

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Dec 6th, 2021

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Co-Chairs Spencer Valley: Linda Van Pelt & Michelle Toner

Secretaries & Communication: Karen Brown & Pam Crichton

Principal: Audrey Hensen

Staff Representative: Tanya Sanders

Community Rep: Anne Campbell

Home & School Rep: Kristen Weber

School Council Parent Members: Kathy Nuttall, Kelley Bristow, Ewa Poon, Nicole Watt, Katherine Hamstra, Donna Gerritsen, Heather Foster, Megan Wiggins, Sheryl Heddle-Kafka

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Van Pelt, Tanya Sanders, Kathy Nuttall, Donna Gerritsen, Pam Crichton, Tonya Hall, Audrey Hensen, Sheryl Heddle-Kafka, Megan Wiggins, Michelle Toner, Nicole Watt, Cara Bensimon, Katherine Hamstra, Karen Brown, Kristin Weber

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

6:33pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Megan

Second: Nicole

3. Approval of Agenda

Amendment:

Millgrove update removed

Music room carpet added

Learning update moved to first item

Moved: Megan

Second: Pam

4. (previously item 8) Learning update with Tonya Hall

Shared screen - presentation on Knowledge Building

-collaborative process valuing wonderment, deep thinking, diverse ideas, inclusivity and equity, perseverance, honesty and risk taking.

-not about getting the right answer as fast as possible but improving ideas as fast as possible but improving ideas and advancing collective knowledge.

-allows students to puzzle and problem solve through issues and ideas that they truly care about.

-taps into leaning skills, questioning, helping them become forward thinking students allowing them to problem solve along the way

-begins with a provocation: sparks curiosity, generates interest, ideas and "I wonders"

-build our knowledge through research and record discoveries

- become experts, organize our information and build a model
 - facts, "yes and...", "I wonder..."
 - discourse: dialogue that allows students to: theorize, elaborate, synthesize, reflect, question, problem solve
 - in the end... but not really because there is never really an end... : reconnect and reflect: develop theories based on what we know and understand, build models to show how our ideas come together, create a prototype, share
 - very positive feedback from students and parents
- Audrey: Tonya is doing such great work, sharing her expertise, with such great impact for ALL learners - it is so very inclusive and

4. Principal's report

Audrey:

Not a lot to share

- Curriculum - pedagogy that we are citizens of the world, we need to engage in big topics with deep thinking. It's an exciting place to learn right now
- Plant: we are meeting our one year mark soon on taking over the building. Have done walk throughs with contractors and tradespeople - making sure things are being taken care of before the one year is up (while it is still contractor's responsibility)
- covid protocols in place, extra cleaning happening during the day
- moving ahead with pre-approved plans with music room
- waiting on revamp of old climber - board is going to pay for refurbishing it
- new climber is so well used, four square, painted lines and tracks are well used and loved
- Operations: rural schools is starting up - our needs will be raised to the board - please bring forward issues / topics to myself, Linda or Michelle
- ProGrant - school councils will be getting money to spend so watch for that info!

5. Staff Report

Tanya Sanders:

- Huge thank you to Mrs Hensen for pushing through to the board to make improvements to the music room
- Getting carpet - thank you to council for okaying that : helpful for both sound and instrument damage
- Very exciting time in the music room: Recorder karate, ukulele karate, body percussion, rhythm cups and more!
- Food Drive: 8A is doing an amazing job collecting, and this is a good lesson for students to learn how to give back.
- each class is preparing for the holidays in their own ways
- sock day was a big hit, fun announcements to get teachers involved
- this week: Holiday Cheer Day (ugly sweaters, red and green, crazy hats, etc.)
- next week: Pyjama Day
- two student teachers in the building one with Mrs. Kosempel, one with Ms Sanders.
- 2 choirs, band, dance ensemble - notice went home for special permission to video and private screen (youtube) for families whose children participate.

-Michelle: the board has an approved platform for sharing, but you say you will share on YouTube? Is that allowed as an option? Tanya: Parents must subscribe to my youtube channel and then the link will only be shared to them. Michelle: are there plans for holiday concerts for primary grades? Kindergarten specifically? Tanya: I know Mrs. Johnson is doing something with her class but I'm not sure about the others. I can ask them and have them share with their parent groups. Michelle: the board has people who will help on the tech side of things.

6. Millgrove update

- Nothing to update - meeting is tomorrow

7. Home & School Update

-winter wear drive - 25 garbage bags of clothing to Prince of Wales School
-helping facilitate with current food drive (8A taking the lead)
-ongoing fundraisers: Fundschrift, Mabel's Labels
-Indigo fundraiser is on hold because we are trying to change the account from Spencer Valley to Greenville
-starting fundraising again in Jan with Little Caesar's

9. Carpet for Music Room

Linda: Parent council has been Stockpiling money to save for improvements for new school. We have \$11000 in the account.

Motion: Linda: Council will pay to do the carpeting in the music room at a cost of \$7500
Second: Megan

Questions: Pam: were other quotes received to compare pricing?

Audrey: three quotes were required, two got back to us; one vendor could ensure that there would be no snags that ruin the whole strip of carpet, and they could install under baseboards, best carpet, they can source it, put it on hold, and it was a comparable price.

Pam: Has anyone else been asked to contribute? Audrey: Board has been asked to contribute but there is no money to be had. The school is on their own to pay for any further improvements to the school.

Linda: Vote by done by email: motion passed by email earlier this week.

Audrey: thank you for your partnership and support in this project.

Meeting adjourned : 7:24pm

No meeting in January - next meeting will be February 7th, 2022

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