



**École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGENDA
Monday, February 24th 2025 at 6:30pm**

In Person: Library

1.0 Call to Order 6:32pm

Attendance/Introductions: Jim L, Tanya L, Ros H, Craig C, Ian L, Bretta L, Cynthia L, Jobina A, Tessa D
Regrets:

2.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval – Approved : Bretta, Seconded: Ros

2.1 Discussion on the issue with the cash raffle for the Grad Committee and the situation with the Gaming Commission rules.

2.2 See how we can reduce our allocation to Grad each year to distribute funds more evenly for the whole school.

3.0 Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes Additions/Approval – Approved Ros: , Seconded: Bretta

3.1 Motion to vote to provide COPAC a proxy for the BCCPAC - Approved: Tanya, Seconded: Ros,

3.2 Motion to re-apply for the gaming license for the Grad fundraiser. Approved: Craig, Seconded: Ian

3.3 It was agreed that Agenda 2.2 will have further discussion before year end, ready for policy in the next school year.

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

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton: Nothing to report

5.2 Treasurer – Tanya Leshuk: Agreed to wait to change signatures for NEXT school year

As Per : 02/24/25	Balance (bank fees \$5/mth)	Request	Funds Requested/ Pending	Funds Approved
Gaming	\$21,513.43	Oyama Zipline G12		\$3,685.50
		Frescette basketball uniforms		\$3,121.16
		Johnson Hiking club gear		\$861.00
		Frescette High jump covers		\$1,025.00
		Robinson Gardening tools		\$200.00
		Yoga mats x 10		\$439.62
		McKenzie field trip		\$1,000.00
		Frescette soccer shirts		\$1,500.00
		Lafontaine "GESS swag"		\$1,000.00
		Vicaretti Treadmill		\$1,000.00
		Indigenous Grad skirts		\$600.00
		BCCPAC (Reimbursed Tanya)		\$100.00
		Frescette volleyball uniforms	\$1,000.00	
			TOTAL	\$14,532.28
General *	\$1,524.88		REMAINING	\$6,981.15
* = not part of "REMAINING" balance				

5.3 COPAC – Ros - They are collecting a list of what's needed for budget for temporary classrooms etc Dyslexia simulation event; Feb 27th.

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 : Transfer of PAC Information to current PAC, Discussion on banking, passwords. Agreed to defer to next school year as per Tanya's report.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 : Gaming license for the Grad Committee raffle was rejected by the Gaming Commission.

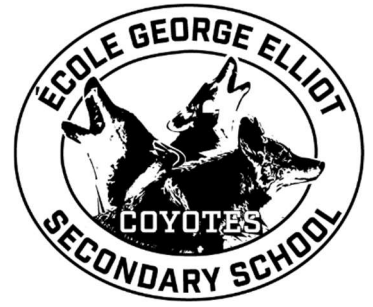
7.2 : PAC needs time to prepare to have the raffle organized so funds can be organized to run through our bank account. PAC will get the required license, Grad Committee will do the work to sell the tickets and create the necessary reporting and documentation, PAC will receive funds into our account and then distribute back to the school for correct distribution for the graduation.

8.0 Adjournment: 7:35pm

Next meeting: NO MARCH MEETING; April, 14th 2025 Library

École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report

- Monday, February 24, 2025



- **Thank you!**

- Happy New Year, and 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.

- **VP Update**

- Since Darryl's departure at the Winter break, we have been cobbling together admin support via retired admin Curtis Schreiber (2-3 days a week) and his time has ended as he's off for a much-deserved vacation
- We will find out about our permanent replacement VP soon, but this person won't be starting until after Spring Break
- Ryan Ward (currently VP at Black Mountain Elem) will be coming in for these three weeks to tide us over with admin support, starting tomorrow (Tuesday)

- **Truth and Reconciliation Work at GESS**

- We currently have a committee of 10 staff who are learning together and supporting our school's Truth and Reconciliation journey at GESS
- Days like Red Dress Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Orange Shirt Day, etc. are our focus, and we're trying to build a team to design learning experiences for the student body
- In June, we are working to plan learning/speakers/artists/dancers etc. to have a cultural showcase for the kids with learning attached across the school

- **ChemCorp for Inside23 at the March 12 Board meeting**

- Darcie, students, and myself will be presenting out about ChemCorp to the Board of Education and Sr. Staff. Darcie's (and our school's work) has been added to the OECD Schools+ website (public soon) as an "inspiring global practice" around innovative education
- GESS will be well represented that night and it's important that our PAC knows about some of the outstanding work being shared that your kids take part in

- **Global Student Leadership Summit (Blue Mountain, Ontario)**

- Kathy, our Leadership teacher, is partnering with other SD23 high schools to take a few students (6 I think?) to the GSLS in late April
- The four major areas of focus for the kids include mental health and wellness, environmental leadership, and school and community leadership.
- It's exciting to have GESS students attend this great opportunity at the national level

- **Provincial Learning Surveys**

- Used to be called "Satisfaction surveys"
- Links and info have been sent home and we encouraged parents/guardians to fill their out. Uptake is usually pretty low (in general) and we would love it if the PAC can do theirs and encourage their GESS friends to do it too. I get a report with the data when it's done, and seeing 15 parent responses total is never a good representative sample.

- **Admin Timelines: Timetable Season is Upon Us**

- We're in the throes of it. It's about to be our busiest time of year. Jen is our timetabler and she's learning the process without Darryl to train her. It will all be good, but it will be quite the stretch for us.
 - Course selection presentations were completed with parents and the students
 - Course selection is open until early March and we are working on getting student selection done up
 - Once our numbers are in we have to have a semi-functional timetable before our staffing meeting on April 15th (this month-long step takes 80+ hrs)
 - We find out what our staffing will be. It's the highest stress meeting we have all year because this directly means class sizes, what we can offer, and who we can hire.
 - Postings open up on May 1st when we start a month of interviewing, hiring, etc. for continuing teachers
 - Temp teachers get hired once we hit July

- **PAC Members at Capstone (May 15th in the afternoon)**

- In speaking with Louise and Tim, I sent in your names and if they haven't already reached out, they will be. Thanks for putting your names forward!

- **Parent/Guardian/Teacher Open House (March 6, 5-7pm)**

- Early dismissal at 1:30
- Like before, open house format from 5-7:00pm
- If PAC would like a table in the foyer etc, please let me know!