

**LADY GREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/ÉCOLE LADY GREY  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

LGES Library – Thursday Sept 22, 2022 – 12:30pm

Attendees:

Linda Pecora, Heidi Delmonego, Yuki Tan, Melanie Rowland, Neelam Bains, Pamela Tetrault, Carrie Ferguson, Blaine Broderick, Rebecka Riddell-McKay

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1. **Meeting called to order at 12:30.**
2. **Land Acknowledgement given by Blaine Broderick.**
3. **Minutes of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting approved unanimously.**
4. **Agenda approved unanimously. (A separate AGM will be held after this meeting)**
5. **Treasurer's update:**

**2021-2022 REPORT:**

**GAMING** - Expenses \$5,941.60  
- Grant \$4,660.00

**FUNDRAISING** – Poinsettia's \$939.13 (after donations)

**HOT LUNCH** – Profits as shown on the computer

Sept – Dec \$743.00

Jan – Mar \$934.00

Apr – May \$1,009.50

TOTAL = \$2,686.50

**BANK TOTALS SEPTEMBER 2022:**

Chequing \$16,999.36

Gaming \$6,166.44

Class D \$6,792.63

The gaming grant was applied for back in April and we should receive funds in around October. While there is a time limit for using the funds, we are using enough each year to be within the required time.

Last year we did the one fundraiser: Poinsettia's. In previous years we have also done DFS, Vessi Bulbs and Spring Fling.

There are funds set aside for maintenance of the outdoor classroom structure. This is a fund that was agreed on as part of the original funds for the structure to be built, and the funds remain available for that purpose only.

## 6. Hot Lunch Update and discussion

Yuki has contacted and agreed the availability of menu items with Subway, Nagomi Sushi and Turning Point Restaurant.

Hot lunch will continue to be on Thursdays.

October -December Hot Lunch Program has been set up in the Hot Lunch Website and is ready for items to be ordered by parents. An email has been sent out to parents advising them that ordering is open. An email will be sent out in the next day or so with for people to sign up as hot lunch volunteers.

Review of the hot lunch account as there appears to be a large profit. This is not a program that we intend to make a large profit off, keeping the costs lower may make the food more available for families. The amount showing as profit on the computer system may not take into account the costs that were associated with paying for families that request assistance with the costs for hot lunch. A review of the figures needs to be completed to confirm final numbers from last year.

Families where finances are a barrier to their children to participate in the hot lunch program are offered financial assistance. This is offered in the email about Hot Lunch ordering sent to parents. There are also systems in place in the school already where the school identifies some families they believe may benefit from this support and they are contacted. To respect the family's privacy, they can contact either the school secretary, Deb Pawlitsky; the community liaison contact, Kim Mar; or the Hot Lunch Coordinator of PAC. The system is set up so that the information about families that receive assistance are not shared within systems that are accessible to the board or members of PAC or the hot lunch volunteers.

## 7. Principles Message – Blaine Broderick

- Mme Rebecka (Vice Principle) – Will be leaving LGES to take a position as Principle in a school in Invermere. This was only just confirmed, and she is required to take the position immediately, so her last day will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Blaine acknowledged the loss, thanked her and wished her well with her new position.

*PAC – Thanked Mme Rebecka and expressed that she would be missed.*

Her position as Grade 7 teacher was posted yesterday and they are trying to find a replacement quickly. They have some potential candidates from the TTOC list.

- This year there are 228 students.

4 French Immersion Classes (1 x grade 4, 2 grade 5/6 & 1x grade 7)

5 English Classes (2x grade 4/5, 1x grade 5/6, 1x grade 6/7 and 1x grade 7)

- Upcoming Events:

- Terry Fox Run – Friday Sept 23
- Muffin Morning – Friday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> (parents & guardians invited to come into the school between 8.30am and 9.30am to an open house event)
- National Day of Reconciliation - Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving – Mon Oct 10th
- Pro D Day – October 21<sup>st</sup>

- Request for PAC to financially contribute funds to Muffin Morning.

- 2022-2023 Success Plan

Blaine gave a slide-show presentation with the key features of the success plan. The full success plan is available on the school website <https://lges.sd6.bc.ca/about-us/school-success-plan>

Summary:

Throughout the 2021-22 school year, school staff frequently met to discuss student achievement and progress of the School Success Plan. In the spring of 2022, we gathered to identify and celebrate accomplishments, and determine areas of growth and improvement for the upcoming school year.

We used a variety of data sources (student learning surveys, report cards, F & P reading assessment, SNAP, FSA) and sought input from staff, parents, and district partners to arrive at our goals. Our School Success Plan is aligned with Rocky Mountain School District's three areas for school improvement: Equity and Inclusion, Success for all Learners, and Excellence in Teaching and Leadership.

The 3 Key areas to identified as areas for growth are:

(1) STUDENT BELONGING – Increase students sense of belonging (sense of safety and sense of connection).

One activity that has already been started with this goal in mind is a whole school activity time on Friday mornings.

(2) STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN LITERACY & NUMERACY.

(3) IMPROVE THE QUALITY & FREQUENCY OF STAFF COLLABORATION.

There will be a focus on the key areas 1 & 2 above.

2 additional teachers have been hired in the district who will spend time in each school, providing support, so that the full-time teachers in our school are able to observe learning in other classrooms and work collaboratively.

Parents are encouraged to be part of this collaborative process, primary through the community involvement opportunity held in the Spring. An email invite is sent by the school to all parents to invite them to attend a meeting each year.

## **8. Open Discussion**

Neelam Bains suggested the potential of holding Cultural Learning Experience connecting the students in the community through a field trip during the celebration of Diwali. It was agreed that this would be supported, and Blaine has added this as an item that he will take to the staff to see what they would like to do.

Those present would like to discuss fundraising initiatives and areas we would like to support, however there is not enough time for this during the meeting today.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The AGM will be held immediately after this meeting.

## **10. Meeting Adjourned**

13.45pm