

Glynn A Green School Council Meeting –September 25, 2018

In Attendance:

Principal: Pam Voth

Teacher: Jane Di Pelino

School Council Members: Jennifer McGregor, Todd Morgan, Vanessa Pottinger, Susan McGlynn, Sheridan Houghten, Gaëtanne Barton, Heather Storz, Tara Carl, Jo-Ann Kinnear, Julie Milligan, Stephanie Hicks, Carly Charters, Jennifer Nowicki, Amy Etherington, Bas Goedhart.



Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Old Business: June 19, 2018 minutes - (Accepted)

Welcome: (Jennifer McGregor)

- Jennifer discussed all aspects of School Council and ways to become involved.
- She also discussed future speakers/topics and the PIC Conference – Nov 7/18 @ 4:30-8:15PM

Treasurer's Report – Pam Voth with Stephanie Hicks

- Summary sheet handed out going over the categories and opening balances for the year

Principals Report – provided by Pam Voth

- Introductions of New Staff - Mrs. Di Pelino in Grade 4, Mr. Side in Grade 2/3, Mrs. Cimek Educational Assistant, Mrs. Fairchild in Grade 1/2, Mrs. Furtney in Grade 6, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Counsel in the office – Jenna our Youth Counsellor and Celeste our Social Worker.
- Enrolment is strong – we added a class on September 17th – we continue to look for ways to build our community and make it strong.
- EQAO –
 - Grade 3 – Reading 97% - Writing 93% - Math 93%
 - Grade 6 – Reading 91% - Writing 91% - Math 69% (ONT average 49%, DSBN 61%)
 - All averages for both grades were ABOVE the Ontario average
- School Improvement Focus – Intentional Planning in Math and Literacy – Maker Space – Assessment and Accountability and a focus on Environment
- Spirit Wear – orders will be accepted until Oct 4th
- Focus on student involvement – Intramural sports for all ages – Team sports – Mentorship program – Buddy program – Clubs for students – Snack program – Volunteer jobs for students – I will update the website with new information and timelines.
- PALS for the playground will be added this year – Wendy LaChance will be working with students
- 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)

- Niagara Nutrition Partners – Snack program is well underway with student volunteers and staff support (Jim Cimek) as well as parent volunteers – Breakfast will start after Thanksgiving on Fridays – donations to the program are welcome.
- We have purchased more technology – additional Chromebooks and 16 iPads – we plan to continue to add to our iPad collection throughout the year – also several free Smartboards were installed upstairs
- Lights in the gym are being done – we are also FINALLY receiving the branding that was promised last year – front hallway and stairwell and gym area.
- Fundraising Focus – Rock and Water, Kindergarten playground, Playground repairs, repainting of lines on the tarmac, Caribou Math, front gardens and improving the Outdoor Classroom – adding to our robot collections for coding, etc.
- Supervision for Students – we have more staff on the playground and have more opportunities for students to use the Learning Commons over break times.
- Parent and Community Volunteers are VERY welcome – we are continuing to work on supporting students through extra time with volunteers working on reading, writing and math
- Teachers will be engaged in 2 types of PD – working with our new DSBN Literacy Tool Kit and working in Professional Learning Communities based on Math resources.
- Kindergarten Information Night is scheduled for October 25th at 6:30PM
- Should we consider a School Council Survey this year?
- The Learning Commