



**École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGENDA
Monday, November 18th 2024 at 6:30pm**

In Person: Library

1.0 Call to Order 6:30:

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

2.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval - Approved: Roslyn, Seconded: Ian

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

2.2 Tanya has kindly relayed information from the June 2024 meeting, report created, *see attached*.

3.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval - Approved: Roslyn, Seconded: Linda

3.1 Linda suggested contacting the LC Gardening Club

3.2 Decision to approve Gardening Club, Yoga mats, Physics trip by all present.

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

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton: The statue from the common area is not recoverable; we can discuss something to replace it and where.

5.2 Treasurer – Tanya Leshuk

As per: 11/18/24	Balance	Pending	Approved
Gaming	\$21,528.43	Robinson Gardening tools \$200 Yoga mats x 10 \$439.62 McKenzie field trip \$1000 Frescett soccer shirts \$1500 Frescett volleyball \$1000 Lafontaine "GESS swag" \$2000	Oyama Zipline G12 \$3685.50 Frescett basketball kits \$3000 Johnson Hiking club gear \$861
General	\$5,333.43		

5.3 COPAC – Report printed by Tanya; available for perusal.....

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. *Roslyn will contact them.*

6.2 : Transfer of PAC Information to current PAC, Discussion on banking, passwords, e-mail access etc. now June minutes are available

7.0 New Business:

7.1: In regard to Craig's status/artwork project. Ros suggested getting the students involved, Jim will get some ideas for the next meeting.

7.2 Tanya motioned to send BCCPAC \$100. Approved - Roslyn, Seconded – Craig, In Favor – Carried.
Discord at BCCPAC has been dealt with, cheque can be paid!

7.3 Approve AGM June minutes Approved : Ian, Seconded Linda.

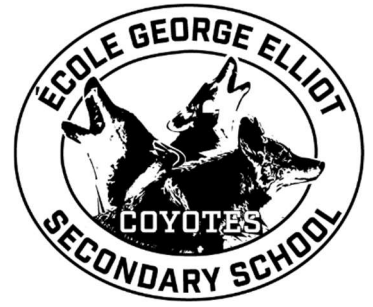
7.4 Financial Committee members not present, so a decision to approve *Gardening Club, Yoga mats, Physics trip* by all present. Approved : Ros, Seconded: Ian

8.0 Adjournment: 7:24pm

Next meeting: December 9th 2024, Library

École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report

- Monday, November 18, 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.

- **UBC Connections w/ Chemistry**

- Darcie (Sr. Chemistry) and her students (current/former at UBC) have teamed up and met with the Dean of Sciences and a panel of Science professors. Our GESS team (Darcie and students) has been advocating for the creation of a UBC mentorship program to support our Science department learners. In a 2hr meeting up at UBC, the program was approved this year as a trial.
 - UBC is very, very excited as well. Our Aspire Chemistry students spent half a day there on Friday. They got to meet faculty, have a lecture in one of their lecture halls, and take part in a university lab alongside mentors and grad students.
 - Former GESS students (and some others) in UBC sciences have signed on to become mentors for our students to make connections, share learning, etc.
 - UBC is very interested competency-based curricula as they are making similar changes, and want to learn more from our teachers about it.
- Johnson and Johnson has partnered with ChemCorp.
 - The real Johnson and Johnson. Darcie reached out to ask if they were doing any current work that our kids could learn alongside them. They said yes!
 - They are trying to solve the problem of affordable and green bandages/sutures that detect infection – they have these items now, but they are expensive to create, so third-world countries don't have access. Our kids have been given the same challenge that their scientists have – how can you create a cost effective, environmentally friendly bandage/suture that detects infection as well as the current ones?
 - Our ChemCorp students are working to tackle this real-world problem!
- Steve had a UBC Physics professor reach out to him as well, and we'll see where that takes us!

- **Presentation to the Board re: OECD**

- *Four Central Okanagan Public schools (Pearson Road Elementary School, Rose Valley Elementary School, Canyon Falls Middle School, and École George Elliot Secondary School) are among eight Canadian schools playing a part in the OECD's (The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) next big study, the **Schools+Network**. One hundred and thirty schools spanning forty different countries have been collaborating since September 2023 to examine what innovative, powerful learning looks*

like at the ground level. Teams of teachers and school administrators have been deeply invested in this important research. This research will end by April 2025 when the Schools+ research will be released to the educational community around the world, and our teams are grateful for the opportunity to highlight Central Okanagan Public Schools learning at a global scale. (From the superintendent's newsletter)

- We had a team zoom at 5am today. It was great! And I'm tired.
- **CPR Mandate Update and Possible Fire Academy 12**
 - Great work has been happening alongside the LCFD
 - They will support and instruct our Grade 10 careers students (starting next semester) in CPR to follow the BC mandate which we still have no gov't details
 - We have had multiple meetings to finalize a Fire Academy 12 class alongside the LCFD. Geoff Bodnar has agreed to be the teacher for it, and we will see if we can get the students to run it. Info will be created prior to course selection and parent meetings in February.
- **COBSS/Scholarship Season Begins..**
 - COBSS opens November 26th. For those not aware, 95% of all scholarships and bursaries run through this organization. Volunteers make the selections, leaving schools out of the process (which is good), and many thousands of dollars end up going to our kids.
 - If you have a grad, tell them to apply for everything they are qualified for
- **IDS Theatre Project**
 - One of our grade 11 students is doing an independent study course and has teamed up across the district to cast and direct her own major theatre production. Lee Schwartz is sponsoring, and the student is casting from Theatre students at GESS and across the district. It should be happening in May/June. We are very excited.
- **Athletics**
 - Congrats to our Grade 9 girls volleyball team who won the cities, beating RSS for first
 - Basketball season is happening soon. Tryouts were happening last week, and teams should be rostered very soon.
 - With that, Tim and I will be holding a mandatory basketball parent meeting coming up soon (next week, date/time TBA). We are talking about codes of conduct, fee payment changes, respecting coaches, etc.
- **Report cards**
 - Our term 1 report cards will be accessible online through your child's MyEd portal at the end of the day on Thursday.
 - If your child does not remember how to log on, on our website under the 'Student' section we have instructions for them (and for you).