports events and fieldtrips, Code Club organizer and volunteer, PAC fun lunch organizers and money counters, forgotten lunch providers, Grade 7 fundraising, and Winter wreath making and Holiday Fair organizers!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 16: PAC Movie Night
- Nov. 23: Pro D day and Stay Safe Course
- Dec. 14: Wreath making and Holiday Market
- Dec. 18: Winter Musical “Santa goes Green”

- Dec. 20: Report Cards Home
- Dec. 21: Pancake Breakfast and Last day before Winter Break

b) Treasurer's Report – Marion Gennaro

At the end of September, there is:

- \$12,073 in the general account.
- \$1,202 in the gaming fund.

The school-branded t-shirt replacement budget, set at \$200, was exceeded by \$118. Going over budget on the t-shirt replacement program was approved by the PAC.

The provincial Gaming grant has been increased for this school year only. Schools are receiving an additional \$4 per student.

c) Sylvia Baban / Gwen Simcoe – DPAC – update

October DPAC meeting was for Treasurer training. Glenwood reps did not attend.

November 19 DPAC meeting was attended by Briana and Sylvia.

d) Vice Chair - Tasha Murray

No committee updates.

e) Chair – Abby Wadley

Holiday Market and Seasonal Crafts

Kyndrie is helping with Holiday Market and Seasonal Crafts which is scheduled for December 14. Kyndrie will start collecting donations for the Holiday market effective December 5-12. Items will sell for \$1 each on the day of. Students can purchase up to 5 items. It was suggested that the classroom order for market access be randomized instead of in grade order. To be discussed further with staff. It was agreed that the gym be set-up the afternoon before.

Funds collected from the market put towards family support/food hampers.

Donated items to be dropped off in the boys' change room. Tasha volunteered to store items. Additional storage options were discussed.

Separate area for gift wrapping is preferred during the market. Students like to do their own wrapping.

Items needed for this event include wrapping paper, gift bags, boxes, and tape.

Wreath craft: have been asking for donations from Garden Works.

Pancake breakfast.

Jyothi volunteered to organize this event. There will be two seatings scheduled like last year (primary students and intermediate). Any allergies will be managed individually. We have an non-Glenwood individual volunteering as Santa. Mr. LaPlante, Kate, and Laura will perform music again.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Potential future fundraising goals might include new ipad keyboards and ipad headphones.

We are continuing to investigate the process to install a basketball court on the gravel field. Researching the Burnaby City Grant re: availability and eligibility. Target date of installation is within the next 12 months. It was noted that the last application Glenwood submitted for a Burnaby City Grant was in 2014. A public basketball court is a great community asset.

Paperless Fun Lunch. Paperless program has changed and there is a distinct lack of response, or technical knowledge, from the system administrators. Online system is not reliable at this point. Clinton Elementary School uses the Munchalunch system. Munchalunch would be set-up and organized by PAC, no involvement by school administration. After discussion, it was decided that the \$300 annual fee, plus service charge, is cost prohibitive and not an option for Glenwood. Potential to move to cheques-only payment for the foreseeable future.

IV. Roundtable

Food Safe and provincial fruit and veggie program were discussed. Schools are required to sign up annually and the program is managed/co-ordinated by volunteers at each school. Researching if Glenwood missed the cut-off date to register. Will request that the district program coordinator use the PAC email for communicating.

Next PAC meeting will be held on January 16, 2019.

Meeting adjourned: 7:38pm

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