

Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda

January 16, 2025, 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 **Meagan and Jaylene**
 - i. That the agenda be adopted as circulated
- c. Approval of previous minutes **Tai and Trish**
 - i. That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as circulated

2. Reports

- a. Chair – Meagan & Tai
 - i. Hampers **We created 9 hampers for families in need. We helped with the spirit week supplies that each child needed for the week of December. We also purchased Christmas pj's for all the children in need. The only issue we had this year was between the Canada Post Strike and the short notice for the items needed for the spirit week.**
**** We have 2 Ladies small and 1 Boys size 12 pj's left over for next year, they have been left with Mrs.Yake**
 - ii. Teacher treats for February - Stacey Thiessen **January we had no treats; February is Stacey Thiessen thank you for spoiling our teachers.**
 - iii. **We have two new families that we need to get caught on up sign up for hot lunch and the Facebook pages. Want to create a welcome package that can be emailed out for anytime a family comes in.**
- b. Treasurer – Jaylene **Nothing to report.**
- c. Parent Education – Trish **Nothing new to report. Had to filter a few people that tried to join the group.**
- d. Emergency Preparedness – Susanne **Nothing to report.**
- e. Hot Lunch – Stacia
 - i. Any feedback from recent hot lunches? **December pizza day the school noticed that there was more pizza in garbage. Not sure if it was because of the added party and food that day, would it be better on a different day. Did not hear any bad about it. Will still do a review in April.**

f. DPAC – Meagan

DPAC Chair is taking a leave of absence to run for the open Trustee seat. D'eirdre O'Connor will be Acting Chair.

-Anti-bullying and Anti-racism is the priority for DPAC this year. We read a draft of a letter for enhanced initiatives intended for the school board.

-Chilliwack Bowls of Hope needs volunteers. Check their website for details to apply.

-Premier David Eby released a mandate letter for the Minister of Education and Childcare to outline key government priorities, such as: Increasing classroom supports, addressing equity in education, improving foundational learning (numeracy and literacy early intervention) and accelerating school construction, etc.

-The BC Ombudsperson, Jay Chalke, has announced an investigation into the exclusion of students in BC's k-12 public education system.

examples of exclusion:

- asked to stay home/go home
- asked to leave early/arrive late/have shortened school days
- asked not to attend field trips or other school activities
- unable to attend because of health/personal care support needs the school is unable to provide
- unable to attend because of learning support needs the school is unable to provide
- not learning with the rest of their class
- isolated by themselves in the school, secluded or restrained

link for survey

<https://bcombudsperson.ca/school-exclusion>

Family smart weekly events (online and in person) on topics such as:

- Kids ages 9-12 and Mental Health
- Understanding, Supporting and Connecting with Teens with Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Understanding Emotion Regulation
- ADHD - The Real Deal
- Self-care and Mindfulness when Parenting
- Explosive Behaviors in Teens

See website for specific dates/times and to register.

<https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

g. Community School (GESCC)

In December we offered Christmas Awesomeness, and this was a huge hit, The students made north pole villages, snow globes, snowflakes and Christmas cards. Gymnastic and movement hosted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are going great, this round they offered a 2-4pm round and 6 students enjoy that. Fashion and Design start on Thursday. In February we are offering Lego and Drawing and free play these will all go from 2-4 for 4 weeks. The party space is full until late March. Jan 25th at 6:30 admission is \$2 bring your cozy blanket. Alongside PAC will be selling popcorn for \$1. PAC oversee picking of the movie. PAC picked Spies in Disguise rated PG. Feb 22 is our next Coffee and Tea come by and connect with a new friend or neighbor. April 5th will be the Spring Market more information to come.

h. Principal – Wade Gemmell

Strategic plan happened thank you to Karli and Sarah for going, it will help create the plan for years to come. Our outdoor learning space has started, the gravel pad is out, and the chairs may be here next week. We are thinking about creating a horseshoe shape. This is a funded project by a grant that Wade applied for. There will be some plaques for Mrs.Stobbe and Brent Poole.

One school and one book is Charlotte Web starting Jan 17 -Feb 7

Red, white and pink day Feb 13

Ready set learn Feb 24

Pink Shirt Day Feb 26 Anti-bullying

Formal report Feb 27

For class placement there is a form that needs to be in writing.

3. **Current Fundraising**

- a. Hazelnuts - \$389.38 profit

- i. Similar to last year Profit were less but this year we have GST to deal with.
 - b. Poinsettias \$219.38 ** do we need to review this in September if it is worthwhile to do again?
 - c. November Popcorn – \$167 Going well and will continue for the remainder of the year.
 - d. Bake Sale - \$435 (Book Fair \$1100) Low amounts of goodies brought in this year.
- 4. Upcoming Fundraising**
- a. West Coast Seeds This entire fundraiser will be donated to the Robinson Family. Starts Jan 31- Feb 16. Seeds should arrive just before Spring Break
 - b. Popcorn – January or February Feb 7(one bag for each child for free), April and May
- 5. Business arising from last meeting**
- a. Carpet Cleaner Has been purchased and given to the custodian.
 - b. Ipads – were any purchased? Wade is getting a quote and get back to us with numbers.
 - c. Outdoor learning – PAC has \$1300 for outdoor play that can be used Wade believes that money will not be needed. He will come back to us if the funds are needed.
- 6. New Business**
- a. Readathon prizes Jodi will be purchasing new high end nonfiction books with the money fundraised. She is looking for 4 or 5 big prizes. Wade will connect with Jodi and figure out a plan.
 - b. Teacher Appreciation lunch – March 6th -Taco Day Tai and Becky will be here and Tai will get sign-up sheets out 2 weeks prior.
 - c. Grade 5 fundraiser There will be a Panago fundraiser, bottle drive and the basket raffle. We as a PAC need to file for the license from the gaming committee to have the raffle. They are also asking if we can sell the Panago booklets on munch a lunch.
 - d. Spring Market- Will there be one and do we want to do Krispy Kreme again.
 - e. Carnival- Do we run another one? Grade 5 to help.

Adjournment

9:05 pm

Next meeting: Feb 24 8:30 am in Library