

**Minutes GFSS PAC Meeting
June 5, 2007**

Attendance: Linda Caron, Luba White, Louise Popoff, Scott Stewart, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Terry Nuyten, Cindy Strukoff, Carolin McLean, Alison Turner, Fara Enquist, Yvonne Johnston.

Minutes of the May 1st Regular meeting - F/S LW/AT approved as circulated

Treasurer's Report: Cindy provided a Treasurer's report, as follows. The excess funds in the Gaming Account are a result of unexpected money coming to GFSS PAC from the Phoenix PAC.

Balance of accounts: Gaming Account-	\$ 6,360.21
Chequing Account -	\$ not given
Plan 24 Account -	\$ 11,049.09
Bond Buster 98 -	\$ 1,260.35

Correspondence: We received a letter and cheque from the Phoenix PAC for an additional \$832.97 as a final disbursement from their General Account, to be deposited to GFSS PAC's General (not Gaming) Account. We also received thank you letters from the Girl's Curling Team and from Chase Jensen (scholarship recipient).

Business Arising From the Minutes:

1. Staff Appreciation Gifts. We are looking at spending approximately \$400 on a staff appreciation gift. As discussed previously, we would like to get a group gift this year, rather than the usual small individual gifts. Fara saw a nice colour print in Art Effects of a father/son fishing scene which everyone agreed would be appropriate for the staff room. We will get a plaque engraved that says "To our partners in education, From PAC 2007" and Kelly will present this at the awards ceremony on June 27th.
2. Scholarship Committee update. Alison reported that choosing recipients was a very difficult process as there were many deserving students to choose between. The committee tried to choose students who might not be recognized elsewhere, but in the end it turned out that they did choose students who did receive many other awards. Terry said that he thought we had made very good choices in the selection of recipients.
3. Gaming Funds Committee update. Luba suggested that we extend the deadline for decisions regarding disbursement of gaming funds for several weeks. Two more applications were submitted today and we are still getting surveys back re input on prioritizing funds. Cindy will also be part of the gaming fund committee. The committee will come up with a proposed gaming fund budget which we will vote on at the October meeting.

New Business

1. BandAid Music Grant application. Scott had emailed a notice to PAC regarding

- the BandAid music grant and had requested a letter of support from PAC. He described the program, and said that the school is currently working towards an application. Linda drafted a letter of support, on behalf of PAC, which she read out and upon receiving approval, provided a copy to Scott.
2. Grad Discussion (dance, ceremony, appeals process). Scott reported that the school is very pleased with how grad had gone this year. There were many changes in the format this year and the overall feeling was that these changes had been positive. Scott felt that the kids enjoyed the prom and that the ceremonies had gone well. 93 grads showed up to the prom. The Appeals Committee met on 3 times, for 3 different students. All were turned down but the process worked well. Fara reported that it was not a pleasant process, but that the students could still have met the criteria for graduation if they had really tried. A question was raised as to whether we could push grad later into June. Concerns regarding conflicts with final exams if the date was moved later were raised. Other suggestions were that grad could be after exams, or we could separate the grad ceremonies from the prom/party. Another suggestion was that grad should be held on a 3 day weekend, not on a 2 day weekend. It was felt that there as a problem disassociating the prom and ceremony, because then there would be 2 functions to disrupt school/exams. Terry said that 2 different events would make life more difficult from a teacher's perspective. Fara suggested that the school make a decision about the grad ceremonies, and then the grad class and parents could decide on what and when the prom/celebration would be.
 3. Proposed trades curriculum. Community Futures held a meeting on May 9th re a proposed trades curriculum in the community, in response to a proposal put forth by industry. Many of the programs (i.e. Chef's Training, Welding) would meet the needs of only a few students locally and it was felt that it would be hard to implement these in a small school. Another problem is the need to have Red Seal certified instructors. Instead the school is looking at offering a trades transition program for Grade 12 students. The school and the school board need to develop a curriculum so that this would be a credit course. The school is looking at having this in place for the 2008/9 school year. It would be a more general program that could include things like tool recognition, fork lift ticket, fall restraint certification, first aid ticket, etc, and could potentially be done in conjunction with Selkirk College. Yvonne mentioned the possibility of a mobile trades unit. She asked that PAC write a letter to Shirley Bond requesting such a unit for the Kootenays. Scott requested more information on this, which Yvonne said she would get.
 4. Cafeteria – changes for September 2007. In response to provincial legislation regarding healthy foods in schools, the District is implementing a policy, effective Sept 2007, whereby sales of all foods on the “not recommended” list must be eliminated. A problem is that a good portion of the cafeteria profit comes from junk food sales. Ready access to the Shell Station is also an issue. We need to find a solution to eliminate the sale of these foods in the school and still have a viable cafeteria. The District may consider a subsidy to the cafeteria. The possibility of a coffee/juice bar was also suggested and that PAC consider using

- some of the funds from the Plan 24 Account for these. The possibility of PAC doing a survey to students to see what they think was also suggested.
5. A question was asked as to whether the school had done anything formal to recognize former GFSS students injured or killed in military service. Will Saliken and Darrell Priede were mentioned. Scott replied that nothing formal had been done by the school. The possibility of a wall of service was suggested, with photos of the former students. Luba will talk with Darrell's mother to get their input on this.
 6. Brent Johnson gave a presentation to the PAC to explain his gaming fund application for portable soccer goals. Since he had requested a large amount of money he felt he should explain his rationale in person. The portable soccer goals allow "half-court" games in PE classes. This encourages participation of students. The Senior Girl's soccer program is making big strides. Over 60 girls tried out for the junior and senior teams. Next year the school will also be offering a Junior and Senior boys soccer program. The portable goals are advantageous for coaching and drills. He has looked at numerous suppliers and has sourced the best price.

DPAC Report: Luba presented the DPAC report, a copy of which is available in the minutes. The DPAC AGM was held on May 28th. The new executive is as follows:

Chair: Vicky Gee
Vice chair: Fara Enquist
Treasurer: Cindy Strukoff
Secretary: Luba White
Members at Large: Yvonne Johnstone
Debbie Baker
Paula Turgeon

Board Report: None

Principal's Report: Scott reported that time tables were going out this week. He also reported that most of the staff vacancies had been filled, but that there were 3 remaining positions to fill (French/English, Counselor, and Library).

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: October 2, 2007