

Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda

May 22, 2024, 7:00pm

Greendale Elementary School

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
 - i. That the agenda be adopted as circulated
Jackie and Trish
- c. Approval of previous minutes
 - i. That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as circulated
Jay and Susanne

2. Reports

- a. Chair – Meagan & Tai
 - i. Teacher treats for May – Diana Brussow
- b. Treasurer – Jaylene
 - Gaming grant application due June 30 - Jay is working on it
 - Grade 5s made \$4200 in raffle ticket sales!
 - at the end of April we had \$16,000, we have paid \$5,000 for ipads, money for camp, panago coupons, hot lunch, etc. Jay estimates we have about \$10,000 right now
- c. Parent Education – Trish
 - posts are up and going well
- d. Emergency Preparedness – Susanne
 - Dolly has been brought in, but water is too heavy! Shed is tidied**
 - Open position for next year
 - see below for update
- e. Hot Lunch – Stacia
 - i. Hot dogs **tomorrow!**
 - ii. Pizza **Sports day (June 25)**
- f. DPAC – Meagan
 - i. There was a District Admin Presentation where the topic of Racial Equity was discussed.
 - There is an online course titled “Learning to be anti-racist” which will take approximately 5-8 hours to complete. All staff at DPAC are currently doing the course and by the end of next year (June 2026) all teachers and support staff will have completed the course as well.
 - It will be available for parents soon (TBA) and is FREE
 - Teachers will get a guide package to integrate/support curriculum competencies and racism response guidelines to increase consistency amongst staff at schools across the district (from the BC Ministry of Education)
 - ii. Band instruments **will** be allowed on buses – let DPAC know if your child’s band instrument is still being denied
 - iii. AGM coming up May 29th 6:30 dinner, 7pm meeting
 - iv. Gaming Grant Application is open now until June 30th. New for 2025, we will need a business BCID account

v. We signed the EA Advocacy Letter

g. Community School (GESCC)

JUNE is almost here! I cannot believe another year of school is almost complete, here are a few key notes as we move into the last weeks of this school year:

-the Greendale Community Party is fast approaching – please get your Parade and Show & Shine Registrations in by May 31st at <https://gecss.com/greendale-community-party-2025/>

-We need volunteers!! It is Saturday, June 14, 2025. Even if you can help serve up pancakes for breakfast for 30+ minutes, check on the coffee station running for the morning, help with setup and/or take down. This awesome event cannot run smoothly without many Greendale hands on deck! 😊 Sign up through the website above. Thank you in advance!!

-June is full every year with year-end celebrations, field trips, etc, so GECSS has decided to offer Outside Play and Stations for Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-3:30pm for K-Grade 5.

-\$32 Wednesdays (Stations) starts June 4th (3 sessions). Includes: outside options, as well as, beading, coloring, reading, board games and dance parties.

-\$32 Tuesdays (Outside Play) starts June 10th (3 sessions). Includes: sports, chalk, tag, playground, bubbles, you name it; fresh air and movement is the name of the game!

-As always, both options will include a healthy snack at 2pm and free outside play for 10-15 minutes before we start our program. Space is limited, so register ASAP!

-Summer Awesomeness will be hosted during the 3rd week of July (the 21-24). It is for gr 1-4 from 9am-3pm. There will be a different theme each day (animal adventures, baking, building, exploring, science, etc). Pack snack, lunch, water bottle, hat and sunscreen. All 4 days is \$130, and individual days are \$40. To register, email GreendaleCommunitySociety@gmail.com . Space is limited, so register ASAP!

h. Principal –

-We have a writing focus this year and staff has worked together to develop rubrics for writing standards for grades 2-5 (grade 1 coming up). Staff are using them already with their end-of-year assessments. This will be great for consistency throughout the school - consistent marking, language, etc, no matter which classroom your child is in from year to year.

-Staff have been looking at our 7 teachings and our school matrix (SOAR- safety, outstanding effort, achievement, respect). These are basically 2 systems for encouraging positive behaviors and we are trying to consolidate the ideas into one, simpler system. We will focus on one section per month and it will be rolled out in fall.

-Wade shared a new document that is currently in the draft process, to be shared/modified with staff and put into place next year. It is a clear outline of what children are allowed to do in play and what is actually safe/unsafe.

-IE. Climbing up the slide – is it actually unsafe? Not really - we need to teach courtesy and respect. If someone is wanting to come down the slide, they have “right of way”, but it should not necessarily be a set in stone rule “No climbing up the slide”. The goal is that this will lead to common language and rule enforcement among all staff at Greendale.

-June 9th, gr 5s are going to waterslides for their peer trip, gr 4s are going to do a movie afternoon and events in the gym with popcorn and pizza, and a water fight in the pm with Wade.

-Outdoor classroom update: we want to get some mature trees that are about 6-7 years old, self-watering planter boxes (community school to help with some funding of this too). We will get some plaques placed/reintegrated into that area (one has been damaged)

-crosswalk (orange or rainbow?) PAC needs to support it. Wade will get more information for June

-Sports day: there will be school games in the morning with a focus on house teams. Teams will be doing the same game at the same time as opposed to individuals. There will be a giant game of Clue with the kids after recess. Lunch is pizza hot lunch (if ordered) and freezies in the afternoon provided by PAC. Lastly, there will be various types of races in the afternoon.

-Wade will look into whether face-painting will be part of the plan this year

3. Current Fundraising

- a. Popcorn May 2nd

We made about \$140

4. Upcoming Fundraising

- a. Popcorn – June 17th (Jay, Becky, Jackie and Tai)

- b. Little Coupon Book – we are signed up already for Sept 2nd \$15

5. Business arising from last meeting

- a. Pancake Breakfast

-volunteers have been emailed

-things are looking good

-sausages will be prepped and brought hot in the morning

-oranges will be cut the morning of

- b. Grade 4 peer event \$300

- i. Movie, pizza and popcorn

1. Need popcorn volunteers (will do after the PAC meeting)

6. New Business

- a. **Retirements?**

- b. **EAs leaving?**

Courtney Withers (she has been with us just this year)

- c. **Teachers leaving?**

Brynne Oliver – Grade 1/2

Renee Murchison – Grade 1/2 (1 day/week)

Pat Turner – Grade 1 (1 day/week)

- d. **Hot Lunch survey results**

50 people answered

-We reviewed the data, it was very interesting, we got good feedback.

-It looks like Chopped Leaf was one that we will not reorder

- e. **PAC Executive Board**

- i. **Continuing Board**

1. **Co-Chairs: Tai Meakin**

2. **Treasurer: Jaylene Goosen**

3. **Hot Lunch: Stacia Landry**

4. **District PAC Representative: Meagan Heinrichs**

5. Parent Education: Trish Hope

ii. Nominations for Incoming Board for 2024/2025:

1. Secretary:

Meagan might step into this role which opens up VP spot

2. Emergency Prep:

Jackie Penner is taking this on in September

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Adjournment

Next meeting:

Monday, June 9th, 8:30am

Attendance :

1. Tai
2. Meagan
3. Becky
4. Jay
5. Susanne
6. Trish
7. Stacia
8. Lindsay Walsh
9. Jacqueline Penner
10. Justine Horner
11. Wade Gemmell