

# Glacier View Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2015

Members present: as noted by \*

Chairperson: Dee Sugden *	Members at Large
Secretary: Annette Fielden	Rob Fielden
Treasurer: Steve Galbraith	Michael Seemann
	Linda Seemann * (acting Secretary)
Murray McRae (Principal) *	Tamara Smith
	Terri Newton
	Michelle Stagg
	Ramona Ernst
	Jenn Calla *

Murray McRae welcomed everyone to the meeting. Regrets: Terry Newton, Rob Fielden, Annette Fielden.

Minutes of the previous meeting, October 21, 2015, were reviewed and accepted.  
(moved by Dee Sugden)

**Treasurers' Report:** Dee Sugden presented for Steve Galbraith

The BC Gaming Commission grant of \$2500.00 has been received. Our current bank account balance is \$2592.48.

**Presentation: Outdoor Education at Glacier View - proposal for funding** Kelsea Lochhead BF to next meeting

The written proposal given to the PAC members present will be forwarded with these minutes.

Kelsea Lochhead and Sabrina Lloyd requested \$500.00 from the PAC to purchase some initial pieces of outdoor equipment with which to initiate an Outdoors Club at Glacier View (starting in January) and equip the Outdoor Education 11 course in Glacier

View's Connection Program (beginning in February). The equipment would belong jointly to both programs. Subsequent equipment will be acquired through fundraising and requests of gently used equipment from the general public. Items to be purchased include compasses to facilitate the teaching of orienteering, as well as tarps, which will be used both to teach tarping skills as well as create an outdoor classroom to facilitate learning in the inclement winter months. Any additional funds would be spent on triangular bandages, useful for teaching basic first aid.

About 20 students have expressed interest in an Outdoor Club, with kayaking, ropes course/zip-lining and backpacking being activities students are most keen on exploring. There is the expectation that, once established, the club would gain momentum over time, so even a slow start this year would produce more interest in September.

During the ensuing discussion, PAC members offered to look through their personal outdoor equipment for suitable items for this worthy cause. One member has offered a kayak, which was gratefully accepted.

This item will be reviewed at the December PAC meeting and brought to a vote at that time.

### **Principal's Report: Murray McRae**

**Emergency Drills:** The school has already conducted 2 fire drills and 1 earthquake drill.

**School Photos:** School photos were taken on November 5, with retakes scheduled for December 1.

**Fall School-wide Health and Safety Audit:** Glacier View was audited this past Monday, with 8 items found that needed attention. Mr. McRae submitted the list and within 24 hours three tradesmen began to address these concerns.

**Report Cards:** Report cards were signed on the weekend, with comments for each student from the principal, and distributed this week. Overall, these report cards were significantly improved over other years, with many students receiving glowing comments from their teachers and even notably challenged students showing marked improvement. A visit was made to each classroom to congratulate the students with praise and Timbits, with special care taken to speak to those students showing remarkable improvement.

**BCSSA Conference:** Principal McRae attended the BC Superintendents of Schools Association Conference took place in Vancouver. He found it worthwhile and engaging, bringing back many useful tips to implement at Glacier View.

**Immunization:** Grade 9 students will be immunized on December 1.

**Wellness Centre:** Various area agencies have been contacted with a questionnaire to verify the exact nature of their commitment to the Wellness Centre. So far, we have heard back from the John Howard Society. The committee will next meet on December 4.

**Holiday Luncheon:** The Glacier View holiday luncheon will be held on December 16.

**EDAS - Everybody Deserves a Smile:** The students have begun decorating bags for this program and Glacier View has offered EDAS the use of our bus for bag delivery. Chantal Stefan (program chair) reported that a donation of \$500 cash and another of 800 pairs of socks are among those recently received by the program. She has also developed curriculum that can be used in schools involved with the EDAS program.

**Smoking Cessation:** The smoking cessation program held recently went well. We have a great need for this type of program at Glacier View.

**Theme Day:** A pajama day was held on Thursday, with participation higher with the teachers than the students. Fresh themes are being considered in an effort to interest more students.

**Four Way Stop:** Principal McRae spoke to the Director of Operations and Maintenance for SD#71, Ian Heselgrave, and was briefed about the previous communication with the City of Courtenay on the issue.

**Wish List:** In response to a request from the PAC, Principal McRae presented a wish list of items for the school:

A concrete picnic table to be placed in the empty area at the front of the school.  
Estimated cost - \$1,500.

Additional food for the Earthquake Container. Estimated cost - \$200 per tub.

Display Cabinets for the entrance area of the school to display awards and recognize student achievement. Estimated cost to build - \$400+

Durable Hockey nets for the Physical Education Department. These might need to be constructed as available nets are not durable. Estimated cost - \$400.

**Adjournment:** 8:20 pm

**Next Meeting:** December 16th at 7:00 pm