

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Date: November 13th 2023

Time: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: School Library

Co-Chairs Greenville School: Kelley Bristow and Kathy Nuttall

Secretary & Communication: Caroline Wilson

Principal: Jennifer Miskas

Staff Representative: Ms. Saunders

Community Rep: Anne Campbell

Home & School Rep:

School Council Parent Members: Ewa Poon, Katherine Hamstra, Amanda Andrews, Linda Van Pelt, Donna Gerritsen, Marissa Taylor, Steve Smillie, Cheryl-Lyn Milani, Rowena Pryce, Jen Brooker, Bronte McVea, Jennifer Ancona

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 (10-24-23)
3. Approval of Agenda
 - o Approved
4. Principal's report – Jennifer Miskas
 - o Review of the Norms of Collaboration, ending with assuming that we all want the best and we're here for the same purpose – the kids
 - o All Parents Council communications will come from this email: greensvillesc@hwdsb.ca
 - o Let's remind the school/parent community to subscribe to the communications through the school website – it's the only way to guarantee you'll receive all messages
 - o Rural School Advisory – Katherine Hamstra is our representative and the meeting has been scheduled already for Nov. 22nd
 - o Optimist Club have reached out because they'd like to fund a small project, and also support a few Greenville Elementary families during the holiday season. Project will be confirmed.
 - o Progress reports went home on November 13th
 - o Parent teacher interviews on Thursday 16th/Friday 17th

- New Guidelines are available for future presenters and speakers (GPS), they provide details on how decisions are made at the school level
 - Feedback on Aubrey Noronha's presentations was positive from students
 - i. There are going to be times when parents don't agree with the decisions on various issues, feedback that's delivered respectfully, and the message of inclusion and diversity is an important one. It might be uncomfortable, but that's where the growth is.
 - ii. There was a need for anti-racism education based on feedback we received from students who'd had negative experiences – information was gathered through a student survey.
 - EQAO Results - There is lots of room for improvement, but there have been a number of recent initiatives to continue to improve instruction and scores:
 - i. PD Day – Math teaching resources, language, Ottawa Research Study
 - ii. Knowledgehook Math resources
 - iii. Thinking Classroom – making student thinking 'visible'
 - iv. Decodable Readers
 - School Annual Plan is coming up for review in January
 - Multi-Year Strategic Plan for the Board is now in place for 2023-2028:
 - i. New guiding vision: Compassion, Dignity, Trust and Joy
 - ii. Anti-racism and anti-oppression lens (ARAO)
5. Facilities Update
- Dynamic Traffic Signs are up!
6. Upcoming Events
- November 16: Photo Retake Day (All group photos being redone), Progress interviews @4:30-7:00 PM
 - November 17: PA Day/Progress Interviews
 - November 21: Lockdown Drill #1
 - November 30: Pizza Day
 - December 6: Hold & Secure Drill, Winter Concert
 - December 11-20: Food Bank Drive #2
 - December 20: Winter Musical
 - December 22: Last day before winter break
 - January 8: Back to school!
7. Staff's Report – Tanya Sanders
- Volleyball – big improvements with the teams, really happy with that progress. Senior girls vs. Senior boys game coming up for fun
 - Basketball tryouts coming up
 - Staff and students enjoyed Aubrey's presentation – big takeaway was understanding words that are kind, and words that hurt
 - Hockey Sweater/Pollyanna and the Composer Visits are aligned with the curriculum
 - Winter Gear collection Nov 6-16 – kids are enjoying the process
 - Remembrance Day – every student presented
8. Millgrove update - Donna Gerritsen
- \$1500 from the Halloween Dance-a-thon
 - Go for Green – annual event to clear up/plant in Fall
 - Annual dinner and skate event in December
9. Home & School Update – Kathy Nuttall
- Two fundraisers coming up
 - \$6000 going to the black-top treatment and/or the lid for the water treatment area
10. Sub- committee update for Greensville Parent Council By-Laws: Kathy, Marissa, Jennifer, Rowena
- Review – one recommended change – in bi-law 11 – add the definition of conflict of interest
 - Bi-laws are attached to the email with this document for review
11. Fundraising Update - Sub- committee for Fundraising: Kelley, Cheryl, Anne, Ewa, Linda

- Pizza Days – Being used to subsidize field trips
 - Freezie Days – Grade 8 year-end trip/commencement
 - Candygrams – Grade 8 year end trip/commencement
 - Music fundraising – instrument purchase
 - Last year’s Chocolate Fundraiser Funds being used for standing desks, classroom fans, headsets and splitters, library furniture, coding bots, and miscellaneous school and student subsidies
 - Starting Balance \$4,444.76 – last year’s profits
 - Subsidies to date: International Children’s Centre Presentation, Hockey Sweater Musical, Composer Visit
 - Chocolate Fundraiser 2024/25:
 - February start
 - Sub-committee working on further details
12. Pro-Grant Ideas. Family Math Night, Movie Night, Adult Education night with Aubrey Noronha - a poll will be sent to families to vote
13. Angel Fund
- Gifts for families in need – drop off gift cards for gifts and groceries arrangement - posts will go up in the next week
14. Financials
- Current balance 1890.14 and that will be going to purchase the items listed in Jennifer’s update
15. New Business
- Lice Policy – it’s not considered a public health issue
 - Social for the Council – December 18th
 - Potluck for Teacher Appreciation – December 19th

- **Meeting ended 7:48**
- **Next Meeting Date: Mon. Feb. 12, 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!*