

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 7th, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm Location: Library/Virtual
Co-Chairs Greensville School: Kelley Bristow & Michelle Toner
Secretaries & Communication: Pam Crichton
Principal: Jennifer Miscas
Staff Representative: Tanya Sanders
Community Rep: Anne Campbell
Home & School Rep: Kristin Weber
School Council Parent Members: Kathy Nuttall, Ewa Poon, Nicole Watt, Katherine Hamstra, Donna Gerritsen, Heather Foster, Megan Wiggins, Sheryl Heddle-Kafka,

AMMENDED School Council Parent Members: Michelle Toner, Kelley Bristow, Pam Crichton, Kathy Nuttall, Ewa Poon, Katherine Hamstra, Amanda Andrews, Linda Van Pelt, Donna Gerritsen, Heather Foster, Sheryl Heddle-Kafka, Marissa Taylor, Kristin Weber, Sandra Iskandar, Jennifer van Hartingsveldt

A G E N D A

Attendance:

Jennifer Miscas, Michelle Toner, Kelley Bristow, Amanda Andrews, Laura Partridge, Sheryl Heddle-Kafka, Silvana, Heather Foster, Katherine Hamstra, Linda Van Pelt, Ewa Poon, Jenn van Hartingsveldt, Tanya Sanders, Kristin Weber, Pam Crichton,

1. Call to Order/Welcome 6:31pm - Confirm voting members
2. Approval of Minutes
Linda / Ewa
3. Approval of Agenda - correction to Parent Members
Kelley / Kristin
4. Principal's report – Jennifer Miscas

Welcome everyone! Back to in person at our next meeting.
We have had a challenging week, but we are thrilled to be back to school routine tomorrow.
Everyone has been supportive and we appreciate that.

Parking:

We ended up with a few parking tickets, we obviously had to do something about those spots. The board did meet with the city (including the library). Staff were given parking passes - yellow placards hanging in their front window. For visitors, staying for any length of time, we can issue a visitor permit. Signed and dated. Not ideal but it solves the problem temporarily.

Parents have been bombarded with information so sometimes it feels like overload.
At this point, we are back and moving forward. All staff will be in the building tomorrow. We haven't been told anything about jobs or work to rule or anything. Hoping this can be resolved quickly and fairly.

Land Acknowledgement:

One of our classrooms - Ms. Rozon 2/3 - has her own desire to learn a little bit more about Indigenous Education - her goal is to make the land acknowledgement make sense to our students. Read aloud **Copy will be attached

Q: Kristin - will extra curricular start back up as per usual?

A: Athletics won't start until Wednesday. I'm assuming things will be shifted and rescheduled.

Q: Michelle - have the issues in the bathroom been fixed?

A: No. That has been put in as a rush. No one showed up today, and we've asked to have a rush on it.

Q: Amanda - Students are made aware of extra curricular opportunities are brought up in classes etc. can this information be sent home to parents?

A: Most staff send out information to parents when permission is needed - announcements can be posted on the website. We're trying to get information out that way. And students are asked to write in their agendas. It does make sense to have something sent home so

Q: Kelley - lifetouch has sent out an email confirming that re-takes are happening November 10th is that still happening?

A: Yes.

Q: Ewa - Pizza days - is there any reason we are doing every other week? And not every week?

A: It's about starting slow again. There's a lot going on in the schools. Because we are opening up again, starting fresh, it can be chaotic at times. As a staff we decided to start slow. It's more manageable for us and for Judy to do it by-weekly.

Q: Does the \$ go towards the school?

A: Yes. It does. We are fortunate to have a healthy budget and we appreciate the funds even 2 weeks a month. At this point, it's not open for discussion.

Q: Kristin - can we talk about opening up the ordering form for more than one week at a time?

A: This is something that we can look at for the next cycle in February.

Q: Michelle - can we revisit this discussion about pizza days becoming weekly?

A: We can look at it whenever but I don't know what my answer would be then either.

5. Staff Report – Tanya Sanders

Concert band went to Glendale last week and it was a great success. We were there with Frank Panabaker and Chedoke School. Grouped with same instruments, played a group performance, got a swag bag. First field trip in forever - it was a great, great day.

Volleyball will be starting again.

Everyone was at school today ready to get online, planning and creating. Staff is very considerate and concerned with students well being.

Hoping to do a Remembrance Day assembly on Friday - students will be in the gym.

Musical happening December 20th - December Around the World.

Toronto Trip Gr. 8 is still a "go" - December 22

Q: Michelle - Remembrance Day assembly - are families allowed to come watch? Or will it be

A: Due to fire code, there will not be spectators allowed. Recording is not happening because a lot of students do not have media consent.

Q: Is there a way to audio record?

A: I guess! There are four classes doing a dance and tableau, but yes we could record. I can try but I can't make any promises.

Q: What grades is the musical for?

A: the choir is automatically in it. Gr.6/7/8 allowed to audition for the cast.

Q: Katherine - I'm curious if there is a holiday concert in December aside from the musical?
Any details available?

A: I don't know - we haven't discussed that as a staff. I am putting on a winter concert for extra curricular but I don't know the details of anything else yet.

6. Millgrove update -
No one to report.

7: Home & School Update – Kristen Weber

We've had a bit of a stop start with Home and School - in terms of making sure that we have time for everything. We had a really great brainstorming meeting
Currently we are going to start McMillan's Fundraiser - everything will be online - we pay directly to McMillans - we are going to do pickup off site
Fundscrip - gift card fundraiser - always open but we are going to do a push before the holidays.

8. Council Budget

No change since we put \$ into the carpet
\$4740.14

Q: Ewa - How much is generated from pizza day?

A: Judy is the best person to ask about this.

9. Pro-Grant - present options

To promote and encourage parent / guardian / caregiver involvement in schools.

Two potential options:

Aubrey Noronha - Hello Hope

Dr Kyla Baird \$250 / hr

All of information has been sent via email minus costs- we will vote at next meeting, giving members time to look over information.

10. Winter wear drive and sister school

Winter Wear Drive - Hillcrest School

We were thinking we would have to extend the winter wear drive, so we are going to continue to November 15th.

Four bins set up around the school - not necessarily in your child's classroom. Teachers know where the bins are

11. Secretary/Communications

If anyone would like to share the responsibility - please help!

12. Grad Committee

Kristin, Jenn VH, Heather

We have a very enthusiastic group of individuals who would like to help participate and organize grad

Jennifer - we have started talking about what it might look like, and venues, etc. and trying to make some lists, and as soon as I know what kind of help is going to be needed,

Kristin- is it fair for us to form a group and have one person be the contact person?
Jennifer - it's whatever you prefer to do. We are still in the very beginnings of planning for it. The grade 8 team is going to meet soon and start conversations.

Kristin - we are hoping there is going to be a commencement portion, reception with snacks, etc. and then a dance for the kids afterwards - we are willing to help out with anything we can.
Jennifer - in terms of the structure, you can expect the same / similar structure as last year. As soon as we know.

Linda, Sheryl - count me in for grad committee!

Michelle - we want to be sure that we have collaboration with staff and parents. We have many families who have felt like their kids have

Jennifer - we want to streamline the process and look at the big picture - we have to keep in mind that it's grade 8. We want to be realistic that the same thing can happen for the next year's group as well.

Kristin - the other question raised by parents is - will there be a year end trip?
Jennifer - one of the reasons we are doing a trip in November is that we don't know what the end of the year is going to look like, so we are trying to do what we can for them while we can.

Heather - wanted to touch on "grad not going over and above" - I don't think that's any of the parents intention, we just want them to have a similar experience as to what they had pre-covid. It's important to do. This is their last bit of elementary school and should be celebrated.

Tanya - last year we did what the school normally does, to put your mind at ease.

Jennifer - we have been given a message about what we did pre-covid and how we are bringing things back in to the school. Whether it's an extra curricular, whether it's pizza day, or grad, or other events - its going to be a slower process and we have to have an equity lens - how will it look to other people in the community, or our board.

Heather - can we start a grad committee?

Jennifer - you can start a list of names, but we don't know what will be needed, so until then, there's not much to be done.

Tanya - grad hoodies have already been ordered, and usually we start in January - getting all together to discuss grad.

Next meeting - December 5th.
No meeting in January.

Adjournment: 7:49pm