

Goodwood Public School - School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Location: GWPS Library



Attendance: Sabrina Niebank, Maya Rourke, Jason Rodman, Shelley Mintsinikas, Angela Chambers, Shannon Nelson, Rosalynd Ronson, Erin Middleton, Louise Cranfield (Grade 1 Teacher), Tina Drew, Natasha Horsley, Lindsay Zuber, Danielle Docherty, Natalie Hung.

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Elections (Jason Rodman):

- First time conducting Formal elections.
- SCC is required to meet 4x year minimum. The SCC is mandated by the Ministry of Education. Consists of Teacher representatives, staff reps and parent reps.
- Sub-committees are to be formed for fundraising, etc. to help adhere to 1 hr SCC meeting commitment.
- There are 3 formal roles, non-voting members and voting members. Follow Roberts Rules of order.
- Member at large - provide input - non voting.
- Parent voting reps, participate on committees, attend regularly.
- Goodwood SCC is an informal, powerful group.
- Voting forms were sent via email, hard copies in the office, and at the SCC table at Curriculum Night.
- Voted by ballot:

Nominations:

Co-Chair – Sabrina Niebank

Co-Chair – Maya Rourke

Secretary – Rosalynd Ronson

Treasurer – Angela Chambers; Danielle Docherty

Results:

Treasurer - Angela Chambers

Secretary - Rosalynd Ronson

Co-Chairs - Maya and Sabrina.

3. Principal's Report (Jason Rodman):

- School year is off to a great start. However, enrolment is down significantly than projected. Implications for all of us at Goodwood, but have 100% same staff as last year, and continuing with the staff.

- Classes are being re-aligned as dictated by the Board. All families will receive an email after this meeting. Anyone affected will get a phone call from Jason in the next couple days. Shifting in grades 2-8, less splits. Monday some kids will have new teacher/classroom. Really trying to keep consistency for kids that needs consistency.
- Curriculum night - done early this year and was a great night. Aninas had their food truck.
- Mental health worker, 1/2 day a week, Jennifer from CHIMO.
- EQAO Scores - we did great, numbers looking fantastic. Above provincial average for grades 3 and 6.
- All schools in Ontario saw a budget cut of 5%. Schools have per-pupil funding, which will be affected since Goodwood is down 21 students from last year. This also means we are down families who we can go to for support/fundraising, can only ask so much from our community. SCC needs to look at long-term fundraising goals for the year.
- Parent engagement event - next Wednesday evening, at Zehrs. A registered dietician will be sharing info on healthy lunches. This was pre-booked in the spring so there is no cost to SCC or school. Dietician running it like a "PC Insider" event. There will be two 45 min sessions, 6pm and 7pm. Focus is adults, but kids can come.
- Communication - trying some new ways to communicate. Less formal community newsletters. 1-2 comms a week. Big events will do nice flyers. Will come up with format that is predictable.
- Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
 - Twitter – more board news and info
 - Instagram - pictures, no student faces, casual
 - FaceBook - Gives people opportunity to comment or chat. Friendly reminders. Parents can "Like" the page, but the school won't know who "Likes" it. Max privacy settings.

4. Formation of sub-committees (Sabrina):

- The SCC has always been small, but last year the committee received a lot more interest and grew.
- To make better use of time we will form sub-committees who will have separate meetings, and then bring ideas back to the main SCC meeting.
- This will help us dedicate more time during the SCC meeting to open forum.

1) Fundraising Sub-Committee:

The SCC receives various requests for funds, as classes need certain things, and we need to make sure we know what is being asked for and how much. Fundraise only what we need.

- 1. Danielle Docherty**
- 2. Lindsay Zuber**
- 3. Natasha Horsley**
- 4. Tina Drew**
- 5. Michael and Natalie**
- 6. Erin Middleton**
- 7. Angela Chambers**

2) Parent / Family engagement Events

Examples: Spring BBQ, Arts Night, Fitness night, Movie Night – bring families into the school. PRO Grant (Parents Reaching Out) - to engage parents. Zehrs night came out of this last year. Sabrina happy to help with application.

- 1. Shannon Nelson**
- 2. Danielle Docherty**
- 3. Michael and Natalie**

3) Healthy Schools

Work on getting healthy school award/certificate and some money. OPHEA grant. Maya involved with garden.

- 1. Maya Rourke (specifically school garden)**
- 2. Rosalynd Ronson**
- 3. Shannon Nelson**
- 4. Sabrina Niebank**

5. SCC meeting dates for 2019 – 2020:

- Tues Oct. 22nd
- Wed. Nov. 20
- Tues. Jan. 21
- Wed. Feb. 19
- Tues. April 21
- Wed. May 20

Time and location: 6:30-7:30PM, Goodwood Library.

6. Open Forum

- Mrs. Cranfield - needs \$180 for word books, would love SCC support.
- New section on website for SCC – Jason will put meeting minutes, next dates, etc.
- Next meeting in October will be the deadline for requests. Jason has asked staff for their wish-lists. Jason will prioritize requests to keep everything organized.
- Think about ideas for events - please give Sabrina/Maya your ideas before the next meeting.
- Spring BBQ - June 4, 2020; Rain Date June 11.
- Pizza - Shelly will be sending out info soon, will be online. Waiting for new class lists.
- Maya will run a “Bag to school” fundraiser. Collect stuffed animals, linens, textiles. Will do another one in the spring. Must be a short timeframe - 4 days. Fire Marshall had concerns about storage.
- Why does Goodwood not have a Signboard?
 - Cost is high, approx. \$18-63,000 for one, depending if digital. There are also restrictions/limitations due to the amount of room it would take up by the side of the road / too close to road.
 - Could we put a message board on the school?
 - Sandwich board with pertinent info?

- Boiler – will be working by Oct. 15th. Full electrical through the school.

7. Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting:

Tues Oct. 22nd, 6:30 PM