

Glynn A Green School Council Meeting –September 26, 2017

In Attendance:

Principal: Pam Voth

Librarian/Teacher: Maureen Chamberlain

SAC Members: Jennifer McGregor, Todd Morgan, Gaëtanne Barton, Mary Jo Palmateer, Julie Milligan, Daryl Breadner, Sheridan Houghten, Stephanie Hicks, Kim Molnar, Cameron McGlynn, Heather Storz, Megan Smith, JoAnn Kinnear



Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Old Business: June 20, 2017 minutes - (Accepted)

Chairs Report – Gaëtanne Barton & Jennifer McGregor

- **Introductions:** everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation with GAG.
- **Parents Matter:** hand-outs on how parents can get involved with their child's school.
- **Paul Davis coming June 5, 2018:**
 - He will discuss social media and internet safety in this digital age with elementary grades in AM and junior and intermediate grades in the afternoon.
 - Parents are encouraged to attend the parent version of the lecture in the evening, and are a MUST for all parents with children who are connected to the internet.....i.e. all parents!

Principals Report – provided by Pam Voth

- Introductions of New Staff –
Mrs. Knevel – Kindergarten until January, Mrs. Cocroft – Kindergarten , Ms. Van Veen – new hire for Grade 7, Ms. Gamm – new hire for Grade 8, Educational Assistant – Wendy Lachance, Youth Counsellor – Jessie Jones, Mr. Mueller – Grade 5 and a new AM Administrative Assistant - TBA
- Enrollment is strong – students – we are always looking to promote our community and keep it viable
- EQAO -
Grade 3 – Reading 100%, Writing 100% and Math 90%
Grade 6 – Reading 89%, Writing 89% and Math 58%
- Climate Survey
Bullying and Exclusion –
Grade 4-6
23% of students felt they were victims of bullying
58% of students felt safe attending school
Grade 7/8
78% of students had a positive sense of belonging
78% of students felt they had positive relationships
26% felt they were victims of bullying
58% felt they were safe attending the school
School Advocacy was 3 out of 10

- Youth Counsellor programs – as well as a focus on increased communication and accountability.
- School Improvement Focus – Math – Computational Fluency, Manipulatives and Calculators, Dreambox, Teaching through Problem Solving and the 100 Minute Math Block
- Celebrations for Students - Awards at Assemblies/Honours Recognition/Merit Awards
- Sports and Clubs and Opportunities for Students - Expectations for student behaviour
- Spirit Wear is on line until October 10th – we will be purchasing a jacket for staff that is subsidized.
- Special Events for the year – Hallowe'en , Remembrance Day, Holiday Concert, Community Reader's Day, Future Aces Conference, Spring Arts Festival, Talent Show, Celebration Assemblies, Book Fair, Movie Night??, Dance-a-thon and Beach Day, Math/Science Olympics (Curriculum Night), Track and Field, Graduation (Kindergarten and Grade 8)
- Trips – Grade 7 Youth University from June 20-22 and Grade 8 to Ottawa from June 11-13
- Kim Yielding from the Communications Department at DSBN will be coming to Glynn A. Green to assist with new branding (painting, logos, etc.) to finish off the renovations – all renovations should be complete prior to Christmas
- Projects for School Council – Playground Repairs, Kindergarten Playground upgrades, Team Uniforms, Upgraded sign, Library books, Scientists in the Classroom, Caribou Math

New Business– Gaëtanne Barton & Jennifer McGregor

- **Fundraising:**
 - A variety of brainstorming ideas went around the table for dedicated fundraising initiatives (e.g. playground renovations). Some examples included movie night in gym with raising money from popcorn sales and candy during the event.
- **PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Conference:**
 - Is on November 1, 2017
 - Jennifer discussed the conference and how beneficial it is to all parents. It covers a variety of topics for difference child age groups, but all the topics are very applicable to parents raising elementary school age kids.

Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Hicks

- \$62, 016.03 is the total balance for the school.
- A thorough breakdown off all categories was given instead of just the "Fun Fair" category as per previous years.
- Pam Voth was very transparent with the financials at GAG including the DSBN budget breakdown showing where all the funds are distributed. The \$40,000 DSBN budget is used up very quickly and there are some shortfalls. Pam will be asking for financial assistance over the year and will report back with some issues that need addressing. Some examples include playground improvements and repairs (currently getting estimate for this)

Next School Council Meeting:

- October 23, 2017 @ 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM