

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by Andrea.

In Attendance:

Amanda Berera, Bre Blackburn, Amanda Henderson, Kurt Morley, Teresa Sohal, Samantha McGee, Jenn Clarke, John Mann, Prab Nagra, Jenn Hastings, Andrea Mori

Motion made by Amanda H to accept Agenda as presented. 2nd by Bre, all present voted in favour.

Motion made by Amanda H to accept minutes from January PAC meeting. 2nd by Prab, all present voted in favour.

Principal's Report

- Spirit Wear
 - With a logo redesign, spirit wear will once again be for sale at Gray.
 - Hoodies (\$40), Crewneck (\$35) and Tshirts (\$20) will be available in black and dark heather, in Youth and Adult sizing.
 - Orders will be done through Munchalunch, an announcement to go out soon with a two week turnaround, allowing orders to go home mid-April.
 - This will be a spring line, there is a possibility of a winter line coming later.
- Assemblies
 - The school is hoping to book three for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Lunar New Year was held in February, run by Ms Parassidis and Ms Bhatti.
 - Lacrosse assembly was held by the Vancouver Warriors.
- Battle of the Badges
 - Held today, was a very good experience for all.
- Learning Updates
 - Will be available soon.
 - Trying to move towards the idea of giving a snapshot of where kids are, not what their grades are. No letter grades in the near future.
- Basketball
 - The season is wrapping up now.
 - Thankful for student and parent coaches that stepped up to help.
- Kindergarten
 - Enrollment is high for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Be Good People
 - There has been some unkind behaviour and targeting of kids, in talking to the Grade 7 teachers it seems as though their students have been affected by the pandemic and are socially immature.

- This program was brought to Gray by Ms. Dobie, it's a full online package with presentations and a mental health component. It's a free resource that Gray will spend some time familiarizing itself with to see how it can be used at the school.
- A question was asked about how to ensure that teachers are supported that might come into the experience with existing bias, John advised that the benefit of the program is that it equips teachers for the experience.

Teacher Representative Report

- Krystelle De Santos assembly was a huge hit, with great enthusiasm from the kids. For some kids it was their first experience with a music concert. It was organized by Ms. Parassidis.

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Special Events

- Bingo Night – Friday, February 23rd
 - Was a great success – a fun time was had by all.
- Spring Dance – Friday, April 19th
 - Two dances, one for Primary from 5:30 to 7 pm and one for Intermediate from 7:30 – 9 pm
 - DJ Brown Sugar has been booked – he was used at the Grade 7 grad in 2023 and for the Halloween Dance and is always a huge hit with the kids.
 - No games but Amanda B will research photo booth options.
 - MAL to open after Spring Break for preorders.
- Spring Carnival – Friday, May 31st
 - 15 games and 10 inflatables have been booked.
 - Dunk tank - to be run as a Grade 7 fundraiser.
 - Face painters x 3
 - Balloon twisters x 2
 - Photo booth
 - ND Lions are booked to run the BBQ.
 - Cake Walk – to be run as a Grade 6 fundraiser.
 - Caricatures by Cory – to be looked into.
 - Sign Up Genius to start for volunteer signup

Fundraising

- No report

Hot Lunch

- The next set of hot lunches will open for orders during Spring Break.
- A question was asked about confusion and needing to change orders after hot lunch is delivered, someone in Hot Lunch will be asked to stay at the office for 10 minutes after to help sort out any confusion.

Treasurer

- The gaming grant was approved.
- Bingo brought in \$850+ in profit.

Emergency Preparedness

- Prab will be looking at securing new tents, folding tables and other supplies for the bin once it is determined what is needed.

Old Business

- Tasty Tuesday will be run as special once a month events – Freezie Fridays in May and June and a Sundae Monday at some point soon.

New Business

- On January 30th the PAC Executive passed a motion to allocate field trip funds at \$15/student.
- On February 14th, the PAC Executive passed a motion to allocate \$2625 to cultural events.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:36 pm by Kurt, seconded by Jenn C.