

## **GATE Parent Association Meeting**

November 29, 2022 6:30 pm via Zoom

Executives in attendance: Traci A., Jereon P., Alicia M., Sunita C.

Guest Speakers in attendance: 6 (as listed in #2 below)

Members-at-large in attendance: ~20 additional parents/families attended.

**1. Meeting opened at:** 6:35 pm by Traci. Traci acknowledged the land.

### **2. Guest Presentation**

Topic: Transition from GATE Junior High to High School

The presentation focused on the programs and resources to GATE students upon transition to either Henry Wise Wood or Queen Elizabeth schools for grade 10.

The following guests presented to the group:

- Claire Haney – Principal, Queen Elizabeth School
- Gary Perfect – GATE learning leader, Queen Elizabeth School
- Christine Little – Guidance Learning Leader, Henry Wise Wood School
- Eileen Smyth – Principal, Henry Wise Wood School
- Glenn Finockio – IB Learning Leader, Henry Wise Wood School
- Derek L. – Grade 12 student

*\*Lively Q&A session followed*

*\*\*Presentation materials are attached*

**3. Financial Update:** Jeroen provided an update of GPA financials. As at October 31, 2022, the balance in the General Account was \$8,874.89 and the balance in the Casino Account was \$65,935.14. Traci provided a summary of recent GPA expenditures at each of the four GATE schools.

**4. Casino Update:** Traci provided an update on the 2023 casino fundraiser. The GPA has received dates of June 8 & 9 at Cowboys Casino. Edward Ling has volunteered as casino chair. Key volunteer positions will need to be filled in Spring 2023 and volunteer recruitment will commence in the new year.

**5. Fundraising Update:** Purdys fundraiser raised \$744.65 for the GPA. GPA is open to other fundraising opportunities as they may become available and appropriate.

**6. Trustee Meeting:** Traci provided an update on a recent meeting between Traci, Alicia and CBE Trustees Nancy Close (Wards 11/13) and Patricia Bolger (Wards 6/7) to discuss the future of the GATE program. The trustees expressed continued CBE support for the GATE program and indicated that they continue to see demand for psychoeducational assessments and the related referral process.

**7. Donation Policy:** Traci outlined the CBE policy in relation to GPA donations to GATE schools, i.e., that the GPA is not a school council and that donations may be treated differently

and more akin to private donations. Distribution and ownership of technological donations were discussed.

**8. Queen Elizabeth School Update:** Tina L. provided an update on issues being discussed at Queen Elizabeth school, including: transportation availability and efficiency; whole child development; trends in GATE enrolment; CBE monitoring of GATE students in relation to equity index.

**9. Luis Riel School Update:** Irina R. provided an update on issues being discussed at Queen Elizabeth school, including: trends in GATE enrolment and overall school enrolment; impact of enrolment on overall school funding.

**10. Hillhurst and Henry Wise Wood School Updates:** No significant developments were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.