

Glynn A Green SAC Meeting – January 10, 2017



In Attendance:

Principal: Margo Mussari

SAC Members: Todd Morgan, Jim Szeplaki, Sheridan Houghten, Gaëtanne Barton, Stephanie Hicks, Kim Downs, Mary Jo Palmateer, Jennifer McGregor.

Guest Speakers: Lisa Gallant (Public Health – Niagara Region), David Swan (PATC), Tolga Aydin (Town of Pelham)

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Old Business: October 25, 2016 minutes (Accepted)

Fundraising Coupon Booklet – Jim Szeplaki

- Jim is still finalizing the details and gave a rough template to the SAC. There are still a couple of businesses he is hoping to add to booklet.
- Jim is hoping for February completion and distribution.

Lisa Gallant – (Public Health – Niagara Region) Travel School Planning

- Lisa presented with David Swan (PATC) and Tolga Aydin (Town of Pelham) regarding statistics of students travelling to school.
- 114 GAG students are in the walk zone (i.e. live <1.6km from school) out of the current 384 students at the school (approx 30%).
- The goal is to decrease car travel, increase number of students walking/biking to school and reduce vehicle congestion at school.
- Only 10% of Ontario 5-17 year old students get the recommended 60 minutes of activity per day.
- GAG is the only Pelham school participating in the program (approx 10 in Niagara).
- There is NO parent currently on the “Walk/Bike to School” committee at this time (Deb Howey was previous representative).
- Walk to school days are on the last Thursday of each month.
- Anyone interested in helping can contact Margo Mussari. Activities include helping out at stations and promoting the Walk to School program and Bike Rodeo.

Principals Report – Margo Mussari

- **Gym Fundraiser:**
 - Approximately \$10,000 will be needed to be raised to pay for the wall mats in the gymnasium.
 - DSBN paid for the hydraulic basketball net and the new drapes for the stage.

- **Kids Helping Kids:**
 - Rose City Kids, Pelham Cares and Sock Drive were the initiatives
 - A lot of donations were accepted and Margo gave thanks for everyone's support.
- **Curriculum Night:**
 - Feb 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM
 - Variety of activities for parents and kids and the night will be literacy or math based.
 - Parents pick 2 events they would like to attend with their child on a chosen topic.
 - The program is a parent's engagement initiative to allow them to learn about their child's activities at school.
- **EQAO:**
 - In February for grades 3 & 6 to practice the EQAO exam. February will focus on literacy and March on math. More details will be in the February newsletter
- **Hour of Code:**
 - Lots of activities and earning funds for robotics supplies, etc.
 - Supplies are needed and a hand-out was distributed "Maker Space" detailing donation items Mrs. Riggs would appreciate.
- **Popcorn Machine:**
 - Operating during school for kids with funds going towards the grade 7-8 end of year trip.
- **Elevator:**
 - DSBN is installing an elevator in 2017 along with an accessible washroom due to new DSBN requirements.
- **Climate Survey:**
 - Given to grades 4 to 8 students.
 - Margo went over all the results for GAG students and compared with Ontario averages.
- **Official Pink Shirt Day:**
 - For anti-bullying awareness is scheduled for Feb 22nd.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Hicks

- Current balance is \$12,072.

Next SAC Meetings:

- February 21, 2017 @ 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM