

Greensville School Council Meeting
Minutes
December 12, 2022

Attendance:

In Person:

Jennifer Miscas, Tanya Sanders, Rachel Kott, Linda Van Pelt, Pam Crichton, Kelley Bristow, Donna Gerritsen, Marissa Taylor, Heather Foster, Moyez Ladhani, Michelle Toner

Online:

Kristin Weber, Katherine Hamstra, Sheryl Heddle Kafka, Ewa Poon

1. Call to Order/Welcome

6:34pm

2. Approval of Minutes

Kristin: Ammendment: The date was wrong in the November minutes for the Grade 8 trip. It says December 22nd and should be November 22nd.

Linda / Kelley

3. Approval of Agenda

Linda / Donna

5. Principal's report – Jennifer Miscas

EQAO Data:

Test scores are have been published and are going home with students.

Grade 3 - Math 88% (at / above grade level) (44% board average)

Reading 75% (66% board)

Writing 83% (53% board)

Grade 6 Math 30% (36% board)

Reading 79% (77% board)

Writing 73% (75% board)

Positive Space Group:

Very new to Greensville, very exciting for our students.

Ms. Radke and Mr. DeLottenville volunteered to take this on.

The board is sending resources, etc.

This group is for LGBTQ+ students and allies.

More info will be shared with families as it is available.

Commencement:

June 22, 2022

Venue: Copetown Community Centre

Planning starts after March Break. Ceremony, finger foods, dance. Until 9/9:30 or so.

Parent committees will be welcomed. Will likely look like 3 committees; shopping, decorating committee, clean up crew. We are all looking forward to it!

Rural Schools Budget

\$3327.00

We have purchased sand for sandboxes, JK/SK, and materials for STEM project in grade 8 classes.

Additional allocation is in a board reserve - all rural schools can ask for access to it. There is currently \$4172 sitting in reserve

Katherine Hamstra is our rep on this committee

Q: is there criteria that this is to be spent on?

A: A) Transportation (busses, excursions outside of rural areas), B) Outdoor play (equipment, line drawing, shade trees) C) Arts Education (musical instruments) D) Enhanced Student Learning (jungle sport, author talk)

Jennifer described her visit with the Sheppard family.
A tree will be planted to replace the oak tree from old school site.
The board donated \$250 for a new tree.
The Dundas Museum has found a place for the plaque from the old site.

PA Day:

- universal design for learning, getting to know students.
- staff had to create a learning plan for a particular student / profile.
- opportunity to explore what strategies we are using in our classrooms and create purposeful instruction.

Q: Is there any information on the disconnect on the EQAO math results in grade 6?

A: We are all still trying to figure out the new curriculum. This year was also the first year the test was all online. Everything was digital. The test itself looked very different than before. I think we need a few years to track the pattern.

Q: are students able to opt out of online test taking?

A: don't know but I can find out.

Discussion re: bus loop / supervision / safety of children crossing Harvest Road

Parent questions included: can we get a crossing guard? Who do we speak to at the board? Can someone come in to talk to the parent council about this? Can Paul Tut come to a meeting to address this?

The board is aware of the issues and is working with the city to resolve this matter.
Our trustee has been invited to our council meetings.

Discussion re: sharing of medical information within the staff.

Parent questioned the policy of sharing / non-sharing of data at parents request
Discussion will be moved to a private meeting to maintain confidentiality.

6. Staff Report – Tanya Sanders

Volleyball season is over: Boys Junior team made it all the way to the quarter finals, very exciting for everyone

Basketball season is starting - seniors first

First winter concert - over 200 people in the gym watching. Very emotional time - kids were SO happy. This was just for extra curricular kids (band, choir, etc.).

This week we are rehearsing for the musical - Christmas Around the World.

Kindie concert this Friday - their families are coming in the afternoon.

Tues Dec. 20th - Musical performance

Thursday Dec 22nd is the grade 1-5 concert - in the afternoon

Spirit week for the last week of school.

There was much discussion about pizza days - I got to asking students and staff, and the consensus was no. Students reflected that not everyone can afford pizza 4 times a month. Some kids don't clean up after themselves (eg; crusts in the urinals).

Discussion around pizza days / other special food days.

Grades 3-8 were informally polled. Suggestion of student volunteers to help out.

7. Millgrove update - Donna Gerritsen

We have a new principal Priscilla Mochrie - we are meeting her this week

Dinner and Skate happening soon - bus kids to Beverly and give them dinner and skate. Parent Council Funds allocated, Harveys makes a donation, etc. SHSM McNab Cullinary students prep the food. It's a great event.

8: Home & School Update – Kristen Weber

Planned the rest of our year

We have McMillans orders coming in this Friday.

43 Tew's Lane - pickup after 1pm.

\$800+ Profit.

Q: Is the Gift Card fundraiser going on?

A: It is available, but it's not the most easy one to make happen so we have not really pushed it or put in a bulk order. It is an ongoing fundraiser.

10. Pro-Grant

Options were presented at the last meeting and sent via email.

We are going to vote on one presenter at tonight's meeting.

Aubrey Norohna Topic 1: Not Racist : 2

Aubrey Noronha Topic 2: Hello Hope: 1

Dr. Kayla Baird: 11

11. New Business:

Discussion re: students using bathroom at recess.

Students are encouraged to use bathrooms before / after nutrition breaks. Some vandalism and inappropriate behaviour has occurred so students asked to only come in if it is an emergency.

Clarification of this information to students has been requested.

Next Meeting February 6th.

12. Meeting Adjourned 7:34pm