

ALLAN A. GREENLEAF -SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Meeting Details	
Date:	November 25 th , 2023
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 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 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 Swirski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Bedford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tobi Hofer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Slayer <input type="checkbox"/>
Ashley Bonany	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Ramanjeet Kaur	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Turnbull <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Misham Chaudrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Puja Kaur Dhillion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Armagan Udardes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Clarkin	<input 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 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 Hewitt <input type="checkbox"/>

REGRETS ;
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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AGENDA:

1. Call to order	Chair
2. Roll Call - Sign in	Chair
3. Land Acknowledgement	Chair/designate
4. Approval of minutes	Chair
5. Reports a) Officers' Reports (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) -nominations for new treasurer -T.Hood will provide report at meeting b) Standing and Special committee i. Fundraising ii. Bylaw –still needs Chair and Vice-Chair iii. Communications c) Teachers and Principal's report	
6. Unfinished Business a) ??	Chair
7. New Business a) Cheryl Watterson i. Spirit Wear Feedback ii. Progrant Update b) School Milk Program – ontarioschools.milk.org	Tim Louks Erin McAllister
8. Announcements a) EQAO scores have been released follow https://www.eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/	
VOTING MOTIONS: NONE	
9. Adjournment	

1. Call to Order at 6:07pm.
2. Roll Call
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. Approval of Minutes – October 19th, 2023

MOVED: G. SPRY
SECOND: C. BROWN

CARRIED

5. **Reports:**

5 A) Treasurer (T. Hood)

- T. Hood -Pizza profit approx.. \$5,000 dollars to date.
 -conversation around affordability.
- S. Yull - all need has been taken care of that we know of to date.
 - support will be handle in office.
- M. Alzaeim - maybe a family discount with multiple kids.
- G. Spry -can be reviewed.
- R. Dysart -same ideas around paying differently to help.

SELF NOMINATION FOR TREASUER --- Linda Slayer
 - T. Hood will provide some mentoring

5 B)

- i) **Fundraising** -conversation led by J. Valeri around Movie night.

FUNdraising Committee Report November 25th, 2023 Agenda Items:

1. Announcement of Chairs - Shelley Pillar and Jennifer Valeri

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G. Spry -formal policy plan to be shared end of March

Communications Sub-committee

Name

Chair GLEN SPRY x
GURMEET RAI
Keerthi Godinho
ARMAGAN UKARDES
Bandana Kaushal
Jess Worrall
Erin McAllister
Puja Dhillon

Communications sub-Committee Objectives:

To ensure accessibility of timely, relevant information to school and community stakeholders.

Actions:

1. The Sub-committee will review the current state with regards to school communication methods, mediums and content. This review will be targeted at three “areas of focus”:
 - a. Inbound/outbound communications
 - b. Faculty reporting
 - c. Channels/Mediums (email/social media/website etc.)
2. With a goal to better understand the information needs of the broader school community the sub-committee will consult with the school, council members and community stakeholders to establish relevant topics, subjects to target.
3. Where relevant the Sub-committee will poll stakeholder groups to refine formal information requirement requests.
4. The sub-committee will provide a detailed report to council after March break. The report will include but will not be limited to:
 - a. An overview of current school communication policies and/or processes
 - b. Community feedback regarding information requirements
 - c. Suggested changes to current communications procedures
 - d. Any identified voting motions required to facilitate updates or changes to current communications policies and procedures

Next Steps:

Convene a meeting of the subcommittee to delegate action items and review progress made on the 3 main areas of focus. Meeting to be held before the end of January 2024

5C PRINCIPALS REPORT

1) Staffing Update

- Julie Bragdon has joined us in the main office as our Office Assistant. Welcome to Julie!
- Jennifer Campbell has joined our Educational Assistant Team in the afternoons. Welcome Jennifer
- Sandra Gortych (LTO - FDK 1 DECE) was successful in obtaining a permanent position at Mary Hopkins School. We are presently filling this LTO and will have someone staffed in the position soon

2) PA Day Update (November and Progress Report Interviews)

- Interviews were held on November 16/17. After several years this practice was brought back by the board and it felt really great to have parents/guardians and staff meeting together in the building to discuss student progress. Hope this continues!

3) Partner School Request – Hess St. School

- At the last School Council Meeting, we brought forward a request from Hess Street School
- In following up with Hess St. Admin. The school is looking for support with their food/nutrition program. They access the many grant and supports that are available but this is still an area of substantial need. Would be appreciative of food and/or financial donations to support their Nutrition Program. School Admin expressed appreciation to our council for even considering the request

L. Slayer -could we set up support for food?
G. Spry -is this a council or school initiative?
S. Yull -will connect with Hess Principal to see next steps

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-is support amongst council members to connect with Hess council .

4) Playground Update

· Facilities request is in to see if its feasible to remove/resurface back playground to allow for a fresh start with lines/games that Council approved at the end of last year. Taking a little longer than expected, but want to proceed in the right way and make the playground as nice as possible

5) Winter's coming – Snow Removal

· See attached Resource that outlines responsibilities
· AAG has one of the largest Elementary Plants and Snow clearing is often a challenge
· In advance of and during weather events, school admin is in contact with Facilities Supervisor to update of school situation and any concerns that may exist

TEACHERS REPORT

School Council – November 2023 Teacher's Report

Kindergarten

Creative Connie is visiting on December 12/13th to do a painting workshop with all the Kindergarten classes.
K3 did a kindness parade on the 13th where we stood outside with signs trying to spread kindness to the community.

Grade One

1A and 1/2A are working with the Grade 12 Leadership Class at WDHS to partner with students in Grade and 2 to do inquiry learning about animals. This month will be our first weekly meeting to start this initiative.

Creative Connie is visiting on December 12/13th to do a painting workshop with Grade 1A, 1B and 1/2A.

In December we have a parent Volunteer coming in for an Arts/Crafts Day before our Winter Holidays.

Grade 4

4 junior classes (4B, 4/5A, 5A, 5/6A) are going to see Pollyanna at Theatre Aquarius on Dec 13.

School News

Nothing major. We are continuing the Math Academy Tutoring. Four of us are doing it 3 times per week for 6 weeks.

Remembrance Day Assembly

We had an assembly to recognize Remembrance Day. Students from Grade 8 prepared the presentations and students who attended the assembly were very respectful during the poems, songs and band performances.

Band

Students will join Waterdown BandFest next week for all area schools to perform together at WDHS.

Sock-tober

Mrs. Harris' Grade 5 class collected socks for Soc-Tober. 5A is going for a community walk to Knox Presbyterian Church to donate the communities sock contributions from Socktober Drive. They are delivering socks to the church which is currently running the "Warm Fingers & Warm Toes campaign". The church will then be delivering these items to the Hamilton intercity, Mission Services and The Hub as well as some ladies and children's items to go to the Interval House.

Flamborough Food Drive

The Halloween to Halt Hunger was a huge success with lots of food to donate to the Food Bank.

Winter Clothing Drive

This initiative will continue until the end of November and men's winter coats and boots are in high demand. The winter clothing Drive is going very well. Ms. Steinberg has already taken 17 bags of winter clothing to the Good Shepherd in Hamilton. The bags are like large recycling bags, full of coats, boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and snow pants. We are collecting until the end of November.

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Recycling

We will begin slowly rolling out, recycling for drink boxes, pop cans, plastic water bottles. we encourage people to use reusable water bottles still, but we are going to be collecting only drink containers.

Sports

Junior Boys Volleyball has had a successful season so far – we’re very proud of their teamwork and dedication to the sport. The **Junior Girls Volleyball** team won their first playoff game and are moving on to the next round on Monday November 27. The **Senior Boys Volleyball** had a wonderful year of play.
Junior Swim Meet - was a success! We will hand out ribbons at our next assembly.

V Ball - all teams made it to the preliminaries/first round. The junior girls are moving on to the quarter finals.

Handball - intramurals for grades 7 and 8 will start next week. There are over 80 students signed up to play. Teams will play during nutrition breaks.

Spirit wear - all orders have been handed out. We may look at offering another ordering time frame if there is enough interest.

Dance - Christie - a parent from Dancemakerz came in and did dance workshops for students in Grades 6, 7, 8. A big thank you to her!

6 **Unfinished Business (Chair)**
NONE

7. **New Business**

- A) i) SPIRIT WEAR FEEDBACK - Cheryl Watterson
-not great sizing
- ii) PROGRANT -Tim Louks
-request up to \$1000
-Principal and Council Chair have received the proper paperwork
- B) i) SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM -Erin McAllister
-will receive information electronically from Glen.
-explore the program
-there is a guarantee from Milk Farmers of Ontario of \$800 to purchase of refrigeration
- R. Hessels -previously the challenge has been space for refreigeration.
E. McAllister -may need Board approvals.

8. **Announcements**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 18th, 2024 6pm location TBA

9. **ADJOURNED:** 8pm **Moved:** G. Spry **Carried**
Second: S. Clarkin

SUMMARY:			
Subject	Actions/Motions / Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Movie Night	MOTION #1: Council to contribute \$500 to Movie night	J. Valeri	ASAP