

École Glenrosa Middle School
PAC Meeting Minutes
January 17th, 2024
(Approved Feb 7, 2024)

Present attendees:

Bobbi Hunter (Principal), Stephanie Read (Vice Principal), Sean O’Gorman (PAC Vice President), Leath Strench (Treasurer), Jen Zurbrigg (Secretary), Xavier Lambert (teacher grade 8/9), Kimberly Gorman (music teacher)

Meeting called to order @ 6:08pm

Opening Business:

- Approval of December minutes – approved by Leath, 2nd by Jen
- Approval of January agenda – approved by Leath, 2nd by Jen

Principals Report - Bobbi Hunter

- Shared a video with updates and happenings at GMS in December, including lots of winter themed décor, theme days for the final week before break, graduates of Girl Power, drumming, cookies and carols for the teachers and staff, various band performances, woodshop creations from grade 9s, grade 6 entrepreneur fair, We Belong banner art contest winners, Artists in Residence performance, GMS pep rally and more!
*Video will be shared with students at school during announcements, and most photos can be found on the school Instagram account.
- Starting a new round of Girl Power club with a new group of students
- Basketball is starting up for grades 6 and 7 teams
- Friday treat days (leadership group)
- Dress as your fav character day is tomorrow, Jan 18
- Dodgeball tournament coming up
- Soccer club on Thursdays are inside now
- Japanese exchange program coming in February
 - about 30 students have been placed with host families
 - host family will receive \$100 /student
 - host families to find out more info by beginning of Feb

Stephanie Read, VP

- Japanese exchange program – *needing about 23 more families to help host students*

Executive Updates

- Denay – no updates
- Sean – no updates

- Leath – see below
- Jen – no updates

Treasurer's Report

Leath

- *General account: just over \$1000*
Cheques for 3 requests last month are ready to submit
Treat day in Dec \$229.05
- *Gaming account: just under \$12,000*

General Discussion

Old Business

- **Gaming funds – to help fund as many students in the school as possible** *we can not vote as we didn't have enough members present

We currently have received 3 outstanding requests from teachers and clubs for funding:

Still to determine:

Music, 160 students – instruments (last 20-30 years), festival costs - approx. \$22,000+

Mrs. Kimberly Gorman shared:

- Program has grown 3x in size since 2012
- Growing in ability and effectiveness
- #1 need: Timpani is not up to standard – having a full set of 3 which will last 30-50 years, will see use for long time
Half of the pieces of music aren't able to be played due to not having the instrument
- #2 need : Sax – all school saxophones are being rented out and school does not have any on hand. Cost has gone up since Covid (\$60 / month), when the school has it on hand they can rent to the student for far less. Funding this will help build the fleet of instruments
- #3 need : Orchestra chimes – most middle schools have and GMS does not. It comes up in many pieces middle school needs to learn
- #1+#3 will help to fill in the gaps at GMS
- Festivals and bussing are yearly costs
- Flute, clarinets request is for getting the fleet of on hand rentable instruments
- New Bari Sax Case – this has been already purchased due to damage

Idea – have a fund of money where Mrs. Gorman can use as she sees fit

Climbing club, 50 students – equipment for indoor use - approx. \$1500

Mr. Lambert shared:

- Club started in Oct 2023. A lot of students were interested in the fall and have dropped down to 3 due to some challenges.
- Challenges – currently climbing downtown and cost is high to get there and back.
- Will be starting to climb at MBSS which will be accessible to get to and free to use, equipment provided.
- Spring and fall will be outside and equipment will be needed.
- Goal in the spring is to go out every week or every other, evening or a weekend (skaha, Mt Boucherie, surrounding parks)
- Less than 10 students \$1500 would cover most needs of the club
- Equipment is needed for outside (indoor places have the equipment, ropes, shoes etc)
- Metal equipment should last 30 years
- Fabric equipment is 10 years if stored properly

Idea – modify request to 3 students up to 6 for now and see the cost, re-submit request and PAC will review ability to help support and look at supporting more in coming years.

Mr. Shannon, grade 7s (and others on enrichment days) - 3d printer - approx. \$1363 (not discussed)

Open discussion:

- Gaming funds need to be used for as many students
- We will have an exec meeting to discuss further

New Business

- New requests coming: Girl Power \$250, Grade 6 year end event \$700, Grade 9 grad (this is something as a PAC we want to contribute to annually)

Next Meeting

- Wednesday February 7th @ 6pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:57pm

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