

Elgin Park Secondary

PAC Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021



Zoom meeting

Attendance: Susie Lang-Gould (Co-Chair), Jodi Soheili (Co-Chair), Simon Padgett (Treasurer), Meredith Laird, Principal Jeff Johnstone, plus 18 other parents

1. **Call to Order** – Meredith Laird called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of February 18, 2021:** Minutes approved as circulated by unanimous consent.
4. **Reports:**

- a. **Treasurer's Report**

Simon Padgett updated the committee on the bank balances and transactions since the last report (full report attached). He encouraged members of the committee to contact him at any time if they had questions or wished any further information.

As BCCPAC representative, he also updated the committee on his conversations with the representatives at BCCPAC to confirm the role and responsibilities, Elgin membership in the BCCPAC and grants that organization has available which would be accessible to member schools.

- b. **Principal's Report**

Principal Johnstone asked parents to consider volunteering as a speaker for the career webinar day, informing the group that presentations would consist of 10 to 15 minutes and a question and answer session. Professionals from any field are welcome, and it is always of interest to students to hear about real-life career paths. Interested parents are asked to contact the Peer Leadership group at epspeerleadership@gmail.com. He thanked families for their continuing efforts in following health orders and doing the daily health checks with students before they come to school.

He shared the projections for students for the 2021/22 academic year, which will likely be around 1400 for Elgin Park Secondary, with approximately 100 students moving to the new Grandview Heights Secondary.

He advised parents that schools have been tasked with scheduling a quarter system again for 2021/22 but that there is still the possibility to switch to semesters, which may occur mid-year.

He shared information about the sports teams that will proceed with appropriate health protocols in place, which will include badminton, ultimate, and track.

He also spoke about plans for the graduation ceremony and that more details will be shared as they are confirmed.

He answered questions from the committee.

5. New Business

a. Notice of Election of Executive

Meredith Laird informed the committee that the May meeting would be the last of this academic year and would be the Annual General Meeting, at which the members of the executive will be elected. Positions open are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, DPAC representative, and BCCPAC representative. Descriptions of the positions are available on the PAC page of the school's website, in the Constitution and Bylaws.. Any parent or guardian of a student at Elgin Park is eligible to submit their name for election (with the exception of staff of the school), the term is for one year, and members may self-nominate or nominate another person at the meeting. If more than one nomination is received, an election will be held.

b. Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

Meredith Laird noted that a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws with suggested changes would be circulated prior to the AGM and encouraged members to read through and suggest any other items for discussion to elginpac@gmail.com.

c. BCCPAC resolutions

This year's BCCPAC will be held virtually, and the meeting package containing the resolutions is available on the BCCPAC webpage. Many are changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of BCCPAC, others relate to mental health resources, and transportation.

d. Dry Grad Committee Update and request for PAC Funds

Dione Constanzo, Chair of the Dry Grad Committee, informed the committee of the fundraising efforts to date and plans for the items it will distribute to this year's grads. The pandemic has made fundraising especially difficult because changing restrictions have cancelled several events that were planned and affect the ability of the group to run events. She described the fundraising through Bottle Depot, Music Bingo, and the sale of coffee and meat gift cards, but asked the committee if it would consider donating funds to assist the group in making up the shortfall it expects.

Meredith Laird moved that the PAC provide \$2000 to the Dry Grad Committee. Susie Lang-Gould seconded.

The motion carried.

Please contact your PAC with any ideas, comments or concerns; we would love to hear from you!

E-mail your PAC Co-Chairs – Jodi Soheili and Susie Lang-Gould at elginpac@gmail.com.