

ALLAN A. GREENLEAF -SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Purpose:	School Council Meeting
Chairperson(s):	Glen Spry

Meeting Details	
Date:	February 22 nd , 2024
Time:	6pm-8pm
Location:	AAG
	NON VOTING

Participants	X - indicates absence				
Steve Yull - Prinicpal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yvonne Flippance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Erin McAllister	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Reid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ainsley Galbraith	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashley McTavish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sue Hamilton - Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacqueline Gaudet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shannon Newell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tracey Robinson - Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keerthi Godinho	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelley Pillar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Alzaeim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shayla Harbridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gurmeet Rai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laura Archer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Hessels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janice Robson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nadia Barin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Hislop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Sirski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Bedford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tobi Hofer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Slayer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ashley Bonany	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Hood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glen Spry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lindsay Brewer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jaime Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabrina Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ramanjeet Kaur	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Turnbull	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misham Chaudrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Puja Kaur Dhillion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Armagan Uckardes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Clarkin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bandna Kaushal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Valeri	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sally Donnelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Lingard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jess Worrall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Dysart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Louks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carolyn Osborn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Madden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tim Hewittson	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGRETS ; Ashley Bonany, Sarah Fitzgerald

OBSERVERS:

NOTE:

GUESTS:

Land Acknowledgment

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on Ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so Responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

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“The purpose of a school council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve student achievement and increase accountability of the education system to parents.”

AGENDA:

1. Call to order	Chair
2. Roll Call - Sign in	Chair
3. Land Acknowledgement	Chair/designate
4. Approval of minutes	Chair
5. Report a) Officers' Reports (Treasurer) b) Standing and Special committee i. Fundraising ii. Bylaw iii. Communications c) Teachers and Principal's report	
6. Unfinished Business a) Pro-Grant application i) Note: I have been approached by the Ancaster high council with regards to pooling our Pro-grant funding for an event they are doing utilizing the pro-grant. I have included a quick brief on their proposal for review. b) Waterdown Boundary Review Update i) See doucument AM2 – Minutes- Temporary – Accomodation- Strategy- Advisory – February- 8-2024 in meeting forlder for reference c) Commencement Budget	Glen Spry Glen Spry L. Brewer & R. Hessels
7. New Business a. N/A	
8. Announcements a. Upcoming – Finding Nemo – March 6 th	
VOTING MOTIONS: (included in body of minutes) To increase spending Budget for Commencement ceremonies to \$750.	L. Brewer & R. Hessels
9. Adjournment	

- 1. Call to Order at 6:04pm.
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. **Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – January 18th, 2024

MOVED: L. Brewer
SECOND: J. Valeri
CARRIED

5. **Reports:**

OFFICERS REPORTS

5 A) Treasurer (L. Slayer) To be included in April

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STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5 B) Fundraising - FUNdraising Committee Report February

Agenda Items:

1. Movie night

- Finding Nemo is the choice
- Beach theme
- On budget
- Having a prop wall again for photos

2. Popcorn Machine

- The proper machine ended up being approximately 100 dollars over the 500 dollar budget
- Principal Yull approved the overage and the machine has been ordered
- We anticipate delivery of the machine before the next movie
- We are having a free popcorn day, delivered to all classes next Wednesday by the fundraising crew

3. Cobbs Bread

- May 24th 1 dollar from all loaves of bread sold will go to AAG
- This cost us nothing, and usually raises between 800-1000 dollars
- Advertising to go out via typical methods

4. Grade 8 Volunteer Call Out

- Shelley and Jen are presenting to the grade 8 classrooms to encourage volunteering
- We need students for the carnival and could use them for movie night

5. Garcias Pasta Days /Sub Days

- Thursdays starting (x)
- Options will be gluten free and non, with butter or red sauce (4 options total)
- The butter option makes us .75 a container and the red sauce makes us 1.00
- Butter is 5.00 and red sauce is 6.00
- Delivered hot to the school and to your child's classroom (Volunteers)
- Options on school cash online to donate a pasta, which would carry over into the next session
- Only need to order for 4 weeks at a time to keep costs down and the final due date for ordering will be a few days after child tax is deposited
- Subs have not been finalized, but we are working on it and it will be ready to order in two weeks and follow the same inclusive based format with respect to costs and ordering

