

Green Acres School Council Minutes
September 18, 2017

Present: Ms. Gasparik, Ms. Church, Ms. Capstick, Ms. Nalsok, Ms. Babbey, Ms. Vanstone, Ms. Holden

Regrets: Ms. Corrigan, Ms. Martens

1. Welcome and introductions: Council received a thank you card from Ms. Minaker.
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared.
3. Approval of Minutes - June 2017 minutes approved. Motioned by Ms. Vanstone, seconded by Ms. Church.
4. Elections - Ms. Church was nominated for Chair by Ms. Vanstone and seconded by Ms. Babbey. Ms. Babbey will remain secretary and Ms. Nalsok will remain treasurer.
5. Pro Grant - the application is still under review for a multicultural night. Ms. Church will follow up at the end of September if no news.
6. Fundraising Initiatives for 2017 - 2018 - last year a lot of ideas but also need to be realistic with the goals. Would like to fundraise for school trips (to help subsidy buses), new sports team shirts and uniforms, shade tent for the teams, and outdoor play equipment. Mr. Kirkelos would know the price for the uniforms. Would like to do the Indigo fundraiser again, but this time chose the cash option as opposed to gift cards. Look for November (preferably 21st or 28th) on a Tuesday. Could also approach Denningers for door prizes for the Indigo night. Discussed having bake sales for all events and can even do for Meet the Teacher. Ms. Nalsok is willing to look into pizza days if nobody else is using it as a fundraiser this year. Will need to talk to Ms. Aitken about going cashless for the pizza. Ms. Church's mother will also help. Will need to talk to Ms. Cave about the dates of Pita Pit. Will touch base with Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Gear about the volunteers helping out with pizza and could also approach student leadership team to help on the day of.

ACTIONS: a) Ms. Gasparik will contact Mr. Kirkelos regarding the pricing of the school team uniforms.

b) Ms. Church will follow up with Indigo regarding setting a date in November if possible.

c) Once confirmed, Ms. Vanstone will follow up with Mr. Piexoto about organizing a more formal recital at the Indigo fundraiser and she will also approach Mme Woods about the school leadership team helping with the night.

d) Ms. Nalsok will send out a google survey to the teachers to see what they would like the council to fundraise for.

e) Ms. Nalsok will follow up with staff regarding the logistics of having pizza days as a fundraiser.

7. Parent Engagement Money - council agreed that this money can still be used to subsidize police checks. Magnets were not ordered because they were still missing information. Cannot proceed now because the money is no longer available for this initiative.

ACTION: Ms. Babbey will create a pamphlet outlining that funds are available for police checks to be handed out at Meet the Teacher.

8. Upcoming Events - Meet the Teacher - council is doing the food, student leadership are selling popsicles. Agreed to do a bake sale.

ACTIONS: a) Ms. Babbey will post on facebook asking for people to drop off baked goods with the ingredients listed.

b) Ms. Nalsok will bring paper bags for the treats.

c) Ms. Babbey will create a flyer and forward to Ms. Gasparik to be distributed to students regarding the selling of pizza and the bake sale.

d) Ms. Vanstone will order the pizza.

e) Ms. Vanstone and Ms. Church will manage the refreshments.

f) Ms. Gasparik will follow up with the custodians regarding setting up the tables.

9. Spirit Wear - Ms. Nalsok hasn't heard from Glen Echo; Ms. Martens did look into it and sent her research to Ms. Church and Ms. Vanstone. Council suggested that whatever company is used for the team uniforms could also be used for the spirit wear. Council will finalize at the October meeting.

ACTIONS: a) Ms. Gasparik will follow up with Mr. Kirkelos regarding the team uniforms.

10. Meeting dates - Mr. Jeff Beattie (school board trustee) offered to come to council to speak about the proposed addition for Collegiate Avenue, but is unable to attend Monday evening meetings. Council decided to change the meeting for October to Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6p.m.

ACTIONS: a) Ms. Babbey will invite Mr. Beattie and confirm with the rest of council the new meeting date for October.

11. Principal's report - Ms. Gasparik

a) Re-Organization - No re-organization for Green Acres, enrollment is 278, last year we were at 290.

b) New Staff to Green Acres:

Mrs. Spencer – FDK, in for Ms. Maika

Ms. Knight – DECE, in for Ms. McKinley Dunn who is scheduled to return on Monday September 25th

Mrs. Thersidis – DECE

Mrs. Iarocci – Comprehensive Class Teacher

Mrs. Freeman- E.A. supporting Comprehensive Class

Ms. King – E.A. supporting Kindergarten Class, covering Mrs. Vervious mat leave

Mrs. Kavanagh – ELL Teacher

Mrs. Blunsdon – Reading Specialist Teacher supporting our K-1 teachers and students

Ms. Mirabella – Grade 2/3 a.m.

Mrs. Addis Grade 2/3 & Library covering Mrs. Workman's mat leave

c) Volunteer Policy/ Excursion Policy - New Parent Volunteers require a Police Check to volunteer in the school, on trips, etc. Parents who volunteered last year need to fill out Offence Declaration. The volunteer police check is good for three years. Prior to the three years expiring parents will need to get another police check. More information can be found at HWDSB Educational Excursions and to view the whole policy please go to www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp.../05/Educational-Excursions-Directive.pdf

d) September 22nd P.A. Day - Half Day Focus will be on School Annual Plan & Continuous Learning & Improvement Process – Teachers will take parent in Data Analysis, Identifying Student Needs & Setting Targets for Improvement. K-1 Focus will be on Reading. Grade 2-8 Focus will be on Math as we continue to be Increased Math Support School; will have a math facilitator supporting our school; supports 6 other schools as well.

- HWDSB Reading Goal - At least 75% of Grade 1 students achieving a B (provincial standard) or higher on their June Report Card
- HWDSB Math Goal – At least 65% of students achieving at or above provincial standard as measured by Grade 3, 6, 9 Assessment
- HWDSB Positive Culture & Well Being - Every school department will improve the number of staff and students feeling safe, supported and accepted from the August 2017 baseline
- Positive School Culture Team is meeting this week, to look at and review our goals, needs were , impact of Mind Up, look to see what our focus continues to be, last year self-regulation and perseverance identified as a student need & skill gap
- Update on the day will be given for the October School Council Meeting
- Other ½ Day will be Compliance Training – AED, Concussion Protocol, Safe Schools Modules, Anaphylactic, Slips Trips Falls, ETC

12. Teacher's report - Ms. Holden and Ms. Robillard

Several events are up and running at the school.

1. A comic artist came to the school to show students how to draw a comic character.
2. A staff meeting was held on the 14th. Topics covered include Data driven teaching cycles, housekeeping items such as the calming room, nutrition program, technology, recess entry.
3. Senior girls baseball tournament is on Wednesday, Sept. 20th coached by Mrs. Sybersma and Mrs. Carter.
4. Grades 3-8 Cross Country team begins practices coached by Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Holden. HWDSB Meet is on Oct. 13th.
5. Bus Patrollers training Oct. 4
6. Bus safety presentation Oct. 12

7. Meet the Teacher will be held this Thursday on the playground. If it rains, we will all be in the gym.
8. Mrs. Cave and Mme. Woods will be taking 8 students to the We Day Conference in Toronto on Sept. 28th. Students were chosen based on a letter submitted to Mme. Woods outlining why he or she would be a good candidate.
9. Terry Fox will be held on the last week of September organized by Mrs. Carter.
10. From the Student Leadership Group:

Sept. (week of Sept. 18th)	Frozen Treats for Flood Relief to benefit victims of Hurricane Irma and Harvey. Popsicles will be sold all week for \$0.50 and at Meet the Teacher
Oct.	Oct. 17th - Tie Dye Tuesday Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Nov.	Nov. 17th - Endangered Animal day (proceeds to WWF) Nov. 20-24 Bullying Awareness
Dec.	Door decorating Food Drive for Stoney Creek Food Bank (Nov. 27 - Dec. 8)
Jan.	Jan 25th - PJ Day/Snuggle Up and Read (Family Literacy day)
Feb.	Feb. 7 - Feb. 14th Candy grams (proceeds to We Charity)
Mar.	Mar. 29th - Light It Up Blue for Autism
Apr.	Apr. 11th - Pink Day
May	May 16th - Gum Day (proceeds for We Charity) May 31st - Crazy Hat/Hair/Sunglasses day
June	

Student group feels strongly about keeping monthly assemblies.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25th, 2017 at 6p.m. (will need to be confirmed).

