

Goodwood Public School - School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Location: GWPS Library



Attendance: Shannon Nelson, Angela Chambers, Jason Rodman, Shelley Mintsinikas, Rosalynd Ronson, Sabrina Niebank, Lindsay Zuber, Sophie Dearing

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:

- December meeting took place Wed. Nov. 27th (Moved from Wed. Nov. 20)
- Last meeting discussed plan for spending fundraising money. Speaker from Uxbridge Youth Centre attended, and we invited them to next school event). Discussed the Nutritional Survey and OPHEA.
- Minutes approved by Sabrina and Angela.

3. Treasurer's Report (Angela):

- \$539 for gift card fundraiser has been raised to date.

4. Principal's Report (Jason Rodman):

- Current work to rule campaign going on, if there are any questions, please call and ask. There has been some confusion with Goodwood, as we border with York Region, but we are Durham Region – so no dates yet. If/when we get dates, Jason will communicate.
- Unsure what will happen with report cards. DDSB has not made any announcements to date. Meeting with DDSB on Thursday afternoon.
- Everyone is invited to the **regional SCC meeting on Feb. 25th at 7PM at the Board office.**
- Board meetings are also on Facebook Live.
- Focus recently on morning announcements has been on resiliency, positive outlook, schoolwide.
- Grades 7-8 completed an anonymous survey with focus on well-being.
- Kindergarten registration is open right now. Advertising as best we can. Currently we have 11 registrations.
- Embrace enquiry as often as we can. Beyond proud of Grade 7 and 8 teachers, librarian, etc... interactive STEM / Science lessons. Running January until Valentine's Day. Science "hijacked" for STEM with the hope to send over half of our division to the Durham STEM challenge. Bought some robotics kits. Board has been unbelievable generous. From this we're hoping the kids will build boxes for the garden using some of the tools.
- Working with Maya on a plan to tap 3 maple trees on the school property.
- Salmon condo in the library. Grade 4 and 5s. 100 eggs. They will stay here until they hatch then kids will release in the creek. Going really well.
- Just a reminder that with the windchill, it is very cold. If it is -20 or colder with windchill, the kids will stay inside. -19 they may go out for 10 mins. -17 out for 20-30 mins. Just a friendly

reminder to parents/guardians that the thin dollar store-type knitted mitts may not be warm enough.

- Following up with some students about lateness and attendance patterns school wide.

5. Previous & new business:

5.1 Fundraising Committee:

- \$539 for gift card fundraiser has been raised to date (thank you Lindsay for promoting this!)
 - Need to keep promoting, as it is still going. Jason to send link in the newsletter.
 - Can do a Mother's Day promotion.
 - Cheques are mailed from Fundscript directly to the school. Can take out 2 times a year. Take out funds after Mother's Day and then again end of June.
 - Lindsay/Angela - to send Shelly the wording to cut and paste into the newsletter.
- Bag to School coming up. Hoping at least \$60 average.
- Spring fundraiser not chosen yet. Syrup has done about \$300 in the past. Potential idea.
- Hoping pizza fundraiser can bring in the average \$7000/year. Enrollment is down.
- Grade 8s are only doing sub day and poinsettias Fundraising for grad. There are only 14 grade 8s this year. Grad scaled down, right now Grad trip is undecided. Funding-wise Jason indicated they should be covered - fingers crossed.
- Other Fundraising Ideas:
 - McGregor Meats good money-maker.
 - Gift basket raffle? would need teacher input - not really feasible.
 - Symposium proposed a fundraiser to Jason - pick a month and within a 30-day period, any receipts we submit they give 10% back. Boston pizza does something similar. Something to consider. Maybe look into Boston Pizza (Angela will look into).

5.2 Healthy Schools team:

- Sub-committee met just before SCC meeting today. Heather (Public health nurse) attended to provide input and ideas.
- Looked at the survey, discussed different ideas to promote healthy eating in the school.
- Looking at how to provide opportunities for the kids to have more fruits and veggies at the school. Edible Garden. Teaching.
- Discussed creating a new school Policy for not offering food for celebrations/suggest other ways to celebrate other than food.
- Promote a Veggie/Fruit of the month.
- Offer other foods such as carrots/snap peas in addition to the apples the school provides.
- Do something in March which is Nutrition Month.
- Discussed ways to include some healthy options with the Sub and Pizza days.

5.3 Parents/family engagement events committee:

- Discussion deferred to next meeting.

6. Open Forum:

- Shannon: with work action/teachers on strike, teachers may not be able to participate in Gr. 8 grad. If that happens SCC members could volunteer to assist. Jason indicated Grade 8 Grad will happen. Goodwood Community Centre is booked for June 18th. Grad will still happen, with or without teachers, and he has plans a, b, c in the works. Each plan seems realistic and manageable.

7. Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 19th, 2020

8. Adjourned: 7:26pm