

GEPAC Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 12, 2025

Attendees:

Chelsea Hadland
Sarah Estabrooks
Brandy Pacheco
Britney deDood
Val Townsend
Julie Tiller
Caitlin McIntosh

1. Meeting called to order @ 2:11pm
2. Minutes from last meeting – Emailed and posted on Facebook
 - Adopted by Caitlin seconded by Britney
3. Principal's Report
 - Enrolment for September
 - The numbers are up and down and it is hard to determine what the final numbers will be until September. Some families are potentially moving; there is an issue with enrollment at A.L. Fortune; etc. This makes this year harder than previous years to make final decisions.
 - This year there are a lot of Grade 7 students from M.V. Beattie heading to A.L. Fortune and the maximum number of students in a class changes based on its composition (IEPS, etc.). In previous years, Grade 6's from Grindrod have had the choice to go to A.L. Fortune for Grade 7 but this year, there is not enough space at the high school. The district is now looking into a better process to determine which students can cross-boundary but this year, parents from Grindrod wanting their Grade 7 student to go to A.L. Fortune are now filling out forms and decisions will be made in the fall. For now, these students are registered at Grindrod until parents hear otherwise.
 - When building classes, Kirsten starts in kindergarten and then moves upwards from there. Every class has a maximum number of students and if a class isn't filled, that leads to leftover "spaces". A total of 30 "spaces" within the whole school triggers a red flag at the school district and the number of classes have to decrease. There is a small potential Grindrod might have to reduce its number of divisions.
 - Year End Events
 - Fun Day – June 23rd at Mara Provincial Park. Hope for PAC Lunch between 11:30 and 12:30
 - Indigenous People's Day – June 18th – Amanda will make the students Bannock and Berries
 - Leadership Celebration – TBD
 - Grade 7 Grade Celebration June 25th
 - Final Assembly June 26th; dismissal at 10:00
 - Playground
 - Linda's husband has almost completed two mud kitchens and it looks really good. The total is about \$600 for the material which PAC will write a cheque for to reimburse for the materials. The district will put in the concrete pad and anchor the mud kitchens for \$300.
 - Baird's will bring a load of sand when we are ready (\$98 and \$150 for hauling)
 - Back to School BBQ
 - September 26th
4. Treasurer's Report – Valerie Townsend
 - Approved by Sarah, seconded by Brandy
 - GEPAC Account – Opening Balance \$14,894.26
 - May 13 – Cheque to Laura's Pies \$2821.25
 - May 27 – Deposit \$1000 Donation & \$2200 for Laura's Pies
 - May 31 – Deposit \$500 Donation
 - May 31 – Deposit \$1123.30 Fun Fair Concession
 - May 31 – Deposit \$497 Fun Fair Bake Sale
 - May 31 – Deposit \$1702.50 Fun Fair Midway
 - May 31 – Deposit \$638 Mayfair \$28; \$120.70 Subway; \$489.30 Pies

- June 9 – Deposit \$1038.70 Laura's Pies
- Closing Balance - \$20,772.51
- Upcoming Expense \$1000 for Library Books
- Upcoming Expense \$800 for Prizes
- Gaming Account – Opening Balance \$259.98
 - Deposit - \$1938 Raffle Sales
 - Closing Balance \$2197.98
 - Upcoming Deposit - \$540

5. DPAC

- May DPAC Minutes were emailed but as reported by Sarah, there was nothing of significance.
- The next DPAC Meeting is Thursday, June 19th at 7pm

6. New Business

- AGM – Secretary and Treasurer Positions for 2025/2026
 - Nominate:
 - Sarah Estabrooks – President
 - Britney deDood – Vice President
 - Chelsea Hadland – Treasurer
 - Secretary – TBD
 - All in Favor
- Freezer
 - PAC has a lot of leftovers in the freezer – burgers and buns and hot dogs. We will use whatever leftovers we have but we can donate anything extra to families. We will keep the hot dog supplies for the Fun Day BBQ.
- Teacher Appreciation
 - GEPAC is going to cover staff lunch on Thursday, June 26th. Orders will be made at Farmer John's and Britney will drop off a cheque to cover the expenses.

7. Hot Lunch

- Mara Lake Fun Day June 23rd
 - Hot dogs, popcorn, freezies – 1 per person
 - Sarah & Britney will take the lead.

8. Events / Fundraisers

- Popcorn Day – Monday, June 16th
 - Sarah and Chelsea
- Pies – Jess Washtock
 - Profit \$966.25
 - *With the utilization of change from pie profits for the float for fun fair, \$59.50 is not recorded on bank statements as being deposited with a total of \$906.75. We will assume that this missing cash has been absorbed by fun fair profits.
- Fun Fair
 - Midway - \$1802.50
 - \$100 Face Painting
 - \$153 Supplies
 - TOTAL - \$1548.78
 - Bake Sale - \$497
 - \$80 Supplies
 - TOTAL - \$417
 - Concession \$1123
 - Supplies \$700ish
 - TOTAL - \$590
- Raffle
 - \$3018 Profit

9. Budget Request Update

2024 / 2025

Class Field Trips	\$600 PAID February 1, 2025
Grade 7 Hoodies	\$400 PAID February 1, 2025

Winter Rec Program \$2500	\$2500 PAID April 3, 2025 from Gaming Account
Concrete Work \$4982.92 approx.	Waiting for receipt
Library Funding \$1000	Cheque written June 12, 2025
Mud Kitchen \$600 + \$300 Install	Waiting for invoice
Swimming Lessons \$1000	Waiting on invoice

2023 / 2024

Class Materials & Supplies	\$800 Classroom (PAID)
Grade 7 Hoodies	\$300 (PAID)
Teachers Requests	\$234.10 Division 4 and 5 for Cookie Sheets (PAID)
Swimming	\$1000 (PAID)
Rec Program Bussing	\$2000 (PAID) Gaming Account
Library Funding	\$1000 (PAID)
Picnic Tables & Installation	\$6500 (PAID) \$4982.92 for labor and supplies
Learning Circle	Tabled until the next year.

10. Next Meeting: September

11. Meeting Adjourned @ 3:17pm