

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

April 3rd, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm Location:Gymnasium

Co-Chairs Greensville School: Kelley Bristow & Michelle Toner

Secretary & Communication: Pam Crichton

Principal: Jennifer Miscas

Staff Representative: Tanya Sanders

Community Rep: Anne Campbell

Home And School Rep: Kristen Weber

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, Sandra Iskandar, Jennifer van Hartingsveldt

Attendance:

Jen Vanhardingsveldt, Natalie Pauls, Heather Foster, Cassie Alfonso, Tyra Wilkinson, Debbie Appleyard, Leigh Wells, John Wells, Moyez Ladhani, Kathrine Hamstra, Alex Wilson, Paul Tut, Amanda Andrews, Jane McPherson, Jennifer Miscas, Tanya Sanders, Rachel Kott, Marissa Taylor, Donna Gerrisen, Linda vanPelt, Kelley Bristow, Michelle Toner, Kristin Weber, Pam Crichton

A G E N D A

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity. We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

6:30pm

Land Acknowledgement - Jennifer Miscas

2. Approval of Minutes

Linda van Pelt / Kristin Weber

3. Approval of Agenda

Amendment - add guest speakers:

Superintendent Jane McPherson

Trustee Paul Tut

Councillor Alex Wilson

Linda Van Pelt / Kelly Bristow

Question:

What is the process of minutes?

Clarified process : last month's meeting distributed to council members prior to meeting, motion to approve, then posted for public consumption (via principal / website)

4. Guest Speakers:

Jane McPherson - Superintendent

Thank you for the opportunity to connect with parents, in particular around safety items. This school is a unique footprint and with that comes some challenges. We are here to take away anything that we can help with.

Paul Tut - Trustee

First time I've had a chance to be here since the election - things are going really well - I'm excited to be here. It's amazing what can happen when the community comes together. There are still some issues around safety. I'm excited to work with the councillor and seeing what we can achieve together.

Shoutout to the environmental concern group -Amanda Andrews- your voices were heard.

Councillor Alex Wilson

So happy to be here, to listen to concerns and let you know what is happening in ward 13.

Road Safety is a big issue. Complicated factors in Greenville.

There will be a Town Hall about road safety in May. There is a bigger conversation happening at City Hall.

Parent Questions / Comments / Concerns:

-What do we do tomorrow morning (before June) to make sure our children *are safe*?

-8+ year long battle with no answer

-No sidewalks, no crosswalk, no attendant in parking lot

-‘walkers’ don’t qualify for transportation but traffic is busy and dangerous

-We cannot wait for tragedy to happen

-How soon after the audit is action able to happen?

-Can extra money be allocated from the board level?

Councillor Wilson:

Please let us know when you do see ‘near misses’ - we report these. There are hundreds of intersections that are dangerous and are waiting repair. Alex - ward13@hamilton.ca

Stop signs on Forest / Harvest are now permanent.

Crossing is a primary concern

Conversations between the city and the school board need to happen.

COMPLAINTS AND COLLISIONS are the priority.

Trustee Tut:

There is no quick answer - I don't think we need to wait for the fire to happen - we need appropriate safety.

Principal Miskas:

We can look at staffing and supervision schedules for next year.

Superintendent McPherson:

It's not about the money - it's about minutes that the staff have and how that is allocated within the school. I can connect with Ms Miscas and look at the supervision schedule and see if we can reallocate people / system staff.

5. Principal's Report:

- Thank you to our guests for being here tonight.
- Our aim is to improve wellbeing of students and staff. We are taking steps to know our learners this year.
- Using Reminaged Wellness, Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild - resources from the board.
- Gathered some data from intermediate students - racially motivated / homophobic / troubling comments. We are starting to dig in with students and also with our own personal learning as staff. Lessons have been really meaningful.
- Partnered with a CYC practitioner - student voice club, there is a disconnect with use of words and student understanding. We need to have conversations.
- Professional Learning - Aubrey Noronha - colourblind presentation for staff - focus on the understanding of what racism is not only in larger community but also in personal life.
- Courageous Conversations - We are trying to immerse ourselves in a lot of areas post-pandemic. Branching out and looking for opportunities to learn and to merge our own learning with the community and council.
- Pro-Grant was approved.
- We are a staff that care deeply about your children.
- The school interior has been painted - doesn't look as institutional. It makes a huge difference every day. Decals are up next.
- Commencement planning has begun:
 - June 22, 2023
 - Mr Adamzyk - first virtual meeting is Wednesday, April 5th 4:30pm - MS teams link too
 - Parents can sign up to be part of a sub-committee.
 - Students theme: glitzy black and gold.
- Looking forward to a lot of fun things happening this spring.

6. Staff Report - Tanya Sanders

Boys Jr Basketball finishing up
Girls Basketball - learning skills
Badminton tournament - Mr. deLottenville
Show Choir performed at a foundation gala - amazing event
Candy Bags - band -being handed out Thursday
March Music Madness - mornings
Gr 8 trip to Cave Springs
Band - going to festival tomorrow
Choir - choir fest April 26
May 31 - Spring Concert - also Millgrove visit that day - they will see the dress rehearsal
May 2-4 Scholastic Book Fair
May 4th Open house 4:30-6:30

7. Millgrove update

Nothing to report

8. Home & School Update – Kristin Weber

Positivity Popcorn - Kernels popcorn
Fun Fair - Friday May 26 5-8pm
-Field and community Centre
Cobbs Fundraiser - maybe week before Mother's Day

9. Fundraiser - Results

Chocolates - huge success sold over 213 boxes
\$7118 profit

10. Motion to vote - fundraiser profits

Not making a motion - will do research about scoreboard

11. Pro-Grant – Update

Dr. Kyla Baird - body image

Parent only talk - parents can educate their children

~~May 15 & May 17th 7-8:30pm.~~ May 15 & May 18th 7-8:30pm (*amended*)

1.5 hour talk - recorded, posted on the school website

Sub committee required - we will need some help for the lead up and

Q: babysitting offered?

We will look into that.

12. Financials

\$9008.14

Pizza money - where does that go? School Generated Funds?

We have inquired with PIC to see where that money should be allocated.

13. Grad update

Commencement ceremony

Reception (cupcakes and drinks)

Dance - grade 8s

Copetown (hall all day)

Pickup is 9pm

Meeting Wednesday 4:30pm Hybrid

14. New Business

None

Next Meeting: Monday May 8th, 2023

Adjournment

7:50pm

*Reminder: As a Green initiative, we will no longer be printing the Agenda or Minutes. Please review prior to the meeting, or print off your own copies for reference. Thank you!