

# ÉCOLE GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes



### Glen PAC Minute

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*Date | time* January 22, 2024 | 7 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Eveline Yu

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#### **In Attendance**

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

**School Staff:** Ms. Nicole Daneault (Principal), Ms. Tamara Sengotta (Vice Principal), Ms. Monica Anderson (Vice Principal starting Feb. 1), and Marnie Gordon (Teacher)

**Parents online (zoom names):** Nick's Dad, Gary T, Esther Hong, Jonida, David, Sashana Grant, Shahab Kavousi, Felipe Llamas, Faegheh Zeinali, Victoria Hathaban, Sindy Diaz, Armando Molina, Sanaz, Shannon Enge, Zhina Choghadi, Aaron Marquez, Pejman Darbandi, Ensieh Arjmandi, Jonida, Amy and Ivette Espino

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#### **Welcome**

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The meeting was called to order by Eveline Yu.

Eveline started the meeting with land acknowledgements.

The meeting agenda was presented. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rachel motioned to approve. Heather seconded.

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#### **Administrator's Report**

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Ms. Daneault presented Ms. Anderson as the new Vice Principal starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> and thanked Ms. Sengotta for her wonderful work during the past couple of years, wishing her the best in her new Vice Principal role at Walton Elementary.

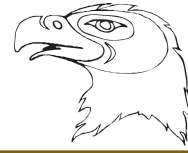
Ms. Daneault acknowledged some parents missed the Winter Performance at the end of 2023 and stated that kids had amazing winter activities in class throughout December such as Gingerbread building, gymnastics, school sing-along, and other festivities.

She also announced Kindergarten registration will be open at SD43 from February 6-8, 2024 for children born in 2019. There is a small possibility that a lottery system could happen due to the high number of applications. Information can be found on the school website or in person.

Glen's size prediction for next year is the same as this year (24 classrooms). Due to building and safety codes (including infrastructure, plumbing, and electrical), the school cannot incorporate more portables.

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### School Updates

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#### 1. Traffic and Parking

Eveline and Natalia discussed the ongoing issues around traffic and parking at the school due to construction and the plan to collaborate with the city counselor, ICBC, police department, and city planning and development to identify and address these issues. They also mentioned an upcoming meeting on February 7 to further investigate the traffic and parking situation. The importance of parent feedback and suggestions was emphasized.

#### 2. Class Representatives

Kristine, PAC Vice Chair and Class Rep Coordinator, reported that class representatives for every class have been established and communication has been smooth.

#### 3. Staff Appreciation Planning

The meeting also touched on the planning for the staff appreciation event, to be scheduled later in January.

#### 4. DPAC Updates

Heather provided updates on two recent workshops. The first was about Nutrition and ideas for school lunches having nutrition in mind. The second was about Family Smart with information and resources for families and caregivers of children, youth, or young adults with mental and substance issues. Info will be available on PAC Facebook.

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### Treasurer's Report

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Eveline Yu and Rachel Au discussed the financial status of various accounts related to the school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

Rachel Au, the treasurer, reported that:

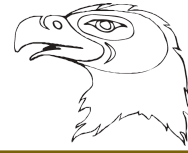
- the community account held \$2,995.65
- the gaming account had \$13,555.36
- and the grade 5 account was \$1,065.68

They also discussed how fundraising activities, such as hot lunches and the winter fair, contributed to the funds. A significant expenditure was the purchase of 14 audio systems for the school, with some of the costs still outstanding.

Future fundraisers were also discussed, including a movie night, basketball jamborees, Scholastic Book Fair, and treat days. Eveline reminded everyone that the PAC's funds benefit all Glen families.

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### New Business

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#### 1. School Activities and Initiatives

Ms. Gordon, teacher, discussed the school's activities for January and February, including the introduction of pickleball lessons, the start of basketball for grades 4 and 5, an Art Start performance titled "A Journey to Turtle Island" with an indigenous focus, and a "Hip Hop" event.

She also mentioned the ongoing "RAC" initiative promoting Random Acts of Kindness.

#### 2. Hot Lunch and Treat Day

Heather mentioned the next event scheduled for Wednesday and the upcoming fruit and veggie program days.

Natalia praised the hot lunch coordinators, Shannon, Esther, and Catherine, for their hard work. Natalia and Eveline discussed the procedure for placing restaurant orders, emphasizing that they generally close orders 10 days before the hot lunch.

Ms. Daneault proposed a pre-order system for Treat Day to streamline the process and aid the after-school care program. They also touched upon the topic of pre-order sales, the need for better advertising for future preorders, and a discussion of testing out what's best for future treat days.

The team discussed the possibility of aligning the 'Treat Day' with Valentine's Day on February 14th. Nicole suggested pairing the treat as an extra option on the hot lunch day.

Eveline proposed adding the fundraising button to the hot lunch order, but Natalia pointed out that changing orders would be complicated.

A poll was conducted to decide the date, and the majority voted to move the 'Treat Day' to February 14th.

#### 3. Movie Night Planning

The PAC execs offered three options for the upcoming movie night: Sing 2, Trolls, and Strange World. A poll on zoom was conducted. The majority voted for "Sing 2" as the movie for Movie Night for February 16.

#### 4. Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony

Eveline highlighted the tradition of grade 5 students leaving a legacy gift for the school and encouraged parents to join the grade 5 Whatsapp group to discuss potential ideas.

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### New Business (continued)

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Ivette, the Grade 5 Committee Coordinator, discussed the need for more volunteers, especially for fundraising and an upcoming basketball event.

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### Next Steps

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- Natalia will coordinate with the city counselor, Kathleen from ICBC, and the police department for the traffic and parking study on February 7.
- Ms. Daneault will consult with teachers and staff to decide on a date for staff appreciation week.
- Ivette will inform the grade 5 committee about the legacy gift and leaving ceremony.
- The PAC will consider adding a fundraising option for treats during hot lunches.
- Eveline will update the calendar with the new treat date and send it to all parents.

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### Adjournment

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Natalia motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Eveline seconded.

**The next meeting is set for February 26 at 7pm, virtual meeting via Zoom.**

There will not be a meeting in March due to Spring Break.

The meeting in April will be held in person.

Minutes prepared by: Isabela Lloyd