

Green Acres School Council Minutes
October 15, 2018

Attended: Ms. Church, Ms. Gasparik, Ms. Babbey, Ms. Capstick, Ms. Freeman, Ms. Barker, Mr. Reid, Ms. Reid

Regrets: Ms. Simms, Ms. Martens, Ms. Iarocci

1. Welcome - welcome to Ms. Barker and Ms. Freeman.
2. Declaration of conflict of interest - no conflict of interests were declared.
3. Approval of minutes - September minutes approved. Ms. Babbey will contact Ms. Aitken to have the minutes posted on the school website.
4. Additions to agenda - None added
5. Magnets - confirmed that they were paid for last year. Will hand out at parent teacher interviews.
6. Fundraising -
 - a) Spirit Wear - Mr. Reid reported back on his research. T-shirts sell for \$12 and are purchased for \$10; hoodies sell for \$24 purchased for \$21; dry fit shorts sell for \$15 purchased for \$12; long sleeve tees sell for \$15 purchased for \$13. To customize with a name would charge \$5 and purchase for \$4. All sizes are available including adult sizes. Could set up through school cash online. Council would like to go ahead with this.
ACTION: Mr. Reid will be in charge of the order form.
 - b) Indigo Night - Council feels that this has been exhausted.
 - c) Feedback from parents at Meet the Teacher - people were interested in events at the school, bake sales, and spirit wear. A lot of excitement around the idea of a dance-a-thon. Could raise funds for home reading books and math manipulatives and supplies for the student success room (games and craft supplies, bean bag chairs, stools). Games for indoor recess. People were also interested in a movie night. Discussed the issues around copyright and that it would likely cost at least \$200 to have this approved. Given this the council discussed proceeding with a dance-a-thon that could include a bake sale.
 - d) Dance-a-thon - Student leadership could be approached to run the bake sale. Would like to do it before the holidays and picked Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 4:30 - 6:00 to hopefully maximize participation. Mme Woods has a playlist from the other dances.
ACTION: a) Ms. Gasparik will approach Kiwanis, YWCA, and Josh (dance program) to join the event. b) Ms. Gasparik will follow up with student leadership regarding running the bake sale at the event. c) Mr. Reid will see if we can have mock ups of the spirit wear to have displayed at the event with the hopes of having the order form ready for pre-holiday delivery. d) Will approach Mme. Woods to see if could use her play list.
 - e) Other fundraising - the teachers are organizing the selling of pizza and popcorn and this should start soon.

7. Events - see above
8. Teacher Meet and Greet - one parent did come out because of the flyers at Meet the Teacher.

ACTION: a) Ms. Babbey will ask Ms. Aitken to push out notifications the day before the meeting. b) Ms. Babbey to do up flyer for parent teacher interviews. c) Ms. Gasparik to send a class list with numbers to Ms. Babbey.

9. Principal's Report - *Ms. Gasparik* -

a) *Staffing Update* - During Re-Organization, there were a number of schools across HWDSB that had an opportunity to hire for permanent staff in a variety of schools, Mr. Burgio, who is covering for Mrs. Callari was successful in obtaining a permanent teaching position and will be joining Memorial City Staff teaching phys. Ed and health. We are excited for Mr. Burgio and wish him luck as a permanent teacher with HWDSB. Mr. Burgio's last day with us will be Friday November 2nd. Mrs. Manoukian was the successful teacher Long Term Occasional Teacher who take the place of Mr. Burgio, she will start on Monday November 5th.

b) *EQAO Results:*

- Grade 3 Reading - 54% (15/28) students at / above provincial standards
- Grade 3 Writing - 36% (10/28) students at / above provincial standards
- Grade 3 Math – 25% (7/28) students at/above provincial standards
- Grade 6 Reading - 72 % (29/40) students at/above provincial standards
- Grade 6 Writing – 72% (29/40) students at/ above provincial standards
- Grade 6 Math – 32% (13/40) students at/above provincial standards

Next steps: Staff will continue to look at the Data, look at Individual Student Results to see how close some of our students were to meeting provincial standards, look at the type of questions students are being asked and look at how we embed these type of questions in our instruction. For example math questions, one question can be a thinking/ application and knowledge question. For Reading we have great data on our students from SK, Grade 1 Screeners that helps target reading intervention that will be helpful to prepare our students in early primary grades with reading.

c) *Lockdown Drill* - October 25th – 9:15 with School Liaison Officer Jackie Masters, teachers are expected to go over the procedures with their students prior to the day of the drill.

d) *School Annual Fundraising* - Plan is filled out that includes all our Fundraising for the year, sent to S.O. office for approval. All fundraising must support Green Acres School Annual Plan which is:

- K-1 Reading – Grade 1 Reading Target is 14/20 students at/above provincial standard for Reading - B and or DRA 10 and above
- Math Target –Need to set a Target for Math for our Grade 6 students
- Positive School Climate - Need to Set a Target for all students feeling safe, supported
- Any fundraising needs to address the above, K-1 Reading, Math, and/or Positive School Climate

- Support for K-1 Reading is very much needed, to help support the Home and School Connection that Nightly Reading is important.
- e) *Report Card* - Progress Report Cards go home for JK-8 students on October 30th. Parent Teacher Interview information should be going home soon for parents to select their times for interviews. Most teachers have interviews the Thursday Night (November 1st,) and Friday (November 2nd morning or afternoon).
- f) *School Happenings*:
- Grade 7 Needles – October 16h
 - Backwards Day October 17th
 - Elections October 22nd - Access to vote will be at the far north doors (doors closest to the pool), Election staff will be by those doors ensuring voters enter by those doors. All other doors will be locked during the day. Teachers are aware of this as the gym will be used for elections.
 - October 24th Picture Day
 - October 29th-November 1st Pumpkin Decorating Contest
 - October 31st Halloween – Dance for Grade 6-8, Parties, Halloween Parade
 - November 2nd P.A. Day – No School
 - November 12th – Band Trip Grade 4-8 students
10. Teachers Report - *Ms. Iarocci* - Staff was hoping for the Indigo fundraiser again this year. The following is a wish list from the teachers for fundraising:
- new leveled book for Primary Home reading program and math manipulatives
 - stools, bean bag chairs, little mats to sit on, trays to write on, card games
 - games and craft supplies for the Student Success Room
 - money to fund buses for trips
- b) Past School Events:
- Terry Fox Run
 - Cross Country
 - Chocolate Fundraiser
- c) Upcoming Events:
- Backwards Day on Wednesday
 - Scare for Hunger Food Drive (non-perishable items to go to Stoney Creek Food Bank)
 - Pumpkin Decorating
 - Picture Day Oct 24th
 - Halloween Dance Grades 5-8
11. EA report - *Ms. Freeman* - Ms. Clements has taken the permanent 0.5 position in the school. The school is currently working on getting an Ito in the afternoon. Tomorrow is the DECE appreciation event.

*Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:00p.m. in the staff room.
All are welcome.*

