

**March 21, 2019.**

**6:00PM School Council Meeting**

Attendance ; Jennifer Graham, Donna Dyer, Renee Ringer, Suzy Popovic, Sue Kowch, Dragana , Ron Braun,

Gatestone Staff: K. Reilly-Scott, M. Turner, C. O'Marra

**School Travel Plan Initiative**

Callaway, Transportation Rep- to discuss promoting walking/biking initiative and have a safer driving lane in front of school.

Problems arise-with backing up Gatestone Drive if limiting the amount of cars coming through in front of the school.

Discussing promoting walking through the back lot

Follow up with doing class by class survey to see who drives, busses or walks/bikes

Discussing what the "hold ups" are for letting some younger kids to walk to school

Walking buddies! Need active parents to volunteer

Parent suggestion: ECE's need to stay on property but can try and herd children in from the street IF the entrance gets closed

**Meetings**

Council meetings to be moved to Thursdays for the remainder of the year

Meetings to be set at the beginning of the school year in the future

**Open House – May 9**

Open house May 9<sup>th</sup>-take pictures from around the school to be displayed on the screen to show where raised money has gone and possibly future projects

Burger Priest to attend as well-they will feed parent council and staff at no cost

Ice Cream Truck?

Beyond the batter –Jen will look into for fundraising

Silent Auction at open house. Mathnasium (sp?) is willing to donate for this. Trying to promote math and stem program

Need a letter from Kelly on school letterhead to hand out to local businesses for silent auction

Silent auction to be the last fundraising event for the year, monies raised will help to fund the beautification of the school. Landscaping, mulch, rocks.

Discussing an outdoor classroom. Looks to be a 3 year plan with possible funds coming from Heritage Green Grant.

\$1600 to music, \$500 to phys ed, \$2500 to robotics, and \$1400 for laptops...totalling \$6000

Revisit after our next fundraiser and maybe give more.

At the end of the year, revisit our vision for next year...maybe have one main focus for money allocation and other things on the side.

Keep money aside for Billy for the photo booth for grad

### **Umbrella – Snow Days**

Umbrella closes when the school is closed because Umbrella rents the space

### **Principal/Vice-Principal Report**

PD DAY Topics:

Positive School Culture covered on PD Day...narrowing into our core values of Gatestone (goal of 6-12 values)

Kelly saying they'd like to bring those into a visual format in the front of the school

Looked at MDI data...Do students feel connected to the school, do they have a adult they trust, etc.

Mental Health Awareness week in April...brainstorming ideas for bringing the community together

Gatestone Challenge...Food donation...add it onto Open House Night...maybe Cram A Cruiser (Jen looking into)

Idea for Next Year: Council will give Gatestone a challenge each month

Back: Facilities came to discuss bringing up the dirt level by the gate

Kindergarten Orientation May 16 5:00PM

Coffee chat's are not getting many parents out...only about 5 people coming out....Wondering if we change it to the end of the day-would we have a better turn out

Billy wants to know if we're interested in having Shawn McKillop come...we need more info