

# Glenrosa Middle School PAC Minutes

October 15, 2009

Present: Sylvia Kessler, Darlene Stokman, Michelle Parsons, Donna O'Brien, Carmen Belanger, Linda Reynolds, Vince Boyko, Loreen McCann, Alvina Nickel, Amy-Jo Bomford, Rebecca Enns, Ann Bakker, Jamie Robinson, Cindy Henderson

## 1. Welcome to Parents

- Introductions.
- Be sure to enter draw for door prizes.
  - Review of minutes – oops, Cindy is late so minutes not available, sorry!
  - Motion to approve Amy. Seconded by Loreen. Carried.

## 2. General Meeting Reports

### Treasurer's Report

- No new statements
- \$6200 this year from gaming – ½ of last year

## 3. Admin Report – Jamie Robinson

- Korean International Academy – Topia will be working with SD23, GMS chosen to have students attend
  - 30 students will begin 6 weeks at GMS on Nov 23 then 3 other groups follow
  - Billet families are being sought
  - This is a 2 year contract with SD23 – 5 groups will go through GMS next year
  - This will be culturally enriching for our kids
  - \$135,000 for the GMS Education Dept allowed for more staffing to decrease class sizes
  - 48 classes were over 30 students now only 12 classes have over 30 students
  - There will be 3 Korean students in each class – those spaces were left in the classes during recent class shuffles
  - Some timetables were affected in grade 8 especially but great care was taken to rework their schedules – this was due to initial class sizes, not to do with Korean students. Having the new funds at GMS helped the class sizes decrease.
- Early dismissal is for collaborative staff time – helping staff move forward
  - The SD is watching GMS to see how this works
  - To make up ministry instructional minutes requirements there will be some minutes added to instructional day
    - Taking advisory out of the schedule adds that time (Advisory wasn't being used effectively)
- Interim reports date change – they will be sent home on October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - SD changed grading software so have to do more work to reports
- On the GMS website look for Motivation article – good information for parents.
- Dates to remember:

Oct 20	Early Dismissal 1:16, Photo retakes
Oct 23	Pro-Day
Oct 28	Interim Reports Home, Halloween Dance
Oct 29	Parent Teacher Interviews 2-4 & 5-7
Oct 30	Parent Teacher Interviews 2-4 by apptmt
Nov 4	Take Your Kid to Work Day – Grade 9 only
Nov 11	Remembrance Day

## 4. COPAC- BCCPAC

- Alvina attended
- Friends for Life – gr 4 & 7 program for kids
  - Jamie will have GMS counselor look at the program
- Nov 2 COPAC meeting will have guest speaker talking about Smartrisk
  - See COPAC website [www.copac.ca](http://www.copac.ca) for information about all of their meetings
  - BCCPAC website [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

## 5. New Business

- Budget Discussion
  - \$10,400 to be spent
  - 1 request in writing for band funds – other requests to come
  - Jamie will bring requests w/recommendations to next meeting
  - Band request will be held over to next meeting
  
- COBSS Bursary
  - Bursary to 2 grade 12 students graduating from Mt Boucherie who attended GMS
    - ✓ 2 bursaries of \$250 each have been given in the past, COBSS suggests 1 for \$500
    - ✓ **Linda motions that 1 bursary be given for \$500. Vince seconds the motion. Carried.**
  
- Quilt-a Thon Licensing
  - Linda applied but it doesn't qualify for gaming as funds would be going out of country, Linda will apply again with funds going to Social Justice program – gaming is holding the application open
  
- Guest speaker ideas
  - If anyone has ideas or wants to bring someone in to speak at a meeting bring it up at a meeting or let Sylvia know

Draw – congratulations Rebecca on your first GMS PAC meeting & winning the valuable prize!! Thanks Jamie.

6. Next meeting, Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend.

7. **Addendum** - Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- Alvina had more info from COPAC meeting

- **GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

BCCPAC is letting all PACs know about a national grant opportunity that your school may be able to benefit from in the areas of Drama, Recreation, Arts, Music and Athletics. It is called the S'Cool Life Fund and they have given grants to many B.C. schools over the past 4 years. Please go to [www.scoollifefund.ca](http://www.scoollifefund.ca) to check it out. We encourage any school to apply that has a specific need within the criteria. Applications are being accepted online until December 31.