



**École George Elliot Secondary School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) AGENDA
Monday, January 27th 2025 at 6:30pm**

In Person: Library

1.0 Call to Order 6:30pm

Attendance/Introductions: Jenn H, Tanya L, Ros H, Craig C, Ian L, Bretta L, Cynthia L, Linda I
Regrets: 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 Cynthia/Tanya have a request for indigenous funds for

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

3.1 Lots of discussion regarding the statue / stained glass

3.2 All pending financials approved: – Approved: Ros, Seconded – Cynthia

3.3 Previous Old Business - ~~Three students have not taken their bursary payments (3x\$500=\$1500).~~

Monies will go to Oyama Zipline for Grad - Approved: Roslyn, Seconded: Bretta, In Favor – Carried.

AGREED THAT MONIES WILL NOW GO TO OYAMA ZIPLINE FUND.

4.0 Principal's Report: Jim Laird – (Given by Jenn Hall). *See Accompanying Report*

5.0 Reports:

5.1 President – Craig Catton Statue idea, let's see if we can find a local artist or a contest. Possibilities all around. We need further investigation on narrowing down what to do.

5.2 Treasurer – Tanya Leshuk: Grad skirts for indigenous funds \$600, new treadmill \$4767

Volleyball uniforms postponed until year end / September 2025

As Per : 01/27/25	Balance	Request	Funds Requested/ Pending	Funds Approved
Gaming	\$21,518.43	Oyama Zipline G12		\$3,685.50
		Frescette basketball uniforms		\$3,000.00
		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
		Frescette volleyball uniforms	\$1,000.00	
General	\$1,524.88		TOTAL	\$14,311.12
			REMAINING	\$7,207.31

5.3 COPAC – Ros reported PAC bylaw course coming up. Specialty academy fees to be remembered.

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 : Transfer of PAC Information to current PAC, Discussion on banking, passwords.

7.0 New Business:

7.1: Cash raffle for the grad \$20 each, prizes of \$1000, \$500 & \$250. 50/50 draw etc. – We have the gaming license. Ticket sales are from Feb 1st til Feb 27th, draw on Feb 28th

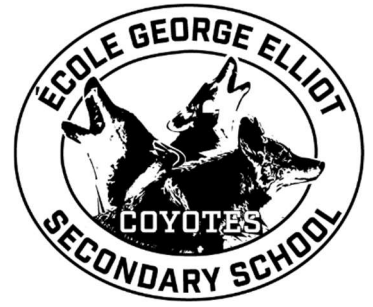
7.2: See how we can reduce our allocation to Grad each year to distribute funds more evenly for the whole school.

8.0 Adjournment: 7:50pm

Next meeting: February, 24th 2025 Library

École George Elliot Secondary PAC: Principal's Report

- Monday, January 27, 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**
 - Darryl Smith (after 7 years of working at GESS) has become the principal of Eagle River Secondary in Sicamous on January 6th
 - Curtis Schreiber is filling in temporarily (3 days a week) until mid February
 - We should know who our permanent VP is by mid-month-ish
- **PAC Members at Capstone (May 15th in the afternoon)**
 - In speaking with Louise Boisvert (clerical in Careers) they need to know who can commit to coming for the afternoon Capstone presentations on May 15th
 - Once you let me know (ideally tonight), I can pass your names on to her
- **Public Health Nurses – Wellness Clinics in High Schools**
 - As part of a provincial mandate, we will be hosting public health nurses for a half-day every second day until the end of the year. Our days will be Wednesday mornings starting in mid-February.
 - The letter we will be sending home is as follows from Interior Health:

Subject: Public Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in School Settings for Grade 10, 11, 12 Students

As part of Interior Health (IH) - Central Okanagan's efforts to provide access to public health nursing (PHN) support and services, IH will be offering in-school PHN Wellness Clinics for grade 10, 11, & 12 students between now and the end of this school year.

During the Wellness Clinic in the school, Public Health Nurses will be available to talk with students and answer any questions about public health nursing services, such as health and wellness promotion/disease prevention information, and resources. This is also a great opportunity for senior high school students to meet with a public health nurse to assess their immunization history and ensure they have all the necessary vaccinations before they graduate. Some post-secondary schools/training programs require immunization history prior to

starting the program. Additionally, based on information gleaned from the recent 2023 McCreary Adolescent Survey indicating a growing concern from students regarding a variety of health-related topics, these in-school clinics will offer improved access for students to reach out to a health professional.

COVID-19 or Influenza vaccines will not be offered or provided at these Wellness Clinics.

- Times will be drop in only for the time being and they will be located in our conference room. Students will need to check in with the secretaries with a "I'm here to see the nurses" with no further info needed, and as soon as they're free, they will see whatever student who comes by.
- They've offered to do some info notice boards and stuff, and we'll see where it goes
- **Feedback from Students re: Art ideas for PAC**
 - Just for your feedback about future projects, students were quizzed by the leadership students all around the school.
 - Top choices: Statue, Stained glass
 - Symbols: Coyote, or Indigenous themed words/teepee
- **Upcoming Dates of Note**
 - Grad photos with Artona starting Feb 6th – 16th
 - Report cards posted online Feb 6th
 - February 7th yearbook orders due
 - Parent course selection evening February 12th
 - Next year's 10-12s 6-7pm
 - Next year's 9s 7:15-8:15pm
 - Feb 14th is pro-d, and Feb 17th is Family Day (both no classes)
- **Dual Credit Application Process**
 - Just a reminder:
 - 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.