# **Goldstone Park Elementary PAC**

# **Meeting Minutes**

25 January 2021 / 6:35 PM / Online Zoom Meeting

## **ATTENDEES**

Amit PAC President, Crystal Secretary.

Principal & Vice Principal & 2 parents.

## **AGENDA**

- Principal Report
- Treasurer Report
- Fundraising
- Announcements
  - Meeting Call to order 6:40pm

#### PAC President

- There is some amazing fundraising going on. Before fees and expenses we have raised...
  - o Fundscrip \$1200
  - Neufeld Farms \$522
  - o Dominoes was estimated at \$210

### Principal Report

- Not alot to share.
- It has been pretty quiet so far.
- No outside people have been in the building.
- So far we have 52 kindergartens registered for September 2021. Seems to be about the same this time last year.
- We currently have 745 students registered. 17 students cames back form the blended program.
  - $\circ$  We lucked out and have to move around much.

- We won't know what Septembers start up is going to look like until the spring roughly.
- We have no new staff at this point and no one going on leave so far.
- We arent sure if the Blended program will be offered in September 2021.
- Currently the Blended students are attending school on Tues, Wed and Thurs. The amount of student attending those is sparse.
- Blended students are missing out on the social emotional aspect of school.
  - o Noticing a difference with the kids.
- Teachers have been going above and beyond in checking in with the children. (Social and emotional)
- Everyone seems to be Covid Fatigued.

#### Treasurer report (Amit)

- Fundraising September to December
  - o Sold \$26000 in Gift cards expense ratio is quite high
- Dominoes 42 orders sold @ \$5 each = \$210
- Hoping to see the Fundscrip Fundraiser move online thru Fundscripp for all year round.

## Fundraising

- Fundraiser suggestions
  - o Cobs
  - o Freshii
  - Emergency Prep KIts through Sullivan Elementary
- Fundraisers starting up soon.
  - Purdys
  - Mary Browns Chicken

#### General Info

- Pac still paying for water for portables
- How is PAC wanting to allocate the gaming grant money?
  - Wendy looking into expenses and seeing where we are at with Hotlunch software and water for classes.
- Ms. Grills was asked if she has an idea of what we need for the school/ students?
  - o lat computers purchased for the school are becoming obsolete.
  - Tech people with Surey schools says they are too old and can't fix them.
  - Saving old computers that can't be fixed for hopefully the buy back program.
    - Rough cost idea for new TECH equipment "bulk of 10 Ipads \$6000 to \$8000. A class set would be 25 to 30 of them.
- There never seems to be enough Tech in the school for all the amount of students we have sharing it.
  - Class set is 25-30 and those sets have been split in half to help spread it out amongst 32 divisions.
  - o Young grades use IPADS and Older grades use computers.
- This year the school had to replace the Apple TV
  - o 11 apple tvs cost \$3000
  - o Teachers are going digital
- Asking to have funds earmarked for new tech.
- Money raised for Family in need with fo to Daycare and in house food drop off.
  - The families GoFund Me page raised roughly \$90,000
  - o School raised \$5000
  - o PAC raised \$2970
- Cohorts are staying the same
- Question Last year the students in grade 5 were doing Spanish and now this year in grade six they are doing French. Why?

- Had to do Spanish last year because we couldn't find a french teacher.
- District has had a hard time finding french teachers in immersion schools.
- We currently have 3 different teachers teaching french to our students.
- When the children enter grade 8 they will start at the beginning of french but will move at a quicker pace.
- French used to be a requirement to get into university.
- UBC is currently the only Post Secondary institution that requires
  French as a pre requisite.

Next Meeting will be held February 22, 2021

End - 7:27pm