6. Carnival Update

- Lots in the hopper here, just waiting to report on some pieces and will have some of that information for next time
- We concentrated on our food initiative and movie night

J. Valeri	-possible student interested in council. Will follow up.
S. Yull	-99.9% certain that May 9 th is the date for Open house.
R. Hessels	-nutrition days will be maintained.

ii) BY-LAW COMMITTEE (S. Harbridge)

- met February 22nd/24
- next meeting will report

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iii) COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (G. Spry)

- investigating needs of the community
- gathering information

PRINCIPALS REPORT (S. Yull)

1) Staffing Update

- James Gould's LTO came to an end on February 16th and he has started his new adventure in Stockholm Sweden! We wish him all the best. Julie Metni, our Permanent Teacher, is not quite able to return but we are hopeful to welcome her soon 😊
- We are in the beginning of staffing process for 2024/2025 school year. Very early stages and as information becomes available we will share it.

2) PA Day Update

- March 1st was designated as a PA Day. However, with the solar eclipse occurring on April 8th, HWDSB has switched the PA Day to that date. March 1 will be a regular day for students.

3) Temporary Boundary Review

- AAG is involved with a temporary boundary review (3 years), along with the other Waterdown Schools, to help alleviate enrollment pressures in Waterdown, ahead of a new school being built. Several scenarios were being considered that would have a short term (3 year) impact on AAG.
- Following 3 meetings (2 advisory committee, 1 public), a recommendation was made to the Board that would see AAG's population increasing through the temporary accommodation (area south of HWY 5 between Hamilton/Kerns). If passed, we will work with the Board to operationalize this for our school community.
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4) Commencement

- Tentative date is June 20, 2024
- School Team has just begun initial planning around Gr. Trip and Ceremony (Guidelines shared last year and will be reviewed – ie: no gender-based awards to be given, awards will not just be academic focused, etc.)

TEACHERS REPORT (S. Hamilton)

February has gone by so quickly with lots of celebrations and holidays as well as many activities, clubs, sports events, class trips and presentations happening at A.A. Greenleaf! Term 1 report cards went home, and many teachers are involved in so many great activities with their classes!

Here are some of the interesting events going on within our school in February:

Kindergarten:

All Kindergarten students had a successful first trip to RBG outside of school and on a bus! First for many! We thoroughly enjoyed the nature interpretive centre. Most of our trip was on a hike where we used our 5 senses to observe things in nature. A great experience was had by all! Looking forward to planning our next adventure! We were given free admission for 1 class from the Outdoor Education grant which saved us all \$300 for the trip!

K3 helped spread kindness to the community. We made coffee filter flowers and encouraged students to brighten someone's day on Random Acts of Kindness Day (last Saturday) and give the flowers out. Sounds like it was a success... looking for the domino effect.

Grade One:

Grade 1A, 1B and 1/2A had their trip to Mountsberg Conservation Authority's "Owl Prowl", where students got to see owls and birds of prey, watch an informative puppet show and touch owl feathers, talons, and wings.

Grade Four, Five and Six:

Wed March 6th - Scientist in the School "It Matters" for Grade 5 students.

Students are making their own board games as a cumulative task for procedure writing and probability. Planning excursion in April to contact to Government of Canada unit in Social Studies. Planning for the end of the year school trip in June

has started. Waiting to hear back for "School Day" at the Jays game for grade 5 and 6 end of the year school trip.

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There will be a Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation presentation Feb 23rd, grades 4,5,6.

Mr. Hewitson's 5/6 class has been busy with various in-class and virtual presentations from (1) Metrolinx regarding the benefits of public transportation powered by renewable energy, (2) the interconnectedness of climate and diets by Greenpeace, and (3) an introduction to coding through video gaming. (4) Friday some junior classes will join in the library for a presentation from the Nikola Tesla Foundation.

