

ALLAN A. GREENLEAF -SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Meeting Details	
Date:	October 19 th , 2023
Time:	6pm-8pm
Location:	AAG
	NON VOTING

Participants	X - indicates absence			
Steve Yull - Principial	<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 type="checkbox"/>
Nadia Barin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Hislop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Swirski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Bedford	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sabrina Thompson <input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ramanjeet Kaur	<input type="checkbox"/>	Megan Turnbull <input type="checkbox"/>
Misham Chaudrey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Puja Kaur Dhillion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Armagan Udardes <input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Clarkin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bandna Kaushal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Valeri <input type="checkbox"/>
Sally Donnelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew Lingard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jess Worrall <input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Dysart	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Louks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carolyn ????? <input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Madden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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) b) Teachers and Principals c) Standing and Special committee	
6. Unfinished Business a) Final Parent Council Composition	Chair
7. New Business	
a) Carry over of funds from previous fiscal	Chair/treasurer
b) Allocation of funds from fundraising	
c) Bylaw Update	
d) Sub Committee identification and creation	
e) Principal and Teachers reports i. What information does the parent council want or desire ii. What format (word/Ppoint/pdf)	
f) https://comealiveoutside.com/	Jennifer Valeri
g) Communications i. How should information be posted/distributed to parents/caregivers? ii. Social media presence	
h) Parent involvement committee (PIC)	Tim Louks
i) Potential work to rule interruptions	Erin Mcalister
8. Announcements a) EQAO scores have been released follow https://www.eqao.com/results/interactive-eqao-dashboards/	
9. Adjournment	

1. Call to Order at 6:09pm.
2. Roll Call
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. Approval of Minutes – previous meeting was information only -- no formal minutes

5. **Reports:**

Treasurer (T. Hood)

- T. Hood -\$612 from last year is remaining
- Black top allocation is sitting and waiting for completion of work

Teachers (T. Robinson)

October 19, 2023

It was a very busy and wonderful start up at Greenleaf this year. Students and teachers got going right away and many exciting things have been achieved already.

Teachers are looking forward to some great learning tomorrow, especially around the new Language curriculum.

Here are some of the interesting events that have happened already or are about to:

Athletics:

The **Terry Fox Run** was amazingly organized and fun for all. Thank you to Ms. W. and Ms. Marion for getting it up and running.

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3 Pitch: It was a quick and successful year for the 4 softball teams this year. The Senior Boys and Girls teams competed at tournaments at Memorial. Both teams played very well and competed with excellent sportsmanship, as always. The Girls made it to the finals.

The Junior teams' tournaments were at Rotary Park in Ancaster. The Boys had a great and successful day, and the Girls went on to beat Ridell to become the AA West Champions. It was an amazing day, and the girls were incredible representatives of AAG.

All the coaches mentioned our great parent audiences and how much we appreciated the help and support.

Volleyball: All four teams are currently practicing hard and playing right now. There have been good results already!

Swim Team: After a long, difficult process the YMCA has provided two swimming lanes for the Allan A. Greenleaf Junior Swim Team. We began practise on Thursday, October 5 with over 40 grades 3, 4, and 5 students coming out to try their best! Swimmers must be on the deck and ready to swim by 7:30 am. Early mornings indeed!! Mrs. Marion, Mrs. Wickson, and Mrs. Hunter have been pleased with the effort and dedication shown. Unfortunately, there is a limited number of swimmers that can attend the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board County Swim Meet. The meet will be held at Jimmy Thompson Pool on Thursday, November 2. The final swim team member list was posted on Monday, October 16. There will be 32 swimmers representing Greenleaf at the meet. Go Gryphons Go!!!!

Grade One: The kids in 1 / 2A are researching their heritage as a part of the Social Studies curriculum. They are having a lot of fun talking to their families about how their relatives arrived in Canada or whether they were already there, their traditions, languages and the meaning of their names.

We are working with Mike Allen at the high school, planning Inquiry Buddies. Likely, the Leadership class will visit 1A and 1 / 2 A once a week from mid-November to January. They will help the younger children to create a research project on Owls or another living thing (grade 1) or the adaptations of a Canadian animal (grade 2), among other things. The buddies help the younger kids to access research texts that are too challenging for them and helps the older students to build their leadership skills.

Grade Three: The Grade 3's enjoyed a fieldtrip to Westfield Village on Wednesday (Oct. 18th) to connect with their Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum.

Grade Four and Five: Some of the classes are going on a few exciting trips in the near future.

Today, 4/5, 5/6 and 5A are going to the Science Centre.

4/5, 5/6, 5A and 4B are going to the recycling plant in November to learn about the process of recycling in Hamilton. 2 classes are going on the 2nd and 2 on the 9th.

On December 13, the same 4 classes are going to Theatre Aquarius to watch Pollyanna.

5A is inviting students and families to donate new socks for Socktober. They are researching community resources and will donate the socks to those they feel are most in need.

Ms. Steinberg's class has been doing a magnificent job managing the recycling in our school. They will be organizing a Winter Clothing Drive for the Good Shepherd charity. They will be accepting gently used winter clothing in all sizes. This will in a month or so.

P.A. Day: Friday October 20th.

Picture Day: Thursday October 26th.

Halloween/Black and Orange Day:

Halloween to Halt Hunger: Greenleaf will be collecting non-perishable food items in the lead up to Hallowe'en for our local food banks. Collection will begin the October 23rd and run to the 31st.

On **Tuesday October 31st**, students are invited to wear Hallowe'en costumes or black and orange to school, if they wish to participate.

To ensure safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- * No face masks that interfere with vision
- * No costumes that involve weapons or inappropriate images.

Kindergarten to Grade 5 students will be participating in a parade throughout the school and on the back paved area. The parade will begin following school entry at 9:15 starting with the kindergarten classes. Parents are invited to watch by joining us along the perimeter of the pavement to view the parade. If there is inclement weather, please join us in the gym.

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Students in grades 6-8 will have the option to attend a Hallowe'en Dance period 5 & 6. A games room will be open for students who choose to opt out of the dance. We look forward to enjoying Hallowe'en safely with staff and students.

Other fun activities will be taking place in individual classrooms.

- L. Jack -inquiry about Senior Swimming
- T. Robinson - in the winter
 - responded to a question about why some classes are not represented in report – they do not submit infor..
- J. Valeri -discussion around field trips/volunteers
 - let council know if there is assistance needed
- S. Yull -replenishing volunteers to pre-pandemic levels and expectations
- E. Mcalister -is there accommodations available to support
- S. Yull -always support to assist with dignity
 - council does help to fund trips

Principals Report – S. Yull

Principal's Report

1. EQAO Results Overview

Achieving or Above Provincial Standard in Reading
Grade 3 -(this years Grade 4)

- A.A. Greenleaf: 83%
- HWDSB: 62%
- Ontario: 73%

Grade 6 (now Grade 7)

- A. A. Greenleaf: 93%
- HWDSB: 75%
- Ontario: 84%

Achieving or Above Provincial Standard in Writing
Grade 3

- A.A. Greenleaf: 72%
- HWDSB: 53%
- Ontario: 65%

Grade 6

- A.A. Greenleaf: 91%
- HWDSB: 73%
- Ontario: 84%

Achieving or Above Provincial Standard in Mathematics
Grade 3

- A.A. Greenleaf: 72%
- HWDSB: 42%
- Ontario:60%

Grade 6

- A.A. Greenleaf: 70%
- HWDSB: 35%
- Ontario: 50%

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2. PA Day Update (Re: November and Progress Report Interviews)

- days are Ministry driven
- some days are Board driven
- no interview days last year
- this year there will be Parent Teacher interviews

3. Extra-Curricular Clarification

- did not have cross country this year, fielded and addressed calls of disappointment.
- S. Yull -explanation that every extra-curricular must have a teacher/staff member representative.
 - there was a suggestion that AAG does not offer as many sports as other like organizations.
 - continued discussion around how to promote what activities are offered and how to get the word out.
- G. Spry - There is a communication committee. Reach out to committee with ideas.
- T. Robinson – continued explanation re:x-country.

4. Partner School Request -Hess St.School

- S. Yull -looking for a partner, sharing of ideas, experiences
- J. Valeri - could Hess propose some ideas?

6 Unfinished Business (Chair)

- a) Final Parent Council composition --- at meeting time the number was 38
 - Upon writing of minutes number of members 47 (4 non – voting)

7. New Business

- a) Carry forward is \$612
- b) Allocation of Funds
 - T. Hood -spoke to Matrix of allocation that has been followed in previous years.
 - should be captured in operating principles of AAG School Council.
 - described 22-23 dispersion of funds.
 - S. Yull -must be spent in the fiscal year if possible.
 - R. Hessels -can get approval for multi-year project or proposal
 - Hessels/Valeri/Hood/Spry - continued discussion around matrix and fundraising
- c) Bylaw update and discussion

MOTION #1 TO CREATE A BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

**Moved: J. Valeri
Second: S. Harbridge**

CARRIED

- d) Sub Committee identification and development

MOTION #2 TO CREATE A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**Moved: J. Valeri
Second: S. Pillar**

CARRIED

- e) Principal and Teacher Reports – information
- G. Spry -sending a survey to parents to gather information of what to see in a report.
- f) Come alive outside
 - J. Valeri - desire to do this at no cost. (cost per class is \$400) **IS THIS THE CORRECT INFORMATION**
 - Horticulture students come in to da a design with classes
 - bring them in to the school.
 - a straw vote was taken and supportive of J. Valeri following up to arrange a visit.
- g) Communications ---??????
- h) PIC (Parent Involvement Council)

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- T. Louks -description of role
-provided some information on PRO (Parents reaching out) Grant.
- i) Work to rule
E. McAlister – really will not know impact until we know
- Is there anything Council can do to assist?

8. **Announcements**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday November 23rd , 2023 6pm location TBA

9. **ADJOURNED:** 8pm **Moved:** E. McAllister **Carried**
Second: T. Louks

SUMMARY:			
Subject	Actions/Motions / Decisions	Responsible	Deadline
Bylaws	MOTION #1: TO CREATE A BYLAW COMMITTEE	CHAIR	ASAP
Fundraising	MOTION #2: TO CREATE A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE	CHAIR	ASAP