

Gatestone Parent Council Meeting Agenda

Date: 11/29/18 Time: 5:30pm

Topic	Presenter	Time Alloted
Approval of Previous Minutes	All	Approx 2min
Attendance	Kelly, Jenn, Suzy, Donna, Sue, Sanja, Renee, Krystal	
Chair's Address	Krystal Legge	
Principal's/Vice Principal's Report	K. Reilly-Scott/M. Turner	Approx 10min
Teacher's report	N/A – no teacher in attendance	
Treasurer Report	N/A -treasurer not in attendance	
Community Rep	Sue Kowch	
Next meeting	January 28, 2019	6:30pm

Council Items to Discuss:

- **Appoint Secretary**
- Renee to take notes next meeting – seconded by all. Renee to advise at next meeting if able to continue as secretary
- **Vote on wish list from school for remaining \$4000 (School wish list attached to email)**
- Defer to January meeting – not enough members in attendance
- **Discuss meeting timing – hold some meetings in the day time?**
- Defer to January meeting
- **How did coffee chat go?**
- Topic was early literacy
- Low attendance but this is the first of this kind at Gatestone, need a few more for word to spread and attendance to increase
- Great presentation put together by teachers – proposal to re-present at the kindergarten orientation
- Next topic in January to be Mental Health
- **Umbrella community update**
- Sue advised of a 6 week program available through McMaster university for managing family. Sue to hand out information through the daycare. Targets 2,3&4 year olds specifically.
- **Principals update**
- With the funds from parent council the snoozelyn room has begun to be replenished – tour at January meeting

- With funds from parent council, Staff have begun research into equipment for the kindergarten play area, and requested to spend the money in smaller lots based on season. Parent council approves.
- The school has purchased materials to supplement our home reading program.

- Appetite and applause went well
- Spirit wear should be arriving soon....not a huge order, but again, not been done in a while at Gatestone....will bring out again in the spring
- **Coming up:**
 - Dec 20th – holiday concert @ 11:20
 - Joy day – December 18th
 - Dec 12th – movie trip day
- **Parent council raised:**
 - What are the planned trips for the grades this year? Last year grade 6 trip was cancelled
 - Grade 8 trip – no Montreal – will be going to Ottawa with grade 7's
 - Costs are getting out of hand with regards to required adult/child ratio's, insurance, hotel costs etc.
 - Need to have further conversations about what the plans will be moving forward
 - An idea for future years is Wanakita in the winter (swimming insurance not required etc)
- **Fundraising update**
 - Macmillan's raised \$1866 profit
 - Recommendation is to skip macmillans next year to generate interest again
 - Need more volunteers as well to help with drop off/pick up day.
 - Could we do an incentive for the children in the future to raise money?
 - Ideas for future fundraisers – need to brainstorm – possibly Poinsetta's?

