

Green Acres Council Minutes
November 19, 2018

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

Regrets: Ms. Simm

1. Welcome:
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared.
3. Approval of Minutes - approved, Ms. Babbey will ask Ms. Aitken to post on the website.
4. Additions to Agenda - question from parents - are the success assemblies happening anymore? Ms. Iarocci will ask staff and see; there have not been any this school year. Will talk about it at the positive school climate team (Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Worley, Mrs. Minukian and Ms. Iarocci).
5. Fundraising -
 - a) Spirit wear update - (Mr. Reid) - within the week will have a mock up of the short sleeve t-shirt and hoodie; hoping for different sizes so that we can see the differences in person. Can still do the orders before Christmas, but will most likely arrive after. Even if can't have them before Christmas can have them the beginning of the new year. Can also use debit account. Mr. Reid will work on the order form and then Ms. Capstick can work on it with Ms. Aitken. For the Grad clothing students brought in a cheque to school or cash. Ms. Iarocci is willing to oversee the trying on of the mock up.
ACTION: Mr. Reid will follow up regarding the turn around times.
Ms. Capstick and Mr. Reid will work with Ms. Aitken regarding using School Cash Online for purchases.
 - b) Dance-a-thon - Mme Woods is willing to organize the kids for the leadership group (around 30 kids). Would love for leadership to help keep the little kids motivated and 4 - 5 students to run the bake sale and sell refreshments. The initial flyer went out and the pledge forms went out. Music - will have the AV team set it up for us. We can use student success as the lounge for the parents.
ACTION: Ms. Church will reach out to Mme Woods regarding the playlist and will follow up with Ms. Cave regarding Josh participating.
Ms. Iarocci will approach some former colleagues about dance demonstrations that night.
Ms. Capstick will request a float.
Ms. Babbey will do up posters for the refreshments and ask Ms. Aitken to post looking for bakers.
Student leadership will make up up some morning announcements.
 - c) Teacher requests for fundraising- math manipulatives; see number 10 from last months agenda. Unable to raise funds for math manipulatives as are included in the school budget.
 - d) Any other fundraising ideas can go ahead and email school council

6. Event - STEAM night - combine with Open House - classes can showcase any of their STEAM stuff in their classrooms. McMaster presents at Supercrawl every year, could approach them. Ms. Iarocci will ask the staff regarding an interest in this and let us know. ACTION: Ms. Church will reach out to Orchard Park robotics to participate that night.

7. Principal's report - Ms. Gasparik - Principals Report

a) Addition and Renewal Work at Collegiate Elementary School:

Letter went home on November 15th to Collegiate, R.L. Hyslop and Green Acres Family regarding update on student transitions. Main points from the letter were:

* Collegiate will close in June 2019

* September 2019 – two holding schools will be established, Green Acres & R.L. Hyslop

* Green Acres will temporarily accommodate students living north of Queenston Rd until new Eastdale opens in 2019-2020 school year

* R.L. Hyslop will accommodate Collegiate students who live south of Queenston Road

* Once construction is complete Zone 6,7, 8 will move to the new school on Collegiate Site, Green Acres & R.L. Hyslop will close

* Families will be welcome to attend transition committee meeting to hear discussions and learn more about transition plans

* Visit Construction Updates section on HWDSB's website, Transition Committee section on HWDSB website will have updates as well

b) P.A. Day December 7th: Math Focus will be a full-day , Continuous Learning and Improvement process to improve student achievement in Math. Learning Goals for the day are : learning to access EQAO assessment data to better understand student learning needs and skill gaps- so we are able to implement evidence based instructional strategies to address our student needs/gaps and improve achievement
Learning How Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math supports an improvement in student learning – so we are able to provide instruction and assessment on the fundamental math concepts within all subject areas

Update of our learning will be shared at January's School Council Meeting

c) Hold & Secure Drill: We had a Hold & Secure Drill on November 15th , Hold & Secure Drill is different from a Lockdown Drill. The school continues to function normally, with exterior doors locked until the situation is resolved. Teachers at exterior door do not allow for students/ staff/parents to enter the school or leave the school. Staff members without students/ class will be posted near each entrance to ensure no one leaves the building. Exterior facing windows covered, blinds drawn and lights dimmed or off

d) Orchard Park Visit: Orchard Park visited our Grade 8 students on November 12th, they discussed what Orchard Park has to offer to our Grade 8 students, talked about the school, extracurricular activities. November 22nd at 6:30 -8:30 is Orchard Park's Grade 9 night for students in Grades 7 and 8. Information has been posted on our website to remind parents.

e) Transportation Policy Consultation: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) is gathering public feedback on the possibility of changing the walking distance for Junior and Senior Kindergarten students in its Transportation Policy. The proposed change is to increase school walking distance from 1.0 kms to 1.2 kms.

There are two main reasons HWDSB is looking at this possible change:

1. HWDSB is currently experiencing a driver shortage. In a motion on May 28, 2018, the Board of Trustees asked staff to look at ways (including policy changes) that would help reduce the driver shortage.

2. To align HWDSB's walking distances with that of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. To have your voice heard, please fill out the Transportation Policy Consultation.

The deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on November 27, 2018.

8. Teacher's report - Ms. Iarocci - Events - 80's spirit day and dance party, 276 items for the food drive and donated to food bank, popcorn sales for Me to We Charity; now until November 30 do the hat and mitten drive (will be delivered to a shelter). Halloween dance raised approximately \$200 for the grad fund. Have another Holiday dance. Positive School Climate group will be meeting on Friday to set the school's positive climate goal (coming out of the boards we health goal). There will be a holiday concert but it will be held during the day. Week of the December 10th or the 14th and organizing a book fair at the same time. OP has called about coming over to do their Holiday concert that same week.

ACTION: Ms. Gasparik will let Ms. Babbey know when the Holiday concert date is set so it can be posted for the parents.

9. EA report - Ms. Freeman -

10. Should invite Collegiate at least for the STEAM event.

Next meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6p.m. in the staff room. All are welcome.

