

## Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda

November 17, 2025, 8:30am

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

Becky and Meagan

c. Approval of previous minutes

i. That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as circulated

Becky and Tai

### 2. Reports

a. Chair –Tai

i. Treats – November – Christine Meyer, December – Tamara Kelly

Tai to reach out to them

b. Treasurer – Jaylene

-cheque to be written for OSOB still

-waiting for little coupon book to be cashed

-Gaming Grant is in – we received \$3,220

c. Parent Education – Trish

-We need more engagement on our Facebook posts so more people see them. If you see a post please LIKE it or COMMENT on it as it boosts the post and is more likely to show up in notifications!

-someone to reach out to Cassandra if we'd like to add messages/reminders to the board outside. Grade 5s help out with changing the sign.

-Maybe have a monthly events newsletter. A big overview, paper version, then Cassandra's newsletter is a reminder of important dates week to week.

-thinking of a January start if we want to go ahead with this?

d. Emergency Preparedness – Jacqueline

-nothing new to report

e. Hot Lunch – Stacia

-hot lunch coming up this Friday (hot dogs), volunteers are in place for that

-next session opening up Friday for orders (Fresh Slice in Dec, Shandar Hut in Jan, Booster Juice in Feb, hot dogs in March)

f. DPAC – Meagan

-Jeff Martin video is currently being edited and will be available to parents soon (Meagan will update)

-PAC Café was not well-attended, despite people requesting this type of event

-Some parents at other schools were unhappy with the lack of communication regarding FSA testing – we received an email from Brad, so at Greendale, we didn't have that concern

-School Boundary Review and LFI proposed move to Slesse. Going to board for initial approval in January. From February-April, there will be opportunities for parents and staff to weigh in. Stay Tuned!

-BCCPAC is pushing for new members! Join all of the PACs across BC. Fun conferences to attend annually and have a voice in what is going on in schools even outside of our district.

-Survey regarding the Logo, Mission, Values, Purpose of DPAC closed on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> (it was shared on our facebook page by Meagan)

-DPAC asked how school PACs are finding the communication to parents – many expressed difficulties similar to what we have discussed. Fewer families are using Facebook, so we are making sure to use email more this year. Some PACs use separate apps like “Slack” with success. Something to look into?

-DPAC asked to check in with our school regarding the Feeding Futures food program. The consensus is that it is going well at Greendale and is well-utilized, but we aren't feeling the need to supplement financially. However, Bowls of Hope does

help supplement lunch. Currently we have about half a dozen kids receiving breakfast each day and about a dozen kids for lunch.

g. Community School (GESCC)

i. Family Movie Night in February

1. Feb 7th

2. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs? Tai to look into this to ensure we have access to stream this movie closer to date

Will need about 2-3 people to volunteer

3. \$2 admission, \$1 popcorn, \$1 water bottle, maybe or chips or other snacks?

GECCS keeps admission, but we would profit from food/drink sales

-Programs are going well (dance, art, floor hockey, karate, core class, pickleball)

-Party space booking up steadily (Nov 75% full and Dec 50% full)

-Community events: babysitter's course, fall market, swap meet/spring market, family movie night (feb)

h. Principal – Brad Driscoll

-School budget presentation:

Restricted Surplus (typically technology) for cost-sharing to fix/replace things like computers, document cameras, staff laptops, projectors, etc that need to be replaced over the next few years and school saves money each year for that

Other miscellaneous items: staff appreciation, classroom money, EA salaries, clerical salaries, library, PE supplies, Learning resources, Learning Assistance Supplies, photocopying, school-based PD

-Wednesday, November 19 at 4:30 will be the unveiling of the outdoor classroom and memorial to Charity Stobbe (everyone is welcome!)

### 3. Current Fundraising

#### a. Scoops (cookies & cheesecakes)

##### i. Pickup & Handout

-The cases of 6 makes it very difficult, so Tai had to reach out to many families to “complete” cases and we still had to purchase about \$100 worth of product to sell at a later date...

-All in all, Tai wouldn't recommend doing this fundraiser again

-Jacqueline to pick it up this Friday for pick up after school in the library

##### ii. Profit –

-Made about \$564

#### b. Neufeld Farms – grade 5 camp fundraiser (run by Susanne)

-Curious if running this fundraiser at the same time as Scoops had a negative impact as Neufeld Farms had similar product for cheaper

#### c. Popcorn – Wed Nov 5

##### i. \$167

Went well and have another parent trained to do it!

#### d. Hazelnuts – November 14 start

November 28<sup>th</sup> cutoff, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> pick up at the school

Orders on Munchalunch (do it alongside the next hot lunch session to reduce fees!) or paper

### 4. Upcoming Fundraising

#### a. Any Spring fundraising ideas?

-Pies by Cabin Fever (for Easter/Mother's Day?)

-Hanging baskets in Greendale

-Mitchell's Soup fundraiser? February? Or next year?

-Carnival again this spring?

-come to January meeting with ideas!!

b. Any 2026 fundraising ideas

Personalized Christmas cards (run by Tamara through art class and each grade would have their own picture) for next year

5. Business arising from last meeting

a. Community Coupon book

i. Profit is 40% minus gst

cost is \$35, but it pays for itself quickly!

Offers are not restricted to the book (can check IG for new vendors, etc)

Bigger franchise/chain companies

Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission all in one book

Need to decide this spring what we want to do in September

Do we run both?

b. Spirit Week

i. Nov 28 – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas (wear something Christmasy)

ii. Dec 4 – Elf Day (wear an elf hat)

iii. Dec 5 – Christmas Sweater (this can be ugly or cute )

iv. Dec 9 – Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)

v. Dec 11 – Grinch Day (wear Grinch related or green)

vi. Dec 12 – Frozen Friday (wear blue, white, sparkly)

vii. Dec 19 – Merry Merry Morning PJ Day

3 children to shop for (Christmas sweater, PJs, elf hat we purchase)

\*need to find out if play costumes will need to be purchased

6. New Business

a. Bake Sale & Book Fair

Thursday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> (setup will be Monday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)

Bake sale will be running from 8:30-4 with a closure between 12-1:45

Book Fair will run from 8-5

Meagan will be in charge of the bake sale and will make a facebook post to recruit bakers and volunteers, as well as an email reminder.

Jodi sending a paper printout in Friday folders explaining some details including what the profits go towards.

Jodi and Meagan to put out a Teaser in this week's newsletter, and an email will come out next week with the link to sign up to volunteer (using SignUp Genius again)

Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, January 15 at 7pm

Attendance

Meagan Heinrichs

Tai Meakin

Karli Lindsay

Becky Grainger

Brad Driscoll

Teresa Clawson

Stacia Landry

Sulette Botha