

**Gordon Price Elementary – Parent/School Council  
Minutes – October 2, 2018**

Attendance: Brian Patton (Principal), Jenn Allen (Chair), Senta Allen (Co-Chair), Harshpreet Kaur, Laurie Robillard (Teacher Representative), Rochelle Butler (guest), Crystal Busch, Sheri Crumblehulme, Jacquie Cobb, Andrea Hamilton, Tara Stirling (Umbrella Program), Toni Frearson, Victoria Crook

Regrets: none

Recorded by: Senta

Meeting began at 6:31 p.m.

Review and approval of Minutes from the May 29, 2018 meeting

Approved by: Laurie

Seconded by: Harshpreet

Elections:

- Principal Patton reviewed the School Council 101, possible seats on council, meet 6 times a year, how voting works
- Chair position is up for election, Jenn nominated by Senta and seconded by Andrea
- Co-chair is up for election, Senta nominated Victoria and Jenn seconded. Victoria accepted.
- Secretary is up for election, Jenn nominated Senta and Victoria seconded.
- Treasurer, no position taken and decisions will be made as a council at meetings.
- Andrea will continue to run Movie Night Committee

Principal's Update (Brian):

- Eco club received a gold medal. Mrs. Gidge and Mrs. Koruna are the teacher leaders. Club does boomerang lunches, garden, recyclable lunches, soup day
- Nutrition program up and running. 3 healthy snacks each morning.
- 3 baseball tournaments in the last weeks, girls won and the other teams did well
- Terry Fox run raised \$875

- School musical has started.
- Staffing number was reanalyzed and the staffing number will be the same as it was in June 2018.
- Some primary classes over 20 students, at 21 and 22 students as is permitted by the School Board.
- 6 E.A.s at Gordon Price
- 395 students at Gordon Price
- 2 full Kinder class and one half class
- School Goals: reading by the end of grade 1, improving in mathematics, having a safe school culture
- 75 % reading target last year, at the end of grade 1, 71 % of students met the target.
- EQAO scores are out for Gordon Price Grade 3: 78 % reading, 65 % writing, math 51 %; Grade 6: reading 85 %, writing 82 %, math 30 %, the school continues to work towards student success and help children
- Fresh From the Farm fundraiser has started and runs until next Tuesday. Online orders are due by tomorrow. Supports Ontario Farmers and the sale is fruits and vegetables. The school takes 40 % of the profit. The profit will go towards healthy living initiatives and the nutrition program.
- Each school needs to have a fundraising plan that is posted to the website. 4 fundraisers: Fresh From the Farm, Pizza Days, March Madness, Dance-A-Thon or Move-A-Thon in the gym. The plan for the money raised needs to be specified as what it will go towards. Parent Council input is sought.
- Progress reports go out on October 30<sup>th</sup> and Parent-Teacher conferences will be on Oct 1 & 2
- Immunization Day is Oct 11<sup>th</sup> for grade 7 and any missed grade 8s.
- October 12 is the Cross Country Meet
- \$361 in account for Parent/School Council
- Grade 7 & 8 trip for this year is still being discussed
- Discussion from parent question: 2 large busses have been late almost every day thus far. The bus for special needs youth is on time. There is currently a shortage of bus drivers and the company is hiring. Complaints that have come into the school are forwarded by the principal to the transportation

company. Parent advised: there is an alert provided by the company, but it is not always accurate. Other schools are experiencing this difficulty as well.

Teachers' Update (Laurie):

- All Eco Team reps have been chosen. In November 2018 will be a summit for Eco Teams.
- Energy Audit this month, to check how much energy used when devices sleeping also called “phantom power”.
- Mr. McAvella mentioned girls baseball won the championship, the other teams did well
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> volleyball starts
- Oct 12 grades 3-8 go to Christine Lake for cross country.

Music Updates (Ms. McManus) provided by Laurie:

- Jr choir, Sr. band, and music rehearsals have started.
- Leadership committee starts next week to prepare spirit days and Halloween dance
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> will be the school musical in the evening for parents
- Sharing assembly grade 1-5 Dec 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon
- Kindergarten assembly – date TBD
- Remembrance Day assembly on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Grades 7 and 8 are preparing to enter into CBC contest making a video with a song called “Stay”
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the date the Band goes to Wonderland

Movie Night (Andrea):

- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> will be the first Movie Night, Hotel Transylvania 3 Summer Vacation
- November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> are the next movie night dates, one of the movies will likely be Christopher Robin
- Flyers will be made to send home. Also will be announced. Advertising avenues will be used to share the upcoming movie nights.
- Movie License will need to be re-purchased in early 2019 when it expires.
- Popcorn and juice boxes are sold at the event. \$1 for popcorn and 50 cents for juice boxes.
- No movie night in March or when the weather gets very warm (May and June). Usually 6 movie nights a year.

PRO Grant (Jenn):

- Status is still submitted

Question From Parent:

- Victoria asked if Gordon Price would consider making a Facebook page. Principal Brian advised the School Board is not in favour of Facebook, but instead Twitter. Parents can follow Gordon Price on Twitter. There is also a monthly newsletter online and another newsletter printed and posted at the front area in the school. There is also a sign at the front and some phone messages that go out. The website is updated weekly.
- Jacquie asked if the Kindergarten area could include some play structures such as logs made for play. Principal Patton advised this school is vandalized frequently and therefore what is put outside could be tried to see. Sheri advised at the front of the school at Chedoke the kindergarten area in the front of the school is being expanded. Principal Patton advised the Kindergarten staff would first be asked, what would the children like, and it would proceed from there.

Upcoming Parent Council Meeting Dates:

- November 6<sup>th</sup> (Senta cannot attend and Crystal offer to take Minutes that day)
- January 15<sup>th</sup>
- February 26<sup>th</sup>
- April 9<sup>th</sup>
- May 28<sup>th</sup> (potluck meeting)

The meeting adjourned at: 7:35 p.m.