

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA & MINUTES – APPROVED & FINAL – October 23rd, 2023

Meeting Date: October 10th, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: Library

Co-Chairs Greenville School: Kelley Bristow

Secretary & Communication: Caroline Wilson

Principal: Jennifer Miscas

Staff Representative: Tanya Sanders & Jacob de Lottinville

Community Rep: Anne Campbell

Home & School Rep: TBD

School Council Parent Members: Kelley Bristow, Kathy Nuttall, Ewa Poon, Katherine Hamstra, Amanda Andrews, Linda Van Pelt, Donna Gerritsen, Marissa Taylor, Steve Smillie, Cheryl-Lyn Milani, Rowena Pryce, Jen Brooker

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
2. Approval of Minutes completed via email (09/29/23)
3. Approval of Agenda - Approved
4. Principal's report – Jennifer Miscas
 - a. **Welcome and 2023/24 Meetings:** Next meeting comes up quickly to get fundraising discussions underway and school strategic plan, council can meet outside these four events for planning and brainstorming activities. Consider sub-committees as a way to accomplish these smaller projects and tasks.
 - b. **Class and Staffing Changes:** Kindergarten lost Ms. Green and the kindergarten classes have been reorganized. Understand the importance of staffing the early years programs, but this is a board level decision.
 - c. **Reimagining Wellness Programming:** A program that was implemented after the pandemic, but was found to have further benefits, teachers use for the first six weeks includes *Bullying, How to Create Safe Spaces, Belonging and Inclusion* and *How to Find a Safe Adult*. The mental health portion will begin in November. More information on the program is available on the HWDSB website, or by speaking to your child's teacher directly.
 - d. **Curriculum Updates:** The following updates and additions have been added to the curriculum.

- i. *Revised Grades 1-5 Language Programming*: Foundational Knowledge and Skills considered Back to Basics, 30 minutes a day dedicated to these foundational skills. Report cards will look different, i.e. one reading mark vs. four reading marks
- ii. *Revised Grades 1-3*: Mandated Indigenous Learning and deeper examination
- iii. *Revised Grades 5-8*: Mandated Holocaust/Anti-Semitism
- iv. *Revised Grades 7-8*: Mental Health - Mental health problems, relationships between mental health and mental illness
 - e. **Pizza - A1 Pizza** - Made the choice to support small, local business, if it's not well received, we can reconsider the supplier choice for next year.
 - f. **EAQO Results** - Full school results will be released through EAQO next week, individual results have been sent home.
 - g. **Equipment Updates**:
 - i. **Gym Screen** - Work order process has to be followed, it will hopefully be fixed this year.
 - ii. **Score Board** - It's been shipped but hasn't been located.
 - h. **Tree Trimming**: Trees have been trimmed to accommodate the buses and kids walking to school, more in the traffic audit session below.
 - i. **Grad Date**: Monday, June 24th 2024
 - j. **School Facebook Page Comments**: It's working fine as a communication tool, but comments are seen by staff and are extremely demoralizing. Constructive criticism is welcome and appreciated, but the Facebook page isn't the place. If you see posts that need addressed, please bring them to the attention of Jennifer Miskas.
- 5. Staff's Report – Mrs. Saunders/Mr. DeLottinville
 - a. Terry Fox - we raised \$1,460.00
 - b. Student Teachers - 3 in the building next week
 - c. Cross Country - This Thursday October 12th.
 - d. Volleyball teams – Started
 - e. Fall Fling - October 26th. Candy Grams for Halloween to raise funds.
 - f. December Concerts scheduled - will raise for community fridges
 - g. Show Choir and Junior Choir - has started
 - h. Pizza - need to be distributed more efficiently, some new ideas and will improve process for next time
- 6. Millgrove School Update:
 - a. Dance-a-thon
 - b. Dinner and Skate event
 - c. Grade 3 heading to the Dr. Jane Goodall talk at RBG
- 7. Home & School Update:
 - a. Kathy Nuttal is taking over for Home & School
 - b. Next meeting is week of October 16th and will plan out the fundraisers for the year
 - c. Requests for funding for games on the black top and covering over the water treatment areas
 - d. Also provide the teachers with allowance so they don't have to spend their own money
 - e. October 24th is Meet the Teacher night
- 8. Sub-committee to review and revise Greensville Parent Council By-Laws
 - a. Kelly has a call out to get one or two board members to review the by-laws will set the members via email
- 9. Fundraising Planning

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- a. Where to allocate funds currently in account and raised funds in 2024. Some possible options to consider. Chocolate fundraiser was lucrative and would recommend running again based on the financials. February, or consider an earlier start for stocking stuffers etc.
- b. Fresh Air Films - Option to set up a movie night outside
- c. Math Night - Family Event
- d. Discuss possible ideas welcome at the November meeting
- e. Pro-Grant Brainstorming – Consider Events/Topics that might get more traction with parents/community
- f. Fundraising Sub-Committee will be formed by the November meeting
- 10. Traffic Audit update
 - a. No collisions reported in the traffic audit
 - b. Traffic audit should be completed by the end of October
 - c. Alex Wilson - could be an advocate for the traffic audit
 - d. More updates should be available for the next meeting
- 11. Financials
 - a. \$1,890.14 is the currency account balance
- i. \$7,208.00 for the scoreboard has just been paid.
 - b. Items and initiatives consider to be priorities to be discussed at the November meeting
- 12. Welcome to new members
 - a. Secretary/Communications - Caroline Wilson
 - b. Will confirm new members after this meeting with names and roles etc.
- 13. Secret Member Vote for Co-Chair (Kelley Bristow current, Amanda Andrews, Kathy Nuttall)
 - a. Past members from last year are the voters. This year's co-chairs are:
 - i. Kelly Bristow - Co-Chair
 - ii. Kathy Nuttall - Co-Chair
- 14. New Business
 - a. None

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, November 13th, 2023
- Monday, February 12th, 2024
- Monday, May 13th, 2024

Adjournment

**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!*