Ms. Westoby and Mr. Hewitson are working with the board and school staff to investigate ways to include more STEM programming at AAG - that is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Currently, some junior classes are piloting LEGO education kits to better grasp building structures and interacting with mechanisms. The school is currently looking into booking the HWDSB trades and technology trailer to expose students to the skilled trades. Another project is underway to engage junior/intermediate students with the Waterdown Robotics club. All of these are intricate endeavours and we will strive to share more details with council as they become available - including the possibility of strategic fundraising initiatives to support projects.

Fun Club:

In Mrs. Woods 3/4 class, there are three grade 4 students who were looking for a leadership opportunity and pitched the idea for a Fun Club. They invited two classes (Grade 1 and 2) each week to join in games and activities which they introduced and organized for each group. The students are loving this!

Positive Space:

Positive Space has begun at the school. Guided by both the HWDSB and Ministry of Education's equity action plan, approximately 6 staff have come together to invite students to promote inclusion, acceptance, and belonging. This work is also supported by a Social Worker, team of teacher consultants, and equity officer

employed by the board. Like all other clubs, this is a voluntary initiative that meets once per week during Nutrition Break. Students are currently working with staff to set a vision and direction for this. We look forward to helping students celebrate the differences that make us all unique and bringing this learning into the culture at school.

Sr. Boys Basketball:

Sr. Boys' basketball team won the quarter final game against the sports academy school, Riddell. Semifinals are next Tuesday. Feb 27th.

Sports:

Senior Basketball - the boys are still playing in playoffs, girls are done

Senior Swim Team - the Y has cooperated with swim times so there will be a Senior Swim Team for kids in Grades 6, 7, 8. Information will be sent out this week.

Junior Boys and Girls Basketball - will begin soon with tryouts and is for kids in Grades 6, 7

Handball Intramurals - have wrapped up

Badminton Intramurals - we will play a doubles tournament and is for kids in Grades 7 and 8...begins next week and will happen during break.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Chair)

- a) Progrant update by Glen
- b) Waterdown Boundary Review update
 - every option has AAG getting a larger population
 - year 1 20-30 children?? – 8 portables
 - 2026
 - if portables go on black top where is the play space?
 - HWDSB is committed to helping drainage on the field space.
 - this plan will be reviewed annually
- E. McAllister -will council be represented at meeting?
- G. Spry -will be at the voting meeting
 - how do ensure there is a comprehensive (permanent) boundary review?
 - As soon as there are supporting \$\$ approved , a permanent review will begin.

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- J. Valeri -How do we support and help?
- some discussion on how to have council assist.
- A. Galbraith -What is Guy Brown doing?
- G. Spry -very different property.
- S. Yull -Implementation committee will work with school and personel

c) Commencement Budget - L. Brewer/ R. Hessels

- L. Brewer -description of the previous awards presentation at Graduation.

MOTION #1 INCREASE SPENDING BUDGET FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES TO \$1000 FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL.

**MOVED: L. Brewer
SECOND: R. Hessels**

CARRIED

- J. Valeri -questions around types of awards/ number of awards
- S. Yull -responded with description and explanation of commencement
- continued discussion for clarity

7. New Business

A) Bylaw (G. Spry)

MOTION #2 NULLIFY THE CURRENT COUNCIL BYLAWS AND REVERT TO THE PROVINCIAL BYLAWS AND GUIDELINES FOR 2023 – 24.

**MOVED: S. Harbridge
SECOND: J. Gaudet**

**YES: 18
NO: 1
ABSTAIN: 1**

CARRIED

Discussion

- S.Yull -historical perspective on schools and use of Bylaw.

8. Announcements

A) Finding Nemo – March 6th

NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 18th 2024 6pm location LIBRARY

9. ADJOURNED:

7:44pm

**Moved: T. Graves
Second: L. Slayer**

Carried

SUMMARY:			
Subject	Actions/Motions / Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
SPENDING	MOTION #1: INCREASE SPENDING BUDGET FOR COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES TO \$1000 FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL.	Chair/principal	
BYLAWS	MOTION #2: NULLIFY THE CURRENT COUNCIL BYLAWS AND REVERT TO THE PROVINCIALBYLAWS AND GUIDELINES FOR 2023 – 24.	Chair	