



École George Elliot Secondary School  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes  
Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 6:33pm

In Person: Student Services

**1. Call to Order 6:30pm**

- 1.1. Attendance/Introductions: *Rob A, Colin M, Craig C, Ian L, Linda I, Bretta L, Mark H,*
- 1.2. Regrets: Ros H.

**2. Agenda:** Previous Agenda Additions/Approval – *Approved: Ian, Seconded: Mark*

- 2.1.1. The bathrooms situation is raising its head again!

**3. Minutes:** Previous Meeting Minutes Additions/Approval – *Approved: Bretta, Seconded: Mark*

- 3.1.1. Discussion was had with both Rob and Colin regarding the situation. The school is continuing to monitor and try to ensure the situation improves.
- 3.1.2. We had some lengthy discussion about the new garden project at the rear of the property as per Rob's report. It's exciting and an honor for the school on a provincial level.
- 3.1.3. Physics Olympics \$1000 which was approved; this amount, although not paid out, to be made available in the "pot" as the team could not travel to Vancouver due to weather related challenges.

**4. Principal's Report:** Rob Aviani – *See Accompanying Report*

**5. Reports:**

- 5.1.1. **President** – Craig Catton: Nothing to report
- 5.1.2. **Treasurer** – Ros Hazen: Absent; reports to follow next meeting
- 5.1.3. **COPAC** – Ros Hazen, Absent; reports to follow next meeting

**6. Old Business:**

- 6.1. Outdoor Club – First Aid Kits x 2, Headlamps \$400 Approved: Ros, Seconded: Bretta Carried
- 6.2. ~~Physics Olympic Team – \$1000 THIS TO BE RETURNED TO THE "POT"~~
- 6.3. Capstone Lunch – \$750
- 6.4. Athletics Uniforms – \$2000
- 6.5. Cooking appliances for Grad – \$900 – We will discuss and finalize at May's meeting.

**7. New Business:**

- 7.1. Belated request (via Linda) for boys' volleyball funding for the provincials last November. Can we do this? Rob will report at the next meeting.

**8. Adjournment: 7:42pm**

**Next meeting:** May 11th, Resource Room

**George Elliot Secondary School PAC Income Statement**

Year: 09/01/2025 to 08/31/2026

**Bank Account Status**

General Account	\$ 1,469.59	Gaming Account	\$23,336.23
Cash or Other	\$ -	-	-
<b>As of March 31, 2026</b>			

**Fundraising**

Items	Deposit	Expenses	Profit	%
Interest from Membership	9.17		9.17	100.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
	-	-	-	0.00%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Gaming Funds**

Year	Grant	Approved	Remaining
Prior Year Remaining	6,274.04	6,185.50	88.54
2025-2026	17,260.00	7,248.93	10,011.07
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>23,534.04</b>	<b>13,434.43</b>	<b>10,099.61</b>

**Gaming Fund Expenses**

Item	Requested	Approved	Issued	Expenses
Bank Fees				211.81
Oyama Zipline Grad 2026	3,685.50	3,685.50		
Soccer Team Bus	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Outdoor Club	2,862.40	400.00		
Physics Olympics Team	1,000.00	1,000.00		
United Nations Climate Change Conf	750.00	750.00		
BC Student Leadership Conf	1,000.00	750.00		
Capstone presentations lunch	750.00	750.00		
Athletic Team Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Cooking appliances for GRAD	900.00			
Cookie Club	248.79	250.00		
Grad lanyards	868.00	868.00		
Open Mic Club	337.93	337.93		
Sr Basketball Prov.	1,643.00	1,643.00		
Grad 2027 Field Trip	4,000.00			
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>21,045.62</b>	<b>13,434.43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>211.81</b>

Date as of: April 13, 2026



**Principal's Report: École George Elliot Secondary School PAC Meeting**  
**Rob Aviani, April 13, 2026**

- **Gratitude, Congratulations, and Welcome**
  - **Thank you to our Spring coaches**
    - Golf Team: Tim Frechette and Rochelle Youngberg
    - Sr Girls Soccer: Dan Vicaretti and Sean Roberts
    - Track and Field: Bruce Shaw, Tim Frechette Rochelle Youngberg and Bennett Ford
    - Jr Boys Rugby 7's: Tynen Chatten and Josh Maurer( parent)
    - Ultimate: Evan Allardyce
  - **Bus Driver Appreciation Day - April 15.** Thank you to our bus drivers. Bus Driver Appreciation Day is a time to recognize and thank school bus drivers for the vital role they play in safely transporting students and supporting school communities each day.
  - **GESS Drama Production.** Congratulations to Lee Schwartz and our student actors and production team for their outstanding performances of "She Kills Monsters." The audiences were supportive, and the students were thrilled with the experience.
  - **Welcome to Mitch Simpkins.** Mitch is helping out with the leadership class and offering some extra student support
  
- **Convocation and Prom.** Grad is coming up quick. Convocation is Friday, June 12 with two ceremonies: one ceremony is at 4:30 and another is at 7:00. The Grad Walk and Prom is Saturday, June 13. We encourage all Grade 12s students and their families to stay informed.
  - Families and students can check out the Weebly Grad Website at <https://gesgrad.weebly.com/>
  - Students should check their notifications from the CLP GRAD 2026 Google Classroom often
  - Michele Stone sends out regular updates with important informational updates for parents about prom from the email address [gesspromparents2026@gmail.com](mailto:gesspromparents2026@gmail.com). To receive updates, send Michele a quick email to that address with your name and your child's name so that she can add you to the prom mailing list.
  
- **George Elliot Nature Park.** Construction crews broke ground on the George Elliot Secondary Nature Park on April 1. The District construction crew is working closely with students to ensure the original vision for the space is honoured. Teacher Marnie Birkeland has been working alongside students throughout the planning process, and support from our Assistant Superintendent helped secure a \$200,000 grant for the project. In addition, the University of Victoria is conducting research on the impact of the Nature Park on student and staff learning, well-being, and mental health.