

Gatestone Parent Council Meeting

Date: 10/12/2023 Time: 6:00pm

Topic	Presenter	Time Alloted
Attendance	Jared, Dragana, Renee, Jennifer, Paul, Barbara, Michele, Diane, Kristie, Pamela, Chad	
Chair's Address	Jennifer Sarkis	
Principal's/Vice Principal's Report	Diane Barlow Kristie Luker	
Teacher's report	Michele Wunsche	
Social Media Update		
Fundraising Report	Renee	
Treasurer Report	Diane	

Agenda:

Chair Address – Jennifer

- Welcome all to members and introductions, Land Acknowledgement, Purpose of Council

School Council Elections – Diane

Chair – Nominated: Pamela (denied) and Dragana (denied).

Char: Self-nomotated – Jennifer (accepted)

Co-Chair: Self-nominated – Pamela (accepted)

Secretary: Self-nominated and nominated – Krystal,

No other nominations came forward, members voted to accept

Treasurer: Self-nominated – Aaron P (not present)

Self-nominated – Jared (accepted)

Nominated – Dragana (declined)

Fundraiser: Nominated – Dragana (accepted co-chair)

Nominated – Renee (accepted chair)

Nominated – Pamela (declined as she is accepted co-chair role)

Social Media: Nomianted and self-nominated (Billy) No other nominations came forward, members voted to accept

Member at Large: Barbara, Billy, Trevor M (not present), Manish J (not present)

Principal's Report/Update –Mrs. Barlow

School Reorganization – 1 Kindergarden class

Wellness 3.0 - bullying

Staffing Updates – Educational Assistant added to our school, half time reading specialist, math facilitator coming soon, hiring for a music teacher

Terry Fox Run – approximately \$5,700 raised

Nya-weh Program – lacross learning opportunities

Heritage Green Grant – Kristie Luker – \$42,000 grant proposal for a pop up ‘maker-space’ for coding, computers, cricut, microbits, tech, laptop kit, etc. This would set up to allow teachers to sign out the supplies and go from class to class, and support community engagement events. The school has not heard back if it has been approved or not. School Council agreed last year to support some of the ongoing supplies and supporting events in the community.

Extra Curricular Activities – Staff who support these activities are volunteering and not all extra curricular activities will have a staff member who signs up. The school may also require additional volunteers to support the activities.

Police Clearances for Volunteers – all school volunteers require a vulnerable sector police clearance and to meet with the school Principal or Vice Principal to discuss volunteering and be approved and be on file.

Crossing Guard – Diane has not heard back from the City in relations to an evaluations for Shadyglenn and Gatestone area. Diane will connect back with the City in relations to this.

Concerns related to the individual child can be brought to the school teacher or Principal/Vice Principal to discuss privately as it relates to your own child. There is an opportunity

Gatestone & Shannen Koostachin Boundary Review – proposed boundary change in a portion of Shannen Koostachin (approx. 150 students). Current enrollment Shannen Koostachin 637, Gatestone 510. Shannen Koostachin is currently at 140% utilization of school. Gatestone is currently at 88% utilization of school. Public Consultation will be held in future in December 2023. The change is proposed for implementation for September 2024. Two Council members are apart of the committee to attend the future meetings to represent the school. Jennifer and Paul will attend the pre-advisory panel meetings and post meeting, as voted by the Council. If it required to have an elected position, it will be Pamela instead of Pail.

PA Day on October 20, 2023

Teachers Report – Sr. girls and boys 3-pitch, 6-8 cross country, volleyball teams.

Barbara shared feedback that rules on what to bring or play

Fundraiser Report - \$2,311.35.

- Chad came up with an idea much like Geo-catching for a treasure hunt for students. There is an app called Our Treasure Hunt – the children pay to play (fundraiser). Grade 6-8, hidden throughout the Stoney Creek upper mountain areas, hidden at local public parks. When students find the pods, there is a riddle inside to find the next pod. Prizes to be won. There are charms inside the pods and the students must collect them all.
- Winter Bazaar – council agreed all in favor of the event. Cost for table will include rent this year for vendors. Potentially 11am-1pm students attend and 1pm-6pm for public. Renee will count tables to ensure we had enough sized tables for the event in the same size. Thursday, December 7th, 2023 is proposed. Diane will double check this date and will get back to Council with the confirmed date. Second proposed date is November 30, 2023.

Suggested Ideas:

- Parents Night Out
- Parent and Teachers Volleyball
- Movie Night
- Family Picture Day – Billy
- Ball Hockey day and sell items at tournament
- Board Game tournament and maker space night

New Business

- Backyard pathway – HWDSB Facilities has been in contact with Principal. They are in the process of acquiring 3 quotes and project is in progress. Renee shared feedback about the path on the other side towards the basketball nets is in the same condition of damage/risk.
- Soccer/Outdoor recess sports – the school had a temporary short pause due to rough play and injuries. Soccer is back on.
- Trip Feedback/Idea Generating – Diane would like to request next meeting for a list of generating idea for potential outings. Crawford Lake, Bowling, and Adventure Village last year was well received.
- Brad Clark email from Pamela re: slow down and flashing signage for Gatestone Drive.
- Discussion about traffic – bylaw can be called related to no stopping, illegal parking.
- Dragana – Movie Nights – will these be allowed to return this year. We can look into it for potential for new year and look at licensing. We could combine as a maker-space event.
- Barbara – Robotics program – Do we have one? We had one previously and kits were provided for our school. Tournaments were held by the board.
- Renee – Letter from parent shared related to clubs, extra curricular activities and why do some teachers not want to take it on. Why is there no Spice Team this year? There are many clubs within the school re-

starting this year, along with future special school days such examples as jersey days, funky hair days. There is also a guitar club starting and there is possibility of intermurials starting soon (to be confirmed). The school will support if there is coverage needed for classrooms during the day if there is a tournament.

Next Meeting Dates – Council voted in agreeance for future meetings.

November 9, 2023

January 18, 2023

March 21, 2023

May 23, 2023