

Gatestone parent council meeting
November 6, 2017 @6:30 (Library)

Introduction

Attendance: Jennifer Graham, Heema Tank, Heather Mckenzie, Julie Fumio, Robin P (Chair), Heather Mckenzie, Abigail, chantal davies, Barbara, kylie schmitt, rene, sue community child care, suzie (fundraising co chair) dragana, Billy -does photo booth (bringer of coffee), sonya, krystal, Pouia, Sonya,

Robin- GOal of parent council, link community, parents, school

-cautionary lockdown = for safety of children, staff kept children safe

- to keep continuously safe environment
- parents to keep calm
- robin to communicate to parents
- technology will not be taken away/keep your kids calm thru tech communication

Krystal- content of letter? Should there be more information

Robin -keep it on a need to know basis

Pouia - didn't know what lockdown is

Mike - any questions

Sonya- info added as in 'could this happen again'

Billy- is it worth sending a rating of level of danger home

Long blonde hair - rumour was knife threatened to other child should there be something on the website - should there be call home

Mike - 3 phone calls regarding incident

Barb - thought it was the drill, stayed calm, gotta trust what staff how staff is dealing

Heather - aftermath?

Abigail - felt better bc it wasn't a full lockdown based on childs reoport

Mike- letter - it comes from corporate communications it was late in the day, not much time for polishing

- Was not a lockdown
- Went to talk to the kids - kids wanted to know why they were in a lockdown- explained they weren't in an actual lockdown as per the policy or directive
- Explained to kids that children needed to stay in a "internal lockdown" basically bc kids needed to stay out of they way while we were managing the situation
- After 45-50 min they were out of lockdown
- Very proud of the staff and kids, best possible outcome - EA's, VP, staff
- Clear up rumour - no threat to an actual staff or student immediately but there was a dangerous situation that needed to be managed
- There was a student in crises, did not need an audience
- Police protocol is clear-- if kids are on a lockdown kids are not to be communicating with anyone -- if this is not followed direction will be given for tech to be taken away
- This is to eliminate unnecessary distractions from dealing with the crisis
- "Lockdown" they are to hid and be quiet someone in the building is a threat
- "Hold and secure" no one allowed in the building until police instruct to open

- "Shelter and place' environmental accident - no hydro or gas - gatestone is an evacuation site comes from the ministry of environment ect.
- Will it happen again? Can't say, but staff will deal with it to the best of their ability
- Krystal - perhaps a second letter after the first if there isn't time to "polish" it- post different definitions on website; they are on board website

Robin: add the definition of the emerg situation at the bottom of the letter that is sent home

Mike : suggest it to corporate communications; based on parent council advice

Pouia- parent should teach their kids that they aren't allowed to use tech. What do you suggest for parents to teach

Mike- tell your kids to listen to the teachers and staff

Robin- its more difficult as the kids get older, be the parent to the child and keep them calm let pros do their job

- School liaison officer to come based on availability to Parent Council meeting to discuss protocol

Robin - if any concerns contact

- If anyone didn't receive email make sure to add to minutes to add to group email

Robin - Vaccinations

- Rumours of non vaxed kids -
- Our resp. To contact the board on updated vax
- If you choose not to vax there are legalities that may be done
- Grade 7 - HPV ect. Lots of info online if you choose not to be done you must do the follow up protocol - that child may be at risk and may not be able to come to school if there is a breakout
- Vax are done here.

Mike - primary grades - non vax will be suspended after a period of warning time; can only come back to school after vax is complete and dr. note

- If religious purpose deal with public health and legalities will be done through PH
- Parents are responsible for telling public health of updated vax
- Once legality is set and a the child is ok not to be vax'd and there is a breakout, said child may not be able to return to school for sometimes at least a year - **this is a public health policy NOT a board policy**

Grade 7 Vax - done at school

HEP B (2nd phase in grade 8)

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HPV (optional)

School Pictures - some parents "pic taken was poor, more focus on the background"

- Mike got permission from parent to share pic with photo company (edge) edge will fix the problem
- Edge reached out the parent to fix the problem

Grant- awarded \$1000 for Indigenous Garden!!!!

- Nyaweh program here at gatestone.
- Robin wants to plant a native garden - Heather will help :)

Text and email sent to Robin - ex. Photo

- Concerns of dates in newsletters and conflicts

Traffic and speed on gatestone - emailing city cnclr. Doug.connley@hamilton.ca

Fundraising - pasta nights- on the go

- Movie nights - suzie and jen for it happening great job- great job to volunteers to make it happen - suzie did many things last minute! Thank you suzie
- Parents; saying not enough popcorn and coffee
- Macmillans - blast email for volunteers
- Bazaar - blast for bake sale - need donations

Jen: movie night- realize that there should be more popcorn - should maybe do 75% and canned goods

- Add to flyer - " theres only a limited amount"
- Pre order for pizza only!!!!!!!!!!!!

Macmillians - they are offering an extra dollar on cookies and other items - we got in before thanksgiving

- They didn't have dates so we took the 28th
- Donna, suzie will be volunteering the day of
- Donna will count money with JG mother in law
- Delivery at 1pm volunteers to be here at 12:45
- Product in and box build, someone checks it

Suzie - recommend mentioning it to teacher that kids name is on there and teacher's name - was an issue last year

-and sometimes money was missing

K. Schmit - staff doesn't open envelope

- How does staff hand it in?? On thursday morning mike will make and announcement
Cheque to be made to macmillians---are cheques accepted?? It is mentioned on the flyer that cheques to be made out to school

Mike- will deal with cheques on administration end

Robin - notice put out now regarding payment now on social media

Mike to put something on website

- Parents come to pick it up 330 to 6pm
- Done in the staff room

Jen - 2 vendors bailed - double booked??

- Vendors not to bring kids
- 29 vendors- BP Paw patrol, fidget spinners, photo booth,
- Email for set up went out today - bring raffle at set up

- Gym available at 815am
- Vendors pre ordered pizza
- Social media
- Crock a doodle posted promotion material as well as meridian

Suzie - can we poster mail boxes. - jen to send it to all of council and Mike to print some to give out - Jen to send it to Robin, Robin to send it to community and council.

Mike to also receive it and blast it out

Mike to change the outside sign to focus on the bazaar

THANK YOU to Jen and Suzie

Bath Bombs - come out before Christmas

- Flyer to get created- staple
- 1 week turn around - dec 8 orders due
- Dec 20th delivery to kids

Mike - Nov 30th movie night??? - is it possible? SUZIE YES

Movie - lego batman, trolls, Planet 51, - live action movie?? The grinch, Christmas theme!!!

Polar express,

Put in an intermission? yes - announcement to treat it as theater for 20 mins for getting snacks

- Put snacks in hallway
- Lots of volunteers for snack bar for the rush
- Basket donation from parent council? Instead of just coming out of suzies' pocket
- Starbucks to donate hot chocolate or cambrios
- Email robin with ideas of movies to be confirmed outside with this meeting
- Allowed to bring own snacks but MUST BE PEANUT FREE...
- No need to advertise this bc need to sell at snack bar

Vote on executives-

Treasurer? Money was under the principal title - how to deal with this, treasurer position or just add it to the minutes after fundraising events

Formerly secretary and treasurer

Do we want a treasurer- up to executive to decide if this is possible

How much money is in account?

Where does money go?

Council will vote on purchases

Mike formalizes plans and takes it to the board

- School (teachers) via Mike will come to council for request of purchases

Security cameras? Will not be installing - it is a hot topic, we will take our direction from HWDSB and the Ministry decide then. Too many privacy issues ect.

MIKE; AND KYLIE DON'T VOTE

CHAIR OF COUNCIL - nomination of ROBIN second by Heema, not accepted :(

- Nomination of SUZIE - not accepted
- Nomination of JEN - not accepted
- Nomination of Krystal - ACCEPTED!!!
- Nomination of Heema - ACCEPTED!!!
- Krystal and Heema CO CHAIRS!!!!!! :)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- JEnn Graham - ACCEPTED!!!!!!
- Suzie Popovic - ACCEPTED!!!!!!

SECRETARY

- HEATHER MCKENZIE - ACCEPTED!!!!!!

TREASURER - YES!

- DRAGANA- ACCEPTED
- _____ - NOT ACCEPTED

SUE- nothing

Kylie- staff asking what we are fundraising for communication to staff

- Did parent council do pasta lunch? Yes can it be delivered earlier? BP was delayed- this will not happen again

MIKE - thank you to Robin for all her work and keeping the lines of communication open between parents and staff

- Numbers are growing on council and that is a testament to Robin's work
- Budget needs to be planned as far as council...can't say it is fundraising in general
- There is approx. \$9000
- Money going back into classrooms
- There are a few suggestions for next meeting
- LEGALITIES - appreciate the fundraising
Ex. pizza pays for almost every bus that takes kids on trips
Jerseys
- Ultimately legally funds and purchase fall on principal
- We need to spend the money

SUZIE - still doing Booster juice? Yes? From a teacher, will come back in spring

Mike - Proud of teachers and Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Ashton they stepped up and managed the situation and direction very well. They stayed calm. EA's dealt extremely well with the situation they are trained to deal with it and did it extremely professionally

Students dis regulate every day, EA's deal with it every day.

NEXT MEETING - November 27th

NO meeting in December

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Agenda:

- Cautionary Lockdown-opportunity to bring awareness of protocol (parent communication)
- -vaccinations- concern of those that did not get the required vaccinations - protocol
- School pictures- some disappointment with results (the pic taken not the background effects)
- Exciting Fundraising updates-pasta lunches, revisit movie night (concerns not enough popcorn, changing the coffee options?, etc)-awareness of the work involved and recognition to details that are being completed, mcmillans, November bazaar (Thk u Susy and jen- fliers, vendors,etc.)
- grant awarded for our indigenous garden \$1000-details
- texts and emails sent to Robyn from parents
- Position vote
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Umbrella daycare:

Staff:

Principal/VP: