



Billy Green School Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: September 24th, 2024 - 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by: Katrina Hempstead

In Attendance: Susanna Beatrice, Tiffany Starr, Natasha Benson, Dikko Jervis, Omobolanle Giwa, Beatriz Tirado, Sabrina Banfo, Sara Carew, Jenine Salim, Deanne Rutherford, Anupama Shridhar, Dejana Lucic, Christine Baxter, Jenny Ricottone, Dan Harris, Jen Brown.

1. Welcome

Introduction to School Council

Mrs. Beatrice presented the purpose of School Council and its focus which is mainly to improve the students learning, achievement and well-being and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. School Council also provides advice to the principal and school board. Every school must have a school council (members include parents, the principal, school staff, and a community representative).

Most of the members must be parents, and the chair must be a parent. Participation to regular meetings is open to parents without being members of the School Council. It is an extension of our community. Equity- Human Rights. School Planning Goals. Key Roles: Principal: Attend and support decisions; act as the liaison between the school and the community. Participation is encouraged. Make Corum as voting members. Meetings are run once a month. Other topics that can be covered: Extracurricular activities; Fundraising.

2. Elections. Executive Roles and Elections Updates

Explanation of the executive roles was provided.

- Katrina confirmed as a Chair.
- Anu confirmed as treasurer.
- Beatriz confirmed as secretary.

3. Financial Update

Open Balance: \$4,973.30 left in the bank account

4. Teacher Report

- Fire Drills to start on Sept 25th
- October 1: Junior Swim Team Practice
- October 4: Picture Day
- October 8th: Junior Swim Team Practice
- October 11th: School Bus Safety Presentation and GaTor Spirit Day
- October 15th: Junior Swim Team Practice
- October 18th: Gator Spirit Day
- October 22nd: Junior Swim Team Practice
- Big Brothers and sisters

- Board Games Club and sawing club to be offered to the students
- Volleyball tryouts are coming up
- Pizza to get started in October
- Cross Country meet coming in October
- There is a need to raise funds for buying Chromes for the students (6-7-8) to enhance their computer skills in preparation for high school, more info to be provided about the costs.

5. Principal's Report

Mrs. Beatrice emphasized the focus on the Mental health and well being of our students and the importance that words matter. Students will be reminded about their accountability using the proper words and how they can impact their fellow students. Students Surveys were completed, and some findings are eye opener that need actions, such as that 60% of the students feel that they don't belong. As such, we will bring a school climate consultant to prepare a plan improve the school climate and give our students the opportunity to find activities where they can contribute and increase their sense of belonging. We will focus this year on Indigenous education. Story. Silver Chain. Reminder that the no personal devices policy is mandatory to avoid distractions. We also commit to the principles of Equity and Human Rights, and we will prepare our students to address these acts thru the STOP method: Say Something, tell what happened, offer to help, Pair.

Grant Available for Council: \$1,000 for Initiatives: Communication. Website, messenger. We need to have a fundraising plan by the end of October-24.

6. Fundraising

- Krispy Kreme Donuts will be sold for \$14.00 a dozen. Orders need to be sent thru by Nov 7th. Going on School Cash online by October 24th
- The money raised will help to buy the laptop cards.
- Raise money for the mascot. Canopies.
- Pita pit. Selling price \$7.00 by November-2024

7. Other Business

- Inquiries about when basketball begins
- To be confirmed whether a Halloween (festive) dance would take place
- Grant available to council each year of \$500 to help engage families
- To be investigated whether instating Milk days may be feasible
- Factory shoe Fundraising: More cards to be reprinted to share it with the students to promote the fundraising.
- Fun script. To be confirmed whether this fundraising is still active.
- Upcoming fundraising: Satellite Gardens Gift Cards; more ideas to come.

Next meeting: **Tuesday November 5th, 2024 @ 6:30pm**