

Glenwood Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

Chair: Christina Sigouin

Note-Taker: Dorothy Blasu

Location: Glenwood School Library

Meeting Start: 7:05 PM

Attendance: 11 participants

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Christina Sigouin, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. All attendees introduced themselves.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Principal, Ms. Heather Skuse, acknowledged the traditional land and its original inhabitants. She emphasized the importance of educating students on land acknowledgment.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 28th, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Christina Sigouin moved for their approval, and Abby Wadley seconded the motion.

4. Vice Principal's Report - Heather Skuse

1. Enrollment and Staffing:

- Total students: 122, spread across 6 divisions (Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 6-7).
- Teachers: Ms. Woo (Grades 5/6) and Mr. Choy (Grades 6/7).
- Non-enrolling staff: Ms. Lee (Music teacher, Wednesdays and Thursdays), Ms. Pearse (Learning Support), and Ms. Worsley (Band).
- Educational Assistants (EAs): Ms. Cilingr (Ms. C), Ms. Kaur, Ms. Samei, Ms. Jadali, and Ms. Mirasol. A position for an 8th EA is posted.

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to complete and return various forms being sent home.

2. Professional Development:

- Recent Pro D day focused on literacy planning, social-emotional learning, and recognizing behaviors as forms of communication.

3. Teacher Participation:

- Five teachers are attending workshops titled "How Do I Grow and Learn Best."

4. FSA Assessments:

- FSAs (Foundational Skills Assessments) for Grades 4 to 7 will take place from October 1st to November 8th.

5. Student Nutrition:

- The school provides daily meals to about 12 students, including snacks, sandwiches, and hot dishes. Mr. S prepares food before lunch each day.

6. Garden Box Initiative:

- Discussion about a garden box project to be sponsored by either the District or the PAC.

7. District News Highlights:

- Focus on literacy and numeracy initiatives.
- A letter on sensitive topics was sent by PHS.
- Advanced Learning Information Night scheduled for October 3rd.
- The school will be receiving new lighting.

8. Upcoming Events:

- Orange Shirt Day: September 27th
- Truth and Reconciliation Day: September 30th
- Welcome Conversations for Grades 1-7: October 1st

- Early Dismissal: 2 PM on September 27th and October 2nd
- Coats for Kids: October 1st

5. Chair's Report - Christina Sigouin

- The position of Fundraising Executive is open. Ms Charlotte volunteered to support the PAC with fundraising activities.
- Photo Day: Scheduled for October 25th; students will be involved in creating it.
- Spirit Wear: Glenwood clothing will be available for purchase online starting October 23rd.

6. Vice Chair's Report - Helly Vekariya

- A movie night coordinator is needed for the upcoming season. Mr. Andrei offered to assist, with guidance from Abby. Movie night dates will be confirmed soon.

7. DPAC Report - Sarina

- DPAC meetings are improving with a new executive team.
- A new website has been launched: <https://dpac.burnabypac.ca>
- Burnaby PAC is organizing an education forum on October 1st at Burnaby Central Secondary.

8. Treasurer's Report - Dayna

- Dayna reviewed the PAC accounts, covering the period from December 2023 to August 2024.
- Discussion on funding for the garden box project and purchasing playground equipment, as well as repainting the crosswalk.
- The budget was approved by the attending members.

9. Other Matters

- Red Cross Stay Safe Program: Scheduled for November, with dates to be confirmed.
- Winter Market: Dates for the market are still to be set.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM