

# Glynn A. Green Public School

## School Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday November 29, 2011

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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**In Attendance:**

- ◆ *Burns, Mike (Vice-Principal)*
- ◆ *Cramp, Bonnie*
- ◆ *Dudzik, Dianna*
- ◆ *Giancarlo, Sandy (Principal)*
- ◆ *Houghten, Sheridan*
- ◆ *Insalaco, Paul*
- ◆ *Morgan, Todd*
- ◆ *Stickles, Gary*
- ◆ *Taylor, Cheryl*
- ◆ *Turpel, Jim*

**Regrets:**

- ◆ *Thornewell, Tania*
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**Order of Business:**

1. *S.A.C. Committee* – Dianna Dudzik was welcomed back as a member of the Glynn A. Green S.A.C. Committee. With Dianna’s return, there still exists a vacancy for three seats on the S.A.C.
2. *Fun Fair 2012* –A tentative day of May 25<sup>th</sup> has been put forward for this year’s Fun Fair. A note will be going out with students in the New Year asking for persons interested in joining the Fun Fair Committee.
3. *Greening Update* – \$2577 remains in the “Green Committee” bank account. It was suggested that this money be used to beautify the school’s ‘time capsule’, the garden surrounding the time capsule and greening the south entrance to the school, nearest the primary wing. It was suggested that perhaps the time capsule could be covered with mosaic tiles to enhance its aesthetic appeal. This idea will be revisited in the spring when the weather permits the tiling to be done.
4. *Glynn A. Green Spirit Wear* – The school’s first order of Glynn A. Green ‘Spirit Wear’ through the DSBN/Front Row Marketing website link was well received. A total of 27 orders were placed by Glynn A. Green families. S.A.C. Committee member, Paul Insalaco, forwarded a motion to donate any proceeds from the sales of clothing to this year’s grade 8 graduating class for any initiatives they might be working on (i.e. grad party expenses, end of school trip/party...). His motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Some grade 8’s have expressed an interest in having ‘Glynn A Green Grad’ hoodies manufactured and made available to any graduating student who wishes to purchase one. An informal poll was conducted by some of the students and 80% of the respondents said they would be willing to purchase these hoodies. This item will be revisited at a later date to see if there really is an interest in the hoodies.
5. *Parking Lot Issue* – The safety of students in the school’s parking lot was brought up once again by a concerned parent. This parent had proposed arranging a group of parent volunteers who would aid in ‘policing’ the parking lot to ensure that student’s make it safely into the schoolyard. It was suggested that perhaps the school could inquire about the possibility of a ‘kiss & ride’ area along the south side of Port Robinson Road. This would require the use of Town of Pelham land, possible grading and paving /gravelling of the land and a new opening in the school’s fencing. Sandy Giancarlo will approach the DSBN’s Properties Department to see what DSBN’s relationship is with the Town of Pelham to see if some deal could be worked out between the school and the town to make this ‘kiss & ride’ a reality. This discussion will be revisited at a later meeting.

***Principal's Report:***

1. *Celebration Assembly* – December 9. The school has been promoting ‘random acts of kindness’ day. Children will be handed out stickers by teachers for any random acts of kindness that they perform and that are witnessed. The children who earn the most stickers will be acknowledged at the assembly for their acts.
2. *‘Kids Helping Kids’* – ‘Kinds Helping Kids’ is a group of children in the junior and intermediate grades who, along with teachers, decide what charities the school will do fundraising for. This year, the group has decided to hold 3 events: a hat, mitten and scarf tree to be donated to needy children in our local community; helping out with the Pelham Cares Food Drive; and “Gifts of Hope” and organization that helps third world countries have access to clean drinking water, immunizations and purchases of farm animals.
3. *Glynn A. Green Choir* – The school’s choir will be singing Christmas carols outside of Keith’s Restaurant on December 2.
4. *Glynn A. Green Day @ Mossimo’s* – December 6. The profits raised from Glynn A. Green families eating at Mossimo’s on this evening will go to the school student government to offset the costs of the grade 7 & 8 semi-formal.
5. *Book Fair* – December 7. Families & students are encouraged to purchase books at the Fun Fair in support of the school’s library.
6. *Grade 7 & 8 Semi-Formal* – December 15. The school’s student government is hosting an “evening” Semi-Formal from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The theme is “Winter Wonderland.”
7. *Primary Christmas Concert* – December 19. The Primary Division will be presenting their Christmas Concert at 2:15 pm and 6:30 pm.
8. *Niagara Ice Dogs Visit* – Several members of the Niagara Ice Dogs as well as their coaches visited Glynn A. Green to talk to the students about the importance of staying in school and working hard to do well in academics.
9. *Critical Thinking* – The school’s staff have been helping the students to learn how to ‘think outside the box’ when it comes to approaching problems. The students have been presented with questions/situations that don’t necessarily have a ‘right or wrong’ response and they are encouraged to justify/backup the reasoning behind their answer. An example of this type of critical thinking is the question: Who is the more responsible individual, Little Red Riding Hood or Goldilocks? There is no right or wrong answer to this hypothetical question, but students must be able back up their choice.

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***Next Meeting:*** Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.