

Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda
September 21, 2023, at 7pm
Greendale Elementary School Library

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

- a. We are privileged to meet on the traditional unceded territory of the Stó:lō people, in particular the Pilalt, Sema:th and Ts'elxwéyeqw
- b. Adoption of the Agenda
 - (THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.)
 - **Kara and Melissa**
- c. Approval of the previous Minutes
 - (THAT the minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting be approved as circulated)
 - **Jaylene and Melissa**

2. Reports

- a. Chair – Meagan & Tai
 - Introductions of those in PAC positions **Welcoming Meagan Heinrichs and Tai Meakin to Co-Chair, Aleah Towle to Secretary, Jaylene Goosen to Treasure, Lindsay Hlokoff to Parent Education, Susanne Doerksen to Emergency Preparedness, Marie Ward to Fruit and Veggie, Melissa Visscher to Hot Lunch. This is a great team of ladies to work towards an amazing school year.**
 - **Goal of PAC is to work with school principal and staff on parents' views and feedback about school programs, policies, plans and activities. Examples of where we may help are Field Trips, Playground improvements, STEM supplies for Classrooms. Our Goal is to help anywhere we can throughout the school year.**
 - **What PAC meetings are set to accomplish? Every month we get together to talk about future fundraising, what is happening in the school in the upcoming month that we need to help with, making sure that everything is up to date so that we can keep everyone in the know.**
 - **Why attend it gives you the chance to see inside your child's school, it gives you the chance for input and even an opportunity for change where it is needed. And our favorite part it's a way to meet people and make the school year a memorable one.**

Special Guest: Mr. Hoepfner and Ms. McKinley

Introducing Green Team, Green Team is for the older grades. They are learning about composting, gardening, and anything that makes our school ecofriendly. Our children have learned so much that they have spread their knowledge to all ages of the school. They have brought forward such great things to help the planet and the school such as the water fill station, garden boxes and recycling system.

The Green Team is bringing out a new Fundraiser through the Fruit and Vegetable box program. A program that donates soil and potatoes for the children to learn to grow and taste their own food. Greendale has been picked to be part of this year harvest. We need to sell 40 boxes as a whole school. For every Bundle we get \$10 back into the school. The vegetables are all from local farms. There are two different bundles to choose from.

This new fundraiser will go towards a new outdoor classroom whiteboard.

Parent helpers will be needed for the distribution of the 50lb boxes. This should be approx. in November.

Motion to put forward and support - Kara and Melissa seconds.

b. Treasurer – Jaylene

We have \$12,914 in our account, \$1,268 in our playground fund, \$274 for emergency preparedness, \$60.15 left in our gaming account.

Things that we are spending on each year are One School One Book, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Hampers, Peer Helpers Field Trips, Teacher lunch, and Field Trips. These are budgeted for.

Gaming Grant will be coming in with \$20 a child to be determined later this year what the school needs.

c. Parent Education – Linds

This will be Linds last year, so if you are interested in joining the PAC in 2024/2025 come check it out.

Please make sure that you are on all the Facebook pages as this is where all the updates are. We did find out that there was a delay in getting people on the group. We have hopefully worked out the kinks and have everyone added, if you have sent a request with no answer, please retry your request or come find one our PAC members.

d. Emergency Preparedness – Susanne

Each Class has a go bag when needed in an emergency.

Nothing new to report

e. Fruit & Veggie Program – Marie

First Delivery will be next week, Carrots will be the first vegetable. Unsure which day they will be handed out.

f. School Lunch – Melissa

Munch a lunch is up and running, it saves the school if you order all the lunches in one bunch. We try to put them up in seasons. Keep your eye out for when the next seasons of lunches are up.

First Hot Lunch Jims Pizza September 29th

We have Hot dogs, Shandhar Hut, SineAmen Buns for the rest of the Fall options.

There are a few families in the school that the PAC has decided to sponsor for the year's supply of hot lunch. This will be done on a needed basis as identified by the school.

Hot dog liners have been purchased.

g. DPAC

Looking for a Rep for monthly online meetings.

DPAC is looking for parents to join other district wide committees. List to go out in coming weeks.

h. Community School (GECSS) – Andrea

Just started Fall programs, Lego, Golf, and Acting (cancelled - did not fill up).

When they have extra time, they add library center and free play.

Pro D Day camp will be offered for October 6th

Early Dismissal Camp for October 19th

Home Alone two Saturday in October

Floor Hockey is coming in November.

Party Spaces for use of the school gym/kitchen are booking into October. A great place for birthdays and special events.

Looking at doing a Fall market in November. Stay tuned for more information.

i. Principal – Jim Edgcombe

Start up this year was so smooth, all the children fitted in so well to their classrooms. Great Work Greendale.

167 students this year, we are full. The only space we have is the older grades.

Fields Trips that are upcoming is Terry Fox it will be from Hopedale to the Vedder Park. October 5th, more information in your Friday email. Make sure you have signed your field trip permission slips.

Trying to do a lot of in school field trips, bring them here to Greendale. Science World and the Avian sanctuary are just two of the ideas. This keeps the cost down for everyone.

A few local authors have been in the school and will be in the school to share their books. We have already had one and the children loved her and loved meeting all her dogs.

We are still wanting to do the monthly hikes as a school. Keeping inside the Chilliwack area is also a way to save cost on field trips.

We are doing the fitness and running program. This year will be the house teams challenge to run around BC.

We are challenging the students to run a marathon and they will receive rubber bracelets as accomplishment.

We welcome Mrs. Bates our ELC, Early Literacy Coordinator. She will be here to help and undertake assessments and try and provide early interventions to children in need.

This year we have a new fund to help families in need. It is available to anyone who needs it, and the money is set aside just for that, please just ask. We know that

hard times or hard months happen, and we understand just go see Mr. Edgcombe or send him an email.

Starfish program has one family this year.

We have purchased new playground equipment and new floor hockey gear for the year. The kids are going to be so excited when they find out. Spike Ball kits are coming, more soccer balls, and new tether balls.

Orange Shirt Day coming up September 29th, please wear your Orange shirts, there will be an assembly and new education on the seven grandfather teaching. Then the day will finish with a whole school walk, and then story book walk, where the book will be displayed around the school.

j. Current Fundraising

- Coupon Book

Ends September 22. Books will be distributed next week.

k. Upcoming Fundraising

- Neufeld Farms (Not confirmed) – Susanne

- have decided to not proceed with the Fall fundraiser and will re-evaluate for Spring

- Purdy's (Not confirmed) Removing this year as it has not brought in very much for fundraising.

- Thinking of adding Cookie Dough/Cheesecake Fundraiser - details will be brought to October meeting.

3. Business arising from last meeting

We had a successful first day of school, with welcome coffee and doughnuts, we bought too much coffee, however. We had the volunteer list there and had lots of interest. Meagan will convert that now into a google document for a better updated list. We have been encouraging everyone to sign up to all Facebook pages to keep updated on all the school events.

This year we created a PAC flyer, it introduced everyone in the PAC and what their job was. We found that last year a lot of the new families, especially Kindergarten families didn't know who we were or what was happening in that first month, so we wanted to get it out sooner, we also added it to the Friday email. The flyer also added the QR codes needed for the Facebook page and Munch a Lunch in hopes of keeping everyone connected and informed. We are always looking for more ideas to make that first month easier for everyone.

We also discussed moving the first hot lunch to the last day possible to try and get every family the chance to order. We know how hard it is the first few weeks when classes haven't been assigned.


4. New Business


a. 2023/2024 Calendar

- Thursday evening and Monday morning alternating **Both are being held in the library unless something changes.**


b. Fundraising Funds


- Options


-  Field trips

-  Playground refresh items

- a. Jim has already purchased

-  STEM supplies for classrooms

-  Large Community outdoor space project

-  IPADS x10 – 2024/25

Everyone likes these ideas and if any new ideas come up, they will be brought up at a future meeting.

Adjournment Next Meeting - **October 18th @830 in the library**