

# ÉCOLE GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes



### Glen PAC Minute

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*Date | time* September 25, 2023 | 7pm | *Meeting called to order by* Eveline

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#### In Attendance

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**PAC Executives:** Eveline Yu, Natalia Fonseca, Kristine Alvarez, Heather McMullen, Isabela Lloyd, Rachel Au.

**School Staff:** Nicole Daneault - Principal, Tamara Sengotta - Vice-principal, Marnie Gordon - PE Teacher

**Parents in person:** Jonida Murthy, Elaheh Mohammadi, Ahmed Ahmed, Stefanie Kiely Evette Spino, Shahab Kancus, Jhadi Naghizade, Ahmad Ahmadi.

**Parents online:** Ali Habibi, Rodrigo Aguila, Fariba Golrizan, Victor Ho, Areli Garcia, Nima Habibi, Mariya Boykova, Fariba Golrizan, Adriana Salazar, Fatemeh, Raina Vaidya, Vitalii Vyshnevetskyi, Adam Wilkes, Adriana Salazar, Ashkan Salmanzadeh, Visnja, Ahmed, Alena Krestinina, Yelena Gorbatykh.

#### Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Eveline Yu. Natalia Fonseca started with land acknowledgements.

Meeting agenda was presented. Heather and Ahmed seconded.

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#### Administrator's Report

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##### **Mrs Denault, principal, presented the administrator's report**

- Great participation in school PAC meetings lately. Hybrid meetings are better for most parents.
- Great beginning of the year. Spirits are high, kids are settling well.
- Overall in SD43 enrollments are up significantly (700 new students). Same massive growth across the lower mainland.
- Glen Elementary has added 40 students. The prediction made by SD43 last Spring for the 2023/2024 year was to add 1 class, but 2 classes were added making the number of Divisions up to 24. Our number is little over 530 children.
- New teachers due to retirements, changes of schools, switching positions: Gr4/5: Mrs Bartlett. Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Sawkins and Mrs. Whidden – Gr2/3: Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Gnoato – Gr1: Mrs Eltemtamy – K/Gr1: Mrs Dhami – One more teacher will be added to help with Kindergarten and prep classes.

- Musical program is back for Gr3/4/5 with the participation of several teachers. It will be a mix of singing and instruments.
- Volleyball for Gr4/5 starts now with a tournament (Gymboree) in November.
- PAC Martial arts program started this week and has been a success.
- After school programs are available (basketball, soccer and painting) offered by outside groups using the school space.
- Picture day coming up this week.
- Planners will be delayed this year due to a sad fire at the factory. In the meantime teachers are photocopying and making things work some other way.
- In October there will be a survey about Glen Park attached to the school. Glen Elementary strongly encourages the community to participate and suggest as many improvements as possible for this area. The school will provide an email with the link to facilitate the parents feedback.

Q&A:

Q: How to sign up for volleyball? A: Open to all students at Gr4/5. Just fill out a form at the office. There is practice during lunch (once a week) and after school (once a week).

Q: How about the Music program? A: The students need to show up at the gym when they hear the announcement. Grades 3/4/5 can participate. Rehearsals are on Wednesday at lunch.

Q: If a child plays an instrument and wants to add that to the music program? A: Ask the child to talk to the teachers running the music program and they will figure out the best way to work on that.

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## New Business

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- Newsletters and monthly calendars are sent home by email and sometimes printed versions at the children's planners.
- Volunteers are always needed. Sign up and help at the events such as Martial Arts, Hot lunch days, Movie nights, etc at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>
- Class Rep Coordinator Kristine Alvarez presented the Whatsapp group's communication and invited more parents to participate. These groups improve communication between parents and the school.
- Language Reps program explanation and invitation to participate. Some languages don't have a representative yet. Language reps are on Facebook and if the language is not there everyone is invited to volunteer.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Rachel Au presented the financial report.

### **Starting balance this year:**

Community account: \$ 11,383.94

Gaming account: \$ 9,546.26

**Tentative Budget for this year (Incoming Funds):**

Gaming grant: \$ 10,200

Fundraising: \$25,500

**Tentative Ongoing Funds (Gaming Accounts):**

Fieldtrip Funds: \$4,800

Technology: \$4,000

Extra curricular: \$7,500

Outdoor upgrades (multi-year project): \$20,000

Classroom Support funds: \$4,000

Staff Appreciation: \$2,500

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**Committee and Fundraising**

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- Hot lunch program explanation and procedures to order at Munchalunch website. Volunteers are always welcome.
- Fruits and Veggies program explanation. Volunteers are always welcome.
- Grade 5 Committee: Ivette Espino presented as Grade 5 Committee coordinator and needs more participation and ideas. So far they shared the hoodies on their list and Winter Fair (3 tables), and treat days every month, but a lot will be coming up! Leaving ceremony was briefly explained.
- Winter Fair was presented and tables are available for \$40.
- The Card Project was presented. Orders open online on Oct 20th.
- Community values project was presented.
- Martial arts is a success and photos were shared.

Eveline motioned to adjourn at 8:18pm, Natalia seconded.

Next meeting (hybrid, online and in-person) will be held on Oct. 23, 2023 at 7pm.