

Greendale Parent Advisory Council Agenda

September 24, 2026, 7pm
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
Sarah and Jacqueline
- c. Approval of previous minutes
 - i. That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as circulated
Trish and Sarah

2. Reports

- a. Chair – Tai
 - i. Introductions of those in PAC positions
 - ii. Goal of PAC
Be a voice for our children and liaise with the school and help fundraise and provide fun activities and hot lunches, use of the Gaming Grant etc
 - iii. What PAC meetings are set to accomplish?
Keep everyone informed, get new ideas and perspectives
 - iv. Why attend
 - v. Volunteers
- b. Treasurer – Jaylene
\$3,260 Gaming Grant has been received. We will likely put it towards whole school field trips or bussing again. We have \$1,000 left over from last year, too. Our final balance at the end of the year in our regular account was just over \$12,000.
- c. Parent Education – Trish
 - i. Kindergarten board
Seemed to go well this year – great feedback! Thanks to Trish and everyone who helped put it out and bring it in each day.
 - ii. Monthly newsletter?
There will be periodic updates, not monthly because that seemed like it might be too much
- d. Emergency Preparedness – Jacqueline
 - i. Water expired Aug 2026
**Every classroom has an emergency bag, first aid, food, water, etc. Also, we have back-up items stored in the shed.
Kits will be getting updated class lists and Jacqueline will buy new water. Jacqueline found someone to take the water who works in outreach! Thanks to her for finding a solution 😊**
- e. Hot Lunch – Jody
 - i. Oct 2 Fresh slice
 - ii. Oct 30 Hot dogs
 - iii. Nov 20 Subway
Reminder: save on fees by paying for all 3 lunches at the same time!

f. DPAC – Meagan

Meeting happening right now, so Meagan couldn't attend!

Meetings are at a new location this year: Neighborhood Learning Centre

They continue to be hybrid, so you can tune in online, too!

Guest speaker: Corinne McCabe, former superintendent to do a presentation

“What does a Trustee actually do?” followed by a Q&A

Meagan will read the minutes and update everyone next month.

g. Community School (GESCC)

Not much new to report, their first meeting is coming up.

Lots of fall afterschool programs offered!

Fall Market date is out: Saturday, October 17th 10am-3pm. Email to book a table:

GreendaleCommunitySociety@gmail.com

h. Principal – Brad Driscoll

-Mrs Brynne Oliver is helping in Mrs Arsenault's class this year

-Mrs Braddick (EA) is on leave, Amandeep Brar is covering for now

-Student enrolment is pretty consistent (170 last year and 165 this year currently)

-The school growth plan follows the district's strategic plan: staff looks at school goals and reflects on different areas of the strategic plan. The 4 main areas are: literacy, numeracy, well-being and transitions.

-This year, writing will be our literary focus (literacy and numeracy were focuses last year and we saw progress and success).

-Numeracy focus continues, too, with contextual, real-life math applications and critical thinking.

-Well-being is about environments, feeling safe, supported and valued. We have a high percentage of very regulated learners due to awesome family support, healthy food, and healthy sleep patterns, healthy technology use, etc.

-Transitions refers to: Kindys coming into the school, kids moving into new grades/classrooms, and preparation for middle school.

-Last year we reviewed and updated our school/community code of conduct.

Everyone was given a copy to review, but we will table the discussion for October's meeting.

3. Current Fundraising

a. Coupon Book

i. Small book

ii. Community book

We are offering both books this year to see how that does. They do offer different types of coupons (small book more local, small businesses, big book, more chains, more locations, etc)

So far, feedback has been good. We will review sales/profits next month.

b. Popcorn (dates needed)

i. Sep – too late!

ii. Oct – October 16th – Sarah and Lindsay

iii. Nov – November 17th – Sarah and ___TBD___

4. Upcoming Fundraising

a. Hazelnuts – November

Excited to have this fundraiser again! We will open ordering mid-November with a delivery date of Friday, Dec 4th

b. Cards – October

Art teacher Mrs Kelly is going to do a directed drawing style art piece in class (maybe birthday themed or Christmas). Then, you can then order your child's art in many forms/products – cards, mugs, puzzles, etc.

We have to have the orders in by October 28th and delivery will be November 16-20th

c. Shopfunds.ca Gift Cards – October (delivery beginning of Dec)

We are trying a new fundraiser this year. There will be physical gift cards to order and with each purchase the school gets a percentage back. It can be done throughout the year, with two closing dates (once before Christmas and once before Mother's Day). More information to come!

d. Mitchells Soup – January

This is also a new venture – dried soup fundraiser. Cost to the consumer is the exact same as if purchased in store, but this time a percentage comes back to the school. Fundraisers offer a bigger selection that stores typically carry. Looking forward to this one in cold, winter months.

5. Business arising from last meeting

a. Neufeld Farms – for Green Team

October 30th, closing November 16th, pick up November 25th (Run by Sulette)

b. Dates of meeting

Consensus at the meeting is that having more evening meetings would be preferred, so we may need to find more evening options despite having busy schedules.

For now, the October meeting has been set for Friday, October 16th at 8:30am in the Eagles Nest (Brad will try to book that whenever we have to have a Friday morning meeting, because the library is in use Friday mornings)

Future meetings dates/times will be decided at October's meeting.

c. White Caps Game?

Wait until October

d. Chilliwack chiefs

Wednesday, March 3rd booked!

6. New Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: October 16th 8:30am

Attendance:

Tai Meakin
Dylan Akre
Teresa Clawson
Leah Peder
Reesa Valenta
Sarah Sprietsma
Jason Ydenberg
Brad Driscoll
Trish Hope
Lindsay Walsh
Stacey Thiessen
Jacqueline Penner
Jaylene Goosen
Karli Lindsay
Becky Grainger
Sarah Toop
Meagan Heinrichs