

Goodwood Public School - School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Feb 3, 2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via Google Meet



Attendance: Jason Rodman, Lindsay Zuber, Shannon Nelson, Rosalynd Ronson, Susan Leonard, Waheed Aghashirin, Dan Lewis

Regrets: Shelley Mintsinikas

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

- Happy New Year and Welcome back.

2. **Approval of Prior meeting minutes** – Approved by Susan Leonard, Waheed second.

3. **Presentation by Margaret Lazarus – Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)**

- Margaret presented information on the PIC and the importance of parent involvement, and the importance of hearing the voices from north Durham.
- Purpose of Parent Involvement Committee (PIC):
 1. Support, encourage and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the Board level.
 2. Provide info and advice to the Board on parent engagement.
 3. Communicate with and support local school councils.
 4. Undertake activities to help parents support their children’s learning at home and at school.
- The PIC Committee needs voices from the north.
- The Committee communicates with local councils, sends out newsletters with topics such as important info on human rights policies, helping ensure kids are mentally healthy, switching from in-person to online, etc. They use a variety of strategies to ensure they keep parents engaged in the success of all children.
- The PIC is a direct link to the Board.
- They have 4 sub-committees:
 1. PIC newsletters
 2. Parent Engagement Series
 3. Parents as Partners
 4. PRO Grant
- Importance of Regional voices:
 - Gives voice to the unique needs of the region.
 - Allows DDSB to be responsive to the needs of parents and students from the region.
- Margaret will be visiting all the schools in the North, really need to add our voices, engage parents with activities and info about what matters to them.
- Currently seeking 2 additional members.
- Meetings are virtual. If access to internet is needed, it can be arranged.
 - The PIC meets 4 times a year (1 last year before the holidays, 1 upcoming next week, April and June). Meetings are 2 hours.
- If anyone wants to be involved, you can contact Margaret via email. Contact info:
 - Engagement@ddsb.ca
 - Margaret.lazarus@ddsb.ca

4. **Principal's Report/Admin Update (Jason Rodman):**

COVID Update:

- Each student has been sent home with two, 3-layer black masks and 2 rapid antigen tests.
- We have had 2 students self report positive tests, families will be notified via email.
- 6 additional portable HEPA filters have been added to classrooms.

Potential Bell Change:

- At the last DDSB Board meeting, a proposal was made to change our bell times to 9:00am – 3:30pm.
- A full community consultation will take place later in February. Once more information is available it will be shared.

Re-Organization:

- Families have had the option to switch to or from virtual learning. These changes, in combination with new families that have moved into the area may lead to an additional class being added. Our numbers are currently being reviewed by the Operations department at the board. If we get a new class, we would expect it to start the week of February 14.

Fundraising:

- We are registered for Plantables again this year. Families can order from: <https://plantables.ca/goodwood-public-school>
- The link will be shared in future newsletters.

Well-Being & Mental Health:

- Continues to be the focus of the school. Very excited to share we are adding a Social Emotional Learning Skills Program to our Junior Classes, presented by a Mental Health Worker – Starting in February.

WIFI:

- The outdoor WIFI hubs are now functioning, allowing students access to work outdoors in warmer weather, as well as access during non-instructional times.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

- N/A

6. **Council Focuses:**

Fundraising:

- Jason will include our SCC letter in his next Newsletter. The letter did go out today via email.
- Tru Earth Fundraiser has raised about \$70. We will start to promote more. Rosalynd will send Jason the graphics for Valentines sale to promote on social media/include in newsletter.
- Domino's Pizza Night – Need to find out if there is a good day at end of Feb we can run this again, and schedule dates in April and May.

- Pizza Lunch - Sue noted that she noticed pizza lunch at a school she was supplying at recently. Each child had their own box, ½ pizza. Proposed we try a pizza lunch in March– split it so one week primary kids have pizza, then next week the Jr’s. Sue will reach out to Domino’s.
- Question from Shannon regarding fundraising with Annina’s Bakery, have we done this before?
 - Not to anyone’s knowledge. Jason noted the school has a good relationship with Annina’s owner, they have donated a Gingerbread house in the past, and the school has used their food truck. But no fundraising initiatives have been done with them to our knowledge with the SCC.
 - We could give this some thought and approach them to do some sort of fundraiser. Would be nice to work with a local business.
- Krispy Kreme – confirmed for Thrs. April 7th. The order must be in and paid the week before.
 - We will ask Shelley to put this on School Cash Online (she needs 3 days lead-time) so we don’t have to handle cash/forms. Labels can be printed.
 - We will sell for \$10/box. Krispy Kreme charges \$5, School cash takes a commission, and we will make \$4.50 a box.
 - Fundraising committee will meet before the next meeting, so we can start to promote. Lindsay will book us.
 - We can ask some of the kids to make posters, to be posted on social media, to promote the fundraiser.

Parents/Family engagement:

- Ideas on how to get more parents involved, can we think of any ideas?
- Sent out survey to families, what they would like to see from council.
- We should think about this and come to next meeting with some ideas.

7. Open Forum:

- Susan raised concerns about traffic flow at the school at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up and the safety of the children. Would like for someone come and see what Goodwood looks like, as there is not a lot of room to move around with buses and cars, etc and is the Board aware of these issues?
- Jason did send an email yesterday to the head of facilities services, with concerns of snow and ice removal this year. Clearing of the sidewalk on Lapier St. is the schools responsibility, done by a Contractor. With the recent snowstorm, it took too long to clear. Did have some students slip and fall, a staff member got hurt because of the ice. The walkway is too narrow, falling students is a big concern. We need to look at options - submit a letter for a formal traffic study.
- Sue noted some parents with infants may have trouble parking and walking up. If there are any concerns or accommodation required, please reach out to Jason and he can have you pick up your children 5 mins early, etc. before the bell.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Wed. March 2
 Thrs. April 7
 Wed. May 4
 Thrs. June 2

Adjourned: 7:30 pm