



Cedar Grove Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information: In Person at CGES		
Date: Tuesday, January 10 2023	Time: 7:00 – 8:10 pm	
Chair: Tamara Hedden/ Nicole Arnett	Recorder: Marissa Rizzo	
Attendance (17)		
Nicole Arnett, Co-Chair	Karen Graves	Kathleen Colquhoun
Tamara Hedden, Co-Chair	Sue Girard, SD 46 Trustee	Devika Naidu
Marissa Rizzo, Secretary	Kimberly Swaffield	
Jamie Sadler, Principal	Uthman Biliamunu	
Marissa Fischer	Lorna Richards	
Scott Friesen	Simon Croak, DPAC	
Steve Wolfe	Urszula Dragowska	
Housekeeping	Action Items	
1. Call to Order 7:00pm		
2. Introductions		
3. Additions to Agenda:		
4. Approval of Last Minutes: motioned by Urszula, seconded by Lorna, all approved		
5. Outstanding Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Buddy Bench Installed ○ Lorna and Tracy to transfer funds and close CIBC accounts ○ Amy to submit 2019 Gaming report ○ Kathleen to update banking info on Bambora for hot lunch deposits ○ Tamara to email Scott about additional Childcare Funds available ○ Jamie to arrange for popcorn tally Thursday mornings ○ Tamara to book DJ and put a call out for decorations for dance ○ Jamie to look for baking supplies in resource room ○ Jamie to contact store managers to see if they would like to participate in Secret Santa • Pending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Book Library to be installed ○ Kathleen to purchase needles for knitting club ○ Tamara to send the link for the yearbook photos to Jamie ○ Tamara to organize Valentines Dance 		
Regular Reports	Action Items	
5.1 Chairs Report: Tamara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are using a new layout for tables so that all members can see each other, per the advice of Betty Baxter on how to run a successful PAC • We are excited about 2023 to hopefully have more events at the school 		

<p>5.2 Treasurer’s Report: Marissa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance in Main Account SCCU \$33,702.10 Balance in Gaming Account SCCU \$5,267.94 CIBC accounts are closed 	
<p>3. Principals Report: Jamie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball season is coming, there is interest for two gr 6/7 boys’ teams, one 6/7 girls team, and a grade 4/5 team. We have sponsors but need coaches Across the country, Covid has impacted literacy, numeracy, and basic skills. CGE feels there is a need to focus on literacy. Our literacy specialist has had her FTE increased to a 2nd day. CGE would like to strike a literacy committee with staff to bring discussions to the PAC. There is a lack of reading resources in the library that focus on de-coding, so CGE has purchased cross-grade de-codable books, some of which with an indigenous focus. The end of January is Literacy month, there will be a dress-up day, also a family reading day for parents to read in the gym with their children, and reading Olympics FSA results have come in, parents have the option of getting their child’s results back, but it has no impact on the evaluation of your child, its simply a planning tool There will be a survey coming up for all students that’s part of a ministry initiative that asks what they are learning in school, how they feel about school, etc. Layered on top of that is the middle years development index, another survey that has been constructed by educators and psychologists at UBC. This particular survey is very enlightening because it looks at social/emotional learning not just traditional academics. 	
<p>5.4 School Trustee Report: Sue Girard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached 	
<p>5.5 DPAC Report: Urszula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSPP has a yearly grant for \$250 school projects, Elphi is using this for their gardening club MPES had a successful community fair Hot chocolate stand fundraiser, Langdale did a Christmas bingo family night and gingerbread house decorating Nic Weswick had a presentation on the district budget planning and SD46 is looking for input from different PACs as to what is important for parents to see in the school budget The Foundry is coming to the Sunshine Coast, it is a great mental health resource for kids aged 12 to 24. It offers free and confidential supports for young people. The fall intake is coming for education assistants’ programs SD46 and 48 have entered a partnership to provide an opportunity for students in grades 11 and 12 interested in early childhood education as part of their education 	<p>Tamara to reach out to HSPP for more info</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>6.1 Hot Lunch – Kathleen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Lunch is well under way and volunteers are great 	

<p>6.2 Fundraising and Events- Tamara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have our Purdys easter fundraiser coming up, its setup, the website is live, and the poster will go out closer to ordering Yearbook- we need more photos, please submit any to the link sent out by Theresa, the deadline is the end of February. Prices are discounted to \$17 for only a few more weeks, and will go up to \$25 We would like to reschedule the winter dance to February 9th for Valentines Day. We have a DJ lined up. This will be an everyone welcome, family dance. 	<p>Tamara to send Jamie the yearbook link to upload his photos</p> <p>Tamara to organize the dance</p>
<p>• New Business</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>7.1 Lantern Festival- Tamara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at next meeting 	
<p>• Meeting Adjourned at: 8:22pm</p>	

Attachments:
Trustees report

Cedar Grove PAC

Trustee Report – Sue Girard -- September 14th , 2022

Hello Everyone:

Congratulations to the new Executive of the PAC and Welcome to a new school year.

This past week we Welcomed back our Students and Staff with Joy and Optimism!

As you know it is an Election year and I am running again as an Incumbent for Area 3 which is the Lower Sunshine Coast – Town of Gibsons, Areas D (Roberts Creek), E (Elphinstone), F (West

Howe Sound). As you know, it is a 4-year term and so I have been with you all for the past 4 years – watching with you as your children grow and flourish and move forward into High School. Including my own kids. Gosh, they grow up quickly! Also, all the changes with the PAC members over the years, you are a dedicated group and CGES rocks!

WE are so happy to Welcome our 10th Student Trustee to the Board table. Annalisa Achee will be joining us tonight at the SBO.

I am sorry not to be with you in person, I would have loved to meet again in the CGES Library but our 1st Regular Board meeting of the year is the same time so I send my regrets! I'll be at the next one.

StrongStart, SPARK! and Child Development Classes kick off again this fall! We are looking forward to connecting with families in our community through these core programs.

The 2022-23 Mental Health in Schools grant funding, in the amount of \$55,000, supports mental health and well-being. We will be making plans to apply these funds toward further developing the Mental Health in Schools Strategy which includes trauma informed practice, mental health literacy, well-being, and socio-emotional learning. This is one of my focuses in my campaign.

Director Bishop put out a great HR report about where we stand right now. You can find it online at the SD Website. Staffing shortages and increased enrollment are issues. As we all know, Covid took its toll on us all and we endeavor to work together to get over this most difficult time. <https://sd46.bc.ca>

2022 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education: Congratulations to SD46 staff being recognized as outstanding finalists in the 2022 Premiers Awards for Excellence in Education: Elaine Tattrie, teaching assistant, Gibsons Elementary, for Outstanding Support as a Teaching assistant and Tom Kellough & Sara Douglas, music teachers, Chatelech Secondary for Outstanding Team Collaboration.

Ministry Priorities and Focus for 2022-2023 School Year: At the annual BCSSA Conference held this summer, the Ministry laid out their three areas of priority and focus:

- Reconciliation,
- Child Care, and
- Equity, Anti-Racism, Mental Health in Schools.

As our district enters into the fourth year of the Board's Strategic Plan, we see how our deep work and transformational change is reflected in the Ministry's priorities for this year. Again, these are my main priorities and mandates for this coming Election.

All my Best for now, have a great meeting!

See you soon -- Sue G. Trustee. SD46.