



**École George Elliot Secondary School  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGENDA  
Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6:30pm**

**In Person: Library**

**1.0 Call to Order 6:28pm**

Attendance/Introductions: Jim L, Tanya L, Ros H, Craig C, Ian L, Bretta L  
Regrets: Cynthia L, Jodi C

**2.0 Agenda:** Additions/Approval - Approved: Ros Seconded: Bretta

**2.1** Transfer of PAC Information to current PAC, Discussion on banking, passwords, e-mail access etc

**2.2** Discussion on Grad fundraising from Cynthia, how can the PAC help? Approved: Bretta, Seconded: Tanya

**3.0 Minutes:** Previous Meeting Minutes Additions/Approval - Approved: Ros, Seconded: Ian

**3.1** "I Packages" – From Jim's report, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, very important!

**3.2** "MyEd Parent Portal reports: paper copies; e-mail Jim, he will send one out to us.

**3.3** Cynthia joined on a call and we discussed Grad Fundraising (Agenda 2.2) *see new business*.

**3.4** Tanya will contact Financial Committee members to get Approved items paid out.

**4.0 Principal's Report:** Jim Laird – *See Accompanying Report*

**5.0 Reports:**

**5.1 President** – Craig Catton: The statue replacement ideas? – Jim still on it with students and teachers, *will report in January*.

**5.2 Treasurer** – Tanya Leshuk: BCCPAC \$100 ***has been paid!!*** Tanya paid it and will recoup.

| As per: 12/09/24 | Balance     | Pending                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Approved                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Gaming</b>    | \$21,528.43 | Robinson Gardening tools <b>\$200</b><br>Yoga mats x 10 <b>\$439.62</b><br>McKenzie field trip <b>\$1000</b><br>Frescott soccer shirts <b>\$1500</b><br>Frescott volleyball kits <b>\$1000</b><br>Lafontaine "GESS swag" <b>\$2000</b> | Oyama Zipline G12 <b>\$3685.50</b><br>Frescott basketball kits <b>\$3000</b><br>Johnson Hiking club gear <b>\$861</b><br>Frescott High jump covers <b>\$1025</b> |
| <b>General</b>   | \$5,333.43  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | BCCPAC – Tanya to recoup                                                                                                                                         |

**5.3 COPAC** – Nothing to report from Tanya, but Ros attended through HM Grenda. BCCPAC is up and running again. COPAC talk of enhancement requests, playground renovations etc.

**6.0 Old Business:**

**6.1:** Three students have not taken their bursary payments (3x\$500=\$1500). Tanya motioned that she would contact each student one more time, if no replies, monies will go to Oyama Zipline for Grad Approved: Roslyn, Seconded: Bretta, In Favor – Carried. *Tanya will contact them*.

**6.2 :** Transfer of PAC Information to current PAC, Discussion on banking, passwords, e-mail access etc. Tanya will contact Craig to see if he has access to the e-mail.

**7.0 New Business:**

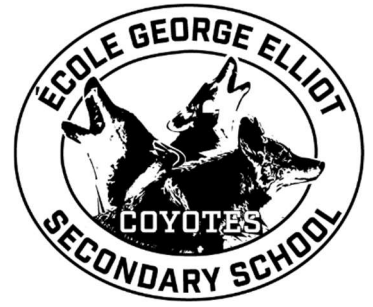
**7.1:** Cash raffle for the grad \$20 each, prizes of \$1000, \$500 & 250. 50/50 draw etc. – Ros will connect with Cynthia to discuss ideas and assist her with gaming licenses etc.

**8.0 Adjournment: 7:15pm**

**Next meeting:** January, 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 Library

## ***École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report***

- Monday, December 9, 2024



- **Thank you!**

- Thanks from all of us for being involved in PAC, our school, and in your child's education. We are so very appreciative of parents/guardians who volunteer and make a difference.

- **Teacher Candidates Begin this week**

- There are two types of student teacher, and our second years (who apply to become teachers because they are done) just finished. This first group is starting their first practicum here at GESS
- They spend two weeks here before the break, and we see them more in February/March. They don't take over classes per se, but they learn, team teach, do the odd lesson or project, etc.
  - Luke Atherton (McGarry)
  - Kelsey Falk (Ohashi)
  - Helen Job (Robinson)
  - Victor Otten (Marples, Cornock, Edgson)
  - Natasha Roblesky (Mohr)
  - Jaide Vanderleest (Loewen)

- **Upcoming Dates of Note**

- Winter Band Concert (December 18)
- Last Day of Classes (December 20)
- Students are back (January 6)
- Sr. Winter Formal (January 15)
  - In the foyer at school from 7-9pm a couple weeks after we get back. This event is for Grade 11s and 12s only, and tickets will be on sale once we return from the break.
- COBSS Applications Due (January 20)
  - If you have children working on their applications, they need to make sure that these things are completed and submitted BEFORE January 20.
  - We used to be able to see the progress of the applications, and that changed last year.
- Semester 1/Term 2 Ends (Friday, January 24)
  - We are nearly halfway into the school year. Your children's schedules will be changing (outside of linear courses) starting on the following Tuesday
  - **There is a one-day semester turnaround/I day on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> and the only students in session are those completing outstanding 'I packages.'**

- Classes will not start until the next day. Teachers will be reaching out to students and families to make sure I Day is ready to go.

- **Dual Credit Application Process**

- For dual credit programs (essentially, go to school at a post-secondary facility and receive high school credit at the same time), they are starting to accept applications for the 25-26 schools year. Most programs are for Grade 12s, but there are some at Grade 11, and only one or two at Grade 10.
  - Programs accept/close applications at slightly different times
- If students have questions, they should see Tim Frechette or Louise Boisvert in the Careers Centre – in semester 2, Careers coordinators will be visiting classes, but if your children are interested, inquiring early doesn't hurt.

- **Athletics**

- Basketball season is underway. We have coaches for our teams, and many students have tried out. We are an AAA school for the first time, and although the competition is stiff, our kids are playing great so far.

- **MyEd Parent Portal**

- We receive the odd question here or there about parent access to MyEd (report cards, timetables, etc.). The portal is currently being updated by district staff and school clerical so it will be far more usable.
- Saying that, we are not there yet, but in the future (likely next year?) all the high schools should be on it. Currently OKM and MBSS have been piloting the updated portals and although there have been some bugs, it's working.
- This is more of an informational item in case parents ask about it – for the time being, if you want to see your child's report card, your child logs in and shows you. If there is a tech issue, we can always help with access.