

Goodwood Public School - School Community Council (SCC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 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.

Regrets: Shannon Nelson

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome** – First meeting of school year

2. **Administrators Report (Jason Rodman):**

- Off to a 'start', had a COVID 'hiccup' at the beginning of the year, first Friday a student came down with symptoms. Classes and school bus isolated. On the 13th day another student presented with symptoms, resulting in a 2 day outbreak with zero active cases.
- School has 9 classes and a small SSP (School Support Program), which includes students from Claremont.
- 1 ½ full day kindergarten classes
- 208 students at the school with 3.5 ECEs, 14.4 teachers including Jason.
- Only 2 students were re-allocated after the start of the year.
- Have two grade 1/2 split classes with 20 students each; one grade 2/3 split with 22 students.
- For future meetings, after January, would like to offer in-school or online/hybrid SCC meetings. Cannot have more than 25 people in person.
- Had a visit from the public health nurse today. Will visit every 2 weeks scheduled, and will do unscheduled visits to check compliance with covid protocols, etc.
- Extra-curriculars are starting slowly.
- Band starting with Mrs. Garofalo. We're a little school with a big band
 - Just found out that there are to be no wind instruments.
 - Students 3 m apart in the gym, with filters.
 - Ordering 'masks' to go on the end of wind instruments, washable.
- Principal update meetings – Q&A for parents, separate from SCC.
- School Community Council Elections:
 - Lindsay Zuber - Chair
 - Waheed Aghashirin – Vice Chair
 - Rosalynd Ronson – Secretary
 - Angela Chambers – Treasurer
 - Shannon Nelson – voting member
 - Susan Leonard – voting member
 - Meagan Zuber – voting member
 - Dan Lewis – voting member
 - Jason Rodman – Staff representative
 - Shelley Mintsinikas – Staff representative
 - Alicia Stanko – Staff representative
- SCC typically meets once a month, does fundraising, voice of the school and the students, brings up issues, questions, comments to the meetings and to the principal.
- Future Meetings – requesting we alternate days, give more options for parents. Will alternate Wednesday and Thursday evenings, first week of each month.

3. Fundraising Ideas:

- School wish list – Jason has given out forms to teachers asking for it to be back by Oct 20th. Will have a solid list for the next SCC meeting.
- Goodwood Lions has asked for a school wish list. Jason asked for kindergarten sand, mulch, tech. Extra equipment for each class. Still need to hear back from them.
- Fundraising ideas:
 - “Opt Out” fundraiser - where we ask for a one-time donation from families in lieu of participating in ad-hoc fundraising initiatives.
 - Dominoes Pizza – Angela contacted them. \$5 from each pizza sold will go to the school Looking into delivery options for Goodwood so it is not too expensive. Do we want GF options? Have to call it in. 4-9PM. Looking at Oct 19th date. Angela will provide details and to be promoted.
 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser – maybe in the new year, February. Concerns about allergies, but this is an option for families to take home and not in school.
 - Fundscript – account still there. Good option for December when people buy gift cards.
 - Pizza Days – Public Health shut down, but potential for the future. Pizza will need to be individually packaged. Companies are adapting. Price will go up. Cannot book it yet, but when ready may look at doing a pilot run for 1 day with grades 4,5,6 to see how it goes. Will need assistance from SCC to organize, if 1-2 SCC reps could help that would be great. Jason to have more details at next meeting.
 - Subs – typically for Grade 8 grad. May be something they will do in the future.
 - BBQ – keep it on our radar for the Spring if possible.
 - Bag to school – a “No Go” for now.
- Can we think about other ‘healthier’ or non-food fundraising options? Plantables fundraiser this past spring; Farm Fresh done in the past (not a lot of interest received at the time); rain barrel.

4. Open Forum:

- Next meeting can Jason talk about what the school does for winter readiness.
- Any plans for school tour for new families? Welcome video is being planned, will have slide shows/welcome back messages, will be posted on Google Classrooms. Should be done by end of next week.
- Photos – will have a photo day in November. Will only be individual photos of students, but looking into possibility of a class composite of students for each class, depending on approvals/privacy, etc.

Upcoming Meeting Dates – 6:30pm:

Thrs. Nov. 4
Wed. Dec. 8
Thrs. Feb 3
Wed. March 2
Thrs. April 7
Wed. May 4
Thrs. June 2

Adjourned: 7:40 pm