

Goodwood Public School - School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via Google Meet



Attendance: Jason Rodman, Lindsay Zuber, Waheed Aghashirin, Rosalynd Ronson, Angela Chambers, Shelley Mintsinikas, Dan Lewis, Meagan Zuber, Susan Leonard, Shannon Nelson, Alicia Stanko

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Approval of Prior meeting minutes** – Angela and Waheed approved

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

- Progress Reports will be shared with families via email on Wednesday November 10.
- Parent/Teacher interviews are Thursday evening & Friday morning. Families were emailed instructions on scheduling a time. Any questions can be directed to the classroom teachers.
- Our students (Goodwood, Ontario Students and Canada) experiencing an achievement gap due to COVID. Each homeroom class has completed individual student diagnostics tests in reading and math. We are working with staff to acknowledge and close these gaps. We are planning for intervention groups.
- Remembrance Day will be a virtual assembly.
- We are trying to increase our social media presence to showcase the great things happening at Goodwood PS.
- Online Coffee with the Principal – 2nd Wednesday of the month – 8:30 am – Link to be shared in newsletter and social media (December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8).

Questions:

- Waheed - asked about COVID vaccine booster/shots and if there is any update on this? Jason noted not at this point, the School Board is working with Durham Public Health, and will work with schools to do vaccines. May or may not be at our school in particular, but a school nearby.
- Lindsay - asked about what the Board is doing to help kids that are behind, such as providing additional resources? Jason noted they understand that virtual teaching doesn't replace in-person teaching, but gaps are being filled, re-establishing routines, kids are resilient, and there is already substantial overlap between the grades in the curriculum.
- Lindsay - asked about kindergarten play equipment? Jason noted there are funds allotted to this and items ordered, more arriving and are gradually being implemented.

4. **Treasurer's Report (Angela/Shelley):**

- First Pizza night with Dominoes was a success. Had 36 orders and raised \$180 for the school.
 - Can we change the day of the week? Angela to look into this, just can't do a Friday or Saturday. A different night may hit another set of people who wouldn't get pizza on a Tuesday.
- Started off with \$341.63 at year end 2019-2020.
- Fund Script brought in \$842.92
- In total we're currently sitting at **\$1363.55**

5. **Council Focuses:**

5.1 Fundraising

- Pizza Lunch:
 - Angela noted that Dominoes is working with another school to bring pizza lunches in individual envelopes, she has requested more info from them.
 - Jason indicated we may be able to start pizza lunches again in January.

- **Wish List provided for 2021-2022:**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Supporting Student Groups</i>	<i>Other Information</i>	<i>Cost</i>
\$100 per class	All 10 classes	SCC typically provides \$100 to each class. Can be used for consumables or RAZ Plus	\$1,000
Recess Equipment	All classes	This Works out to be \$30 per class	\$300
50 Player Melody & Rhythm Kit	Set of instruments for primary students.	Long & McQuade - Current rhythm materials are over 10 years old. Will be used in classroom.	\$322.05
7 headphones for ipads	Grade 1/2 Mrs. Cranfield		\$197.59
Chef a lecole	French Cooking Class – 4 sessions x 1 hour	\$800 + HST - Chef to come into the school again, can the SCC pay ½?	\$800
Tent Repairs	Special Events	10x10 pup-up tent is used at cross country meets, BBQ, needs parts. A New tent would be \$1200, but this just needs some parts.	\$200
Phys Ed Equipment	All Classes	Spike ball for use in the gym or outside.	\$400
Kindergarten Toys – Outdoor play	2 classes	Already purchased by Jason, \$ to go towards this.	\$500
Playground - Mulch	K - 6	Playground is inspected annually. Mulch is specific playground approved, virgin wood. It will be delivered the 1st week of December.	\$600
Technology – ipads, Chromebooks etc.	All Classes	Long term goal - any amount/unlimited	TBD
			\$4,320

Discussion:

- Jason indicated that all schools had a 30% budget cut, we're sitting okay, but the school has needs and is 2 years behind in purchases, but nothing is an emergency.
- SCC traditionally gave \$100 per classroom. Some teachers have requested RAZ Plus, and Jason has suggested they could use the \$100 towards this.

- Jason requested we set a long-term goal for SCC to reserve funds for the upkeep of the playground. Currently there are log benches growing mushrooms, which means it is rotting, and in the future we may need to replace a piece or two in a couple years. In the meantime, we can fill with spray foam. Potentially \$200 every couple years or so.
- Angela noted that the mandate of the SCC has been to service all the kids, ie. Recess equipment, etc. and treat everyone equal/ choose items everyone can use.
- Susan mentioned that the kindergarten pen needs fixing up, that the rest of the kids have the field and playground.
 - Jason advised there is an application in for a major project for the kindergarten yard, sand box being redesigned to have a cover and portable water table, so there is some progress on this outside of the SCC.
- Susan asked that since RAZ is all online, will there be protocol to use actual physical texts, that kids can take home?
 - Jason responded that next week the library is opening, 5 kids per call to sign out books. Will sit 72 hrs before going back out. Jason will talk to the primary teachers to find out what is happening with the home reading program.
- Everyone agreed that we will form a sub-committee to further review the list and come up with a plan for fundraising.
- Let's set our fundraising goal and provide regular feedback to the school community.
- Grade 8 Grad committee also does fundraising, but that won't start up until Feb/March.
- Wish List is about \$4500. On a good year in the past, we've raised \$8000-9000, mostly from pizza lunch sales.
- Everyone was asked to reach out to Lindsay after the meeting to confirm if they would like to be part of the sub-committee. She will set up a meeting for next week.

5.2 Parent/Family Engagement:

- SCC is parent engagement
- Aussie X movement will have parent involvement
- BBQ at end of year

6. Open Forum:

- Will there be a Holiday Concert? No in person concert, but Mrs. Garofalo will do something with the band, and every class will have something to share with the community.
- If we do pizza lunches again, we need to ask for more parent volunteers, right now Susan Leonard is the only person left from previous years who helped out with this. Need more than one parent to assist as it is a lot of work to organize/run. We would put a call out for parent help.

Upcoming Meeting Dates – 6:30pm: Wed. Dec. 8

Thrs. Feb 3
 Wed. March 2
 Thrs. April 7
 Wed. May 4
 Thrs. June 2

Adjourned: 7:30 pm