

# GUY B. BROWN SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25th, 2020

## In attendance

**Principal:** Joanne Hall

**Vice Principal:** John Efthimiadis

**Chair:** Jeannette Macfarlane

**Secretary:**

Kelly Kokerus

**Voting Members:**

Patti Weiss

Kelly Hrycusko

Mark Hill

Steve Hoover

**Other Members:**

**Kinga Tanner**

**Christine Ketchen**

**Lisa ?**

**RM**

**Danielle Tillmanns**

**Melanie Gilbert**

**Deanna Tigani**

**Kelly Finkbeiner**

## Treasurer's Report

Mark Hill had nothing new to report \$30, 870.

New Drinking fountain (\$2500)-->\$ 5198, we owe. Where is this going to be funded from?

Mark to send the invoice to Kelly Kokerus.

Outdoor fund stands at 22, 751.99 (8,118.06 is Cash on hand).

## Principal's Report

- Outdoor structure is a go→ down payment has been made
- Building to start in April (new "March" Break)
- Joanne thanks the Guy Brown Community for all their patience during online learning, "kudos" to the Guy Brown Community for how well they handled the situation
- February 19th→ new screening protocol
  - Memo to come out to remind community of protocol
  - New symptom to a child→ all siblings sent home
  - Children must be covid tested, or wait 10 days to come back

- Guy Brown insists that parents are diligent in the “COVID SCREENING PROCESS”, if your child is symptomatic...KEEP THEM HOME. You cannot return until a COVID TEST.
- Kelly H asked “if students are away, can work be posted for the students missing 10 days”
  - Joanne said “Yes & NO”, teachers have been awesome, no complaints so far, most things on the HUB.
- 80 Home Depot buckets were purchased...cohorts are mapped out and kids are now eating first and going out 2nd break.
- With the weather change; ice is a problem on the property so they have been blocking off the front of the school for the kids to have nutrition breaks.
- Adam (facilities management) & superintendent will be involved to help Guy Brown get outside as much as possible
- March Break is now “April 12th-16th”
- Staffing Updates
  - Miss Cane is done her LTO, Mr. B is back from leave
  - Mrs. Tanner is back from leave
- Reports have gone home, sorry for the glitches. Printed copy will be coming home March 4th
- Term 2 student transitions have happened, 5 new students returning from online...2 new students to the school. Closed now until the next transition in May.
- VP (John E) talked about “Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild”
  - HWDSBs Learning a Community of Care
  - Be self reflective in your teaching practice, How can Guy Brown accommodate the changes in Waterdown’s makeup
  - Equity Action Team (John, 3 staff and student ambassador)--> how to use Culturally Responsible Pedagogy at Guy Brown

## School Report

- Mrs. Tanner stated that the staff is glad to be back.
- Mrs. Ketchen stated that there is a focus on reading for the Primary Groups. Teachers put in a lot of time for the IEPs, making sure that accommodations & modifications are taking place. IEPs were sent via encrypted messages, signed by parents and sent back to the school.

## Other Business

- Request for funding
- Outdoor Equipment for the Kindergartens
  - \$2000 (new bikes, building sets, blocks, etc. for an extension of the curriculum)
  - Jeanette put through motion, Mark 2nds, 6 voting members voted. Motion passed.
- Request for help with outdoor cohorts
  - \$2000 to help with cohorts outside
  - Jeanette put through motion, Mark 2nds, 6 voting members voted. Motion passed.
- SPARK reading license has been put in place
- French reading tool (digital), 3 copies paid for by school
- French Reading Resources→ Lisa Reynolds feels like we are in good shape with resources due to all the money that had been spent in the past
- Questions from the Community→ “ONLINE login to select their courses”
  - Will the students lose out?
  - This is a highschool question, depends on the school and their process
  - [Julie Phillips \[Staff\]](#) has been working with the Grade 8 teachers facilitating the process. Mrs. Ketchen said that Waterdown District wanted the students to do their option sheets on the HUB and then xello?
  - Everyone will be fine, everyone will get their courses
- Questions from the Community→ Grade 8 Grad Photos

- Kelly H→ Grad Plans. What are they?
- Booked them and had to cancel them twice (May 11th & 12th)

## Adjournment

Jeanette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Meeting adjourned.** Next meeting will be March 25th on MS Teams Meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.