

Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda  
October 18, 2023, at 8:30am  
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.) **Jaylene and Melissa**
- c. Approval of the previous Minutes
  - (THAT the minutes of the September 21, 2023, meeting be approved as circulated) **Aleah and Melissa**

**2. Reports**

- a. Chair – Meagan & Tai

A note from our Chair; The school year is going well, one fundraiser already completed was a success. This month's staff appreciation treats are being made by Tamara Kelly and next month will be Brenna Vink. A big thank you goes to Jim for the purchase of coffee for everyone at the meeting. The coffee came from our local coffee truck "tostana cafe" if you haven't tried them, it's a must the coffee was delicious.

- b. Treasurer – Jaylene

We finished little coupon book with a profit of \$720 selling 96 books. Hot Lunch has had two lunches go out. Hot dog lunch was a huge success and saved us a lot of money towards our hot lunch budget. Gaming Budget has still not come in yet.

This year's Budget is up for approval. A quick summary of the changes that were made is an increase to the money for Christmas Hampers, Teacher lunch was decreased, MISC is supplies for hot lunch or any small supplies the PAC needs, PAC meeting includes Welcome back coffee and doughnuts we may be possibly adding a farewell snack day at the end of the year as well. Parent education we lowered the budget as the school board provides most of the product for no cost to the PAC, School program will be removed.

The 2023/2024 Budget has been approved by Tai and Jacqueline

- c. Parent Education – Linds **Nothing new to report.**
- d. Emergency Preparedness – Susanne **We have ordered water tetra packs to replace the expired water. Susanne has gone through all the bags to insure everything is up to date.**
- e. Fruit & Veggie Program – Marie **Fruit and Veggie program is going great; October 23 is the next delivery. We are expecting apples. We are making sure that the number of fruit and veggie that we receive is correct for our school as they send 75% for our school. It has been a real success and the kids all love it.**
- f. School Lunch – Melissa **Upcoming hot lunch is Shandhar Hut for Oct 27 Cut off OCT 20. SinAmen Bun Co is Nov 17 Cut off NOV 10. The following month hot lunch will probably be hot dog, chips, and juice boxes. Mustard will be added for the**

next hot dog hot lunch. The first hot dog hot lunch went well, Melissa was prepared with bags to ensure that every child got what they ordered. The overall process went very smoothly, and we appreciate the time Melissa has put into it. We heard that everyone enjoyed their lunch, and we made a good profit for future events. Wondering for the next hot lunch can we collect the juice boxes for refund.

- g. **DPAC** We are still looking for someone to fill this position. It is a monthly meeting that you attend with all the other schools in Chilliwack. Please let us know if you would be interested in this role. The updates we have received from DPAC is that a new school is being built in Rosedale. They are looking into some new parent education. Cyber bullying is high on the list, one of the options they are looking at is the White Hatter. This is a program that is offered at a reasonable rate to PAC.
- h. **Community School (GECSS) – Andrea** Outdoor learning Space is in the works between the Community School and District, they are currently working with a contractor to complete plans. Some very exciting news is that we are trying to start up a before and after school program for next year, it would require an additional building that should be brought to the school sometime this year. In the years following they will be trying to bring in daycare and even possibly a preschool. This will be offered to Greendale Families first as the district is aware of the distance between the next available before and after school care in the area. Andrea would be managing the program. Nicole Driscoll is the District Principal for Early Learning and has been playing a big role in this project. There will be more about this in the months to come.
- i. **Principal – Jim Edgcombe** A little recap on the month, orange shirt week went well, October 6 Pro-D had a huge turnout of teachers for Truth and Reconciliation and was a really great event, Greendale Acres field trip was a huge success even the weather was great. The children all had a great time and learned all about pumpkins. The whole school has recently completed both a Fire Drills and a Lockdown drill. We try to keep both events a surprise to allow the children to practice like it was a real event. Please talk to your children about both events they may have questions. BC Shake Out was on Oct 19th it was school wide, which means that at one moment all children in the district will be practicing the drill and be under the desks at the same time. Halloween is coming up and we ask that there be no blood, no gore, and that the kids keep it age appropriate. Be safe on the day of Halloween and have fun. Remembrance Day is coming up next month Assembly is November 9<sup>th</sup>. Limited Seating. The assembly is kid focused as it will be a learning assembly. We have quite a few Pro-D days in October to mid-November after that it seems to slow down.

An elementary school in Port Coquitlam burned down over the weekend, The school has 205 children that are being moved to other schools. The school board is opening an online donation the details will be available in the weeks to come. We as a school would like to write letters from each student to the students affected, especially coming from a school that has gone through a fire in the past. We are also going to be doing a Teddy Bear Drive. This will give us the chance to give something to every student to brighten their day. Dates for this will be given out in the days to come. It will mean that if you want to help you may bring in a brand new teddy bear once the dates have been released.

A new school is being built in Rosedale, the eastern hillside of Rosedale has blown up with families, so a new school is greatly needed. They are building a three-story

school with parking in the bottom. It will be an elementary school.

The school is also offering gift cards to a grocery store for any family in need. All you must do is go into the office and ask for a gift card no questions asked. Everything these days is so expensive, and the school wants to help. Please mention this to others we don't want anyone to be struggling.

j. Current Fundraising

- Fresh to you Ends today, we as a school sold 43 boxes with a profit of \$440. Way to go Green Team!
- Neufelds Fundraiser will still be running but the Green team will be receiving the profit. This starts October 20<sup>th</sup> with a delivery on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

k. Upcoming Fundraising

- Cookie Dough/Cheesecake - final dates needed (November) We will be starting this Oct 27<sup>th</sup> with delivery Dec 1. There will be 4 Cheesecake flavors available and 6 cookie dough flavors. These will be just in time for the bake sale and the Christmas season. Keep an eye out in Friday folders for the flyer and on the Facebook page.

- December/Holiday plant/tree/wreath fundraiser

We are looking into chocolate covered Hazelnuts from a local Greendale Family hoping this will work out for a great Christmas gift idea.

We are also looking into getting some Christmas greenery from Devry. We are just awaiting a price list, hoping to offer Wreaths and poinsettias.

Dates that would work Dec 11-15 for these fundraisers.

3. Business arising from last meeting

a. Fundraising Funds left over from last year

- Options

Field trips

Playground refresh items Money to be sent to the school \$1268.85 the plan for what we are going to add in TBD.

a. Jim has already purchased

- STEM supplies for classrooms
- Large Community outdoor space project **working with the school on this**

4. **New Business**

- Upcoming  
Fundraiser  
dates needed**
- Bake sale**

5. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting .... November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the Library**