

Green Acres School Council Minutes
September 17, 2018

In attendance: Ms. Gasparik, Ms. Church, Ms. Capstick, Ms. Babbey, Ms. Iarocci, Ms. Martens, Ms. Simm, Mr. Reid

Regrets: Ms. Lewis

1. *Welcome and Introductions* - Welcome to Ms. Iarocci who will be the staff representative this year on council. Also welcome to two new members: Ms. Simm and Mr. Reid.
2. *Declaration of Conflict of Interest:* none declared.
3. *Approval of minutes:* June 2018 minutes approved with an addendum noting that the Pro Grant deadline was missed.
ACTION: Follow up with Ms. Corrigan and Ms. Aitken regarding if the school received the fundraising money from School Tees.
4. *Elections:* Ms. Capstick volunteered to be treasurer. Ms. Church volunteered to continue as chair. Ms. Babbey volunteered to continue as secretary. Ms. Gasparik did mention to Mary (YWCA) and Jessica (Boys and Girls Club) about the meetings.
ACTION: Ms. Gasparik will reach out to the YWCA and the Boys and Girls Club again about being a community committee member.
5. *Magnets:* the school magnets arrived but will need to determine whether the invoice was paid. Discussed the best way to distribute: put one in the progress reports, have a basket at open house.
ACTION: Ms. Church will follow up with Ms. Nalsok who organized the magnets. (it is of note that it was confirmed that the magnets had been paid for out of last year's parent engagement funds).
6. *Open House Ideas:* council agreed to do a 'meet and greet' for the October meeting. Will invite people to come for refreshments first and then if people want to stay for the meeting they can.
7. *Fundraising:* Green Acres is looking to bring Josh back for the hip hop classes; student success room could use more activities (i.e. games and other activities); some student leadership are going to "Me to We" and they may come back with some ideas. Ms. Cave's is doing pizza. Ms. Iarocci is doing Frozen Yogurt. Council will be selling pizza at meet the teacher. Indigo is likely not good for this year.
ACTION: Ms. Iarocci will put it out there to see what the teachers are in need of and relay it back to council (Ms. Church will send her the previous form).
8. *Meet the Teacher* - October 4, 2018 5 - 6:30. Council will provide pizza and pop. Do a display table under the Green Acres tent. Rain plan is that it will be held in the gym.
ACTION: Ms. Babbey will do up posters advertising the next council meetings. Ms. Gasparik will approach the custodian about the firefighters bringing a firetruck to the event.
Ms. Simm will approach the community liaison police officer and if able to attend could consider doing police checks for volunteering on site during the event.
9. *Principal's report* - Ms. Gasparik

a) Re-Organization

There will be re-organization this year for Green Acres as we are down in our School Enrollment.

Spring Numbers JK- 8	Fall Student Numbers JK-8	
JK – 28 Predicated	JK- 21	
SK- 14	SK 13	
Grade 1 – 24	Grade 1 - 21	
Grade 2 – 26	Grade 2 – 18	
Grade 3 – 11	Grade 3- 10	
Grade 4 – 24	Grade 4 – 23	
Grade 5- 24	Grade 5- 23	
Grade 6 – 16	Grade 6 – 17	
Grade 7 – 27	Grade 7 – 29	
Grade 8 -20	Grade 8 – 20	
10 JK-8 Classes	9 JK-8 Classes	
Total Numbers JK -8 = 214	Total Numbers JK-8 = 195	Down 19 students = down 1 primary class

New Organization that takes places October 4th 2018 is as follows

2 FDK classes, each with a DECE

2 Grade ½ classes

Grade ¾, Grade 4/5, Grade 5/6, Grade 7 & Grade 7/8

Students that are affected with moves will receive a letter and phone call from myself. Those students moving will move to their new classes on October 4th. Changes to staff will be in K-2/3 as we have down a teacher.

b) New Staff to Green Acres:

Mr. Burgio – covering Mrs. Callari’s Maternity Leave, teaching Phys. Ed. Health & Library

Mrs. Chenier – Educational Assistant working in our Comprehensive Class

Ms. Aboagye – Educational Assistant working in our Grade 1 classroom

Mr. Holohan – Itinerant ELL Teacher assigned to Green Acres

c)Volunteer Policy/ Excursion Policy

Reminder that 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 21nd P.A. Day

Morning - Provide an overview of the 2018-19 HWDSB Annual Plan with emphasis on our inclusive system priorities – Positive Culture and Well-Being and Student Learning and Achievement. As part of the Continuous Learning & Improvement Process, utilize student achievement data from June to set targets for student achievement and establish a method to track student progress throughout the school year.

Student Learning and Achievement:

Goal 1- All Students reading by Grade 1

Target: At least 75% of our Grade 1 students achieving at or above provincial standard by June report Card

Goal 2 – Improvement in Math

Target: The gap between HWDSB and the province for those students performing at or above provincial standard on Junior Grade 6 EQAO math assessment will be narrowed by 2020

Goal 3 – All students graduating

Target: At least 83% of all students will graduate within 5 years by August 2020

Positive Culture and Well Being:

Goal – All students and staff feel safe, supported and accepted

Target 1 – The number of students that feel safe, supported and accepted will increase by June 2020

Target 2 – The number of staff that feel safe, supported and accepted will increase by June 2020

Under each goal there are strategies, which we will look at as a school, set our school targets in reading, math, and positive culture and wellbeing.

Continue to update School Council on our School Plan.

For Elementary Schools, 75 minutes will be devoted to a Power Teacher Pro (PTP) Awareness Session.

The session will be co-led by Administrators and Report Card Facilitators using a learning module provided by IIT and the Program Division

Afternoon: Based on legislation, HWDSB is required to deliver mandatory training modules on health and safety to staff on a yearly basis. Again this year, HWDSB has designated one half of the September PA Day to provide this training for all school-based staff. This includes teaching, office, caretaking, and support staff who are in schools for the day.

10. *Teacher's report*- Ms. Iarocci - this coming Thursday a few students are attending the "Me to We" event in Toronto. After will come up with ideas for positive school culture.

Today opened up the Student Success Room. Each teacher has three passes for their class for the second nutrition break. Currently there is a pool table, foosball table, and crafts. Junior girls baseball. Student leaders will be mentoring to be in the student success room. Always looking for donations (games, books, lego, stem activities, activities). Upcoming sports include: Junior Girls Baseball and Junior Swim Team. Cross country is coming up in October. Volleyball will be starting after Baseball finishes.

11. *Any Other Business* - the school snack program could use more volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Gear or Mrs. Dempsey. Given the small nature of the school, Ms. Babbey will reach out to R.L. Hyslop school council to see about pairing up for some events, etc. Mr. Reid offered to look into hoodies for spirit wear.

Next meeting: Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6p.m.

