



**École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGENDA
Monday, October 21st 2024 at 6:30pm**

In Person: Library

1.0 Call to Order 6:30:

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

2.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval - Approved: Ros, Seconded: Don

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

2.2 Lobby Artwork – Discussion on whether to / how to re-install the artwork that was there before the Library renovation

2.3 PAC Assistance with Grad Committee; some discussion on where they are at....

3.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval - Approved: Ros, Seconded: Tanya

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

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton: Thanks to all for efforts in PAC recruitment, Thanks to Jim for another detailed report.

5.2 Treasurer – Tanya Leshuk

As per: mm/dd/yy	Balance	Pending	Approved
Gaming	\$16,200.00		
General	\$5,333.43		

5.3 COPAC - Nothing to report.

6.0 Old Business:

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

6.2 : Tanya motioned to send BCCPAC \$100. Approved - Roslyn, Seconded – Craig, In Favor – Carried. *Tanya reported discord at BCCPAC, holding cheque for now....*

6.3 : GESS Facebook has been looked after by Brenda, Roslyn has agreed to moderate it from now on. *Roslyn reported that she is now in control!* 😊

7.0 New Business:

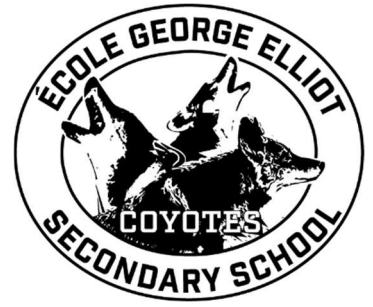
7.1: Nothing to Report

8.0 Adjournment: 7:45pm

Next meeting: November 18th 2024, Library

École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report

- Monday, October 21, 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.
- **Chainsaw Carving Condition (and challenges associated)**
 - I received the update from Operations
 - The chainsaw carving from the foyer has rotted through it's core, and it's not possible to save/reuse
 - Also, Operations (due to emergent issues, personnel, etc.) have put a hold on all "school enhancement projects" for the foreseeable future. Some PACs have had projects sitting in limbo for years as it is.
 - Joint use and the District of Lake Country
 - With our Joint Use Agreement, the foyer is designated as a shared space. Any future enhancement plans dealing with shared spaces would have a whole other approval process with the DLC
 - History of the sign outside
- **Visitors from Switzerland and Liechtenstein**
 - Educators from Europe came to learn in our district and visit schools, ours being one. Dr. Frank Brückel from the University of Zurich had a team of 23 teachers, principals, and district leaders here looking at inclusion and pedagogy
 - I've hosted Frank twice in the past, and met him through the TELP program at UBC in Vancouver
 - Visited four of our classrooms, heard from students, and had a chance to speak with teachers. They were blown away by the work our students and teachers are doing.
- **Take Our Kids to Work Day (Gr 9s)**
 - It's a national day (Wednesday, November 6th) where all Grade 9s, if at all possible, spend a day in a worksite. Usually it parents/guardians, but could be aunts, uncles, or trusted neighbours etc. Info will be sent home soon by our Careers team.
- **Government Election CPR Mandate Update**
 - Did you know that alongside the cellphone/personal device restrictions, the government also said that all students would learn CPR before graduation? Neither did we.
 - All joking aside, we were so busy with startup and the personal devices work that this wasn't looked at until now

- We are meeting with the Lake Country Fire Department – they've expressed a desire to support our work with this. We meet next week to chat about options, and we're hopeful we can do this alongside their support.
 - If not, we don't have the equipment to do this in house, and the equipment is expensive.
 - We are looking at what grade/class this makes the most sense for, and we're leaning toward Careers 10 – more info to come
- **PAC Funding Request process**
 - Are we good to go? I never got the official word from PAC yet – if you're ready, I can send out the link to teachers tomorrow.
- **Remembrance Day**
 - We have a dedicated committee of staff who are collaborating to make Remembrance Day outstanding as always. We are working with HMS as well. This year, rather than try and do two ceremonies at once (as is the usual), we have agreed to stagger our Remembrance Day assemblies so both bands and choirs can perform at each
 - What this means: HMS will go in the morning, and GESS will do ours in the afternoon. We are happy to shift back and forth each year, moving forward.
- **Local School Calendar Process with PAC**
 - Please see the third page for the district days for next year
 - Here are our local, GESS proposed days to add to the calendar:
 - **Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Open House #1): Thursday, October 16**
 - **Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Open House #2): Thursday, March 12**
 - **Early Dismissal (Capstone): Thursday, May 14**
 - Looking for feedback on continuing the same timing in the year, and three early dismissals for these topics like this year

Ministry prescribed hours per instructional year:

- Kindergarten: 853hrs
- Grades 1-6: 878hrs
- Grades 9-12: 952hrs

Bell schedule to maintain instructional minutes per day

- Elementary: 288mins/day
- Middle/Sceondary: 313min/day

Days in session	190 (3 summer Pro Days August 25, 26, 27)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 2
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 10
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 13
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Tuesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 22 – Friday, January 2
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Thursday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 13
Family Day	Monday, February 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26