

Glynn A Green SAC Meeting – February 28, 2017



In Attendance:

Principal: Margo Mussari

Vice Principal: Lori Lehne

SAC Members: Todd Morgan, Gaëtanne Barton, Stephanie Hicks, Sheridan Houghten, Mary Jo Palmateer, Glen Milligan, Julie Milligan, Daryl Breadner

Guest Speaker: Jaqueline Oscvirk

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Old Business: January 10, 2017 minutes - (Accepted)

Mindfulness – Jaqueline Oscvirk

- **Program Definition:** “Paying attention on purpose at present moment without judgement”
- Has been performing for 30 years and now offers workshops as a mindfulness educator. She also currently works at Shaver helping with stroke recovery patients.
- Has just started offering an 8 week curriculum for grades K to 12 and is currently working with 5 schools in Niagara.
- Program revolves around helping parents reach their children especially with anxiety and depression and to help connect with your child. It also helps students deal with their own stress, help with paying attention and controlling emotions. It also assists in reducing impulse speaking while having compassion and resilience and the tools to help calm down.
- The curriculum builds on itself and she works with the classes for 10-15 minutes twice a week. She also works with parents and teachers to help practice what is learned in class.
- She considers it a tool that the child will use throughout their entire life.
- Rough estimate \$1,000 for 8 week curriculum working where she works with 4 separate classes twice a week. She is currently booked at this time.
- SAC agreed to re-discuss in the fall once Jacqueline’s pilot curriculum is over to assess the opinions of the schools she is currently at.

Fundraising Coupon Booklet – Jim Szeplaki (Absent)

- Jim is still finalizing the details and is hoping for completion and distribution soon.

Principals Report – Margo Mussari and Lori Lehne

- **Code of Arms:**
 - Previous Code of Arms displays that were above the stage for each Province are very old.

- Lori was approached by a parent about replacing the current Code of Arms with plaque mounted official ones which would cost approx \$700.
- He also had the idea of having each student sign the back of each Code of Arm to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.
- Plans:
 - The SAC thought this was an excellent idea. However, an example was brought in and they unfortunately do not have the province name under them. The assumption was that all the Code of Arms together would appear quite confusing to students at this time.
 - SAC opts to post-pone this for now and Lori will look into whether the Government of Canada is offering any options for this for their 150th celebrations.
- **Science Fair:**
 - For grades 5-8 was a great success
 - May 24 to 26 are the dates for the regional finals at Brock.
- **Make Change for Children**
 - Raised \$950 from student's participation which was fantastic.
- **Lots of clubs, sports and activities incorporating staff and students**
- **Curriculum Night:**
 - Incorporated 150 people and 15 stations for parents with their children. The attendees were able to see some of the curriculum that the students are being taught.
 - Was very well received for the inaugural year.
- **Walk to School**
 - Will be March 23 with a meeting afterwards.

Fun Fair – Julie Milligan

- Julie Milligan has graciously accepted to be Chair for the upcoming the 2017 Fun Fair
- Gaëtanne has given Julie the "BIG BINDER" that has been handed down for many generations, detailing all the information about the Fun Fair.
- Date for Fun Fair is June 2, 2017
- Stephanie Hicks offered to help with the Silent Auction which is always the main profit generator for the Fun Fair.
- Julie is still looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested please contact her directly.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Hicks

- Status quo and nothing new to report

Next SAC Meetings:

- April 4, 2017 @ 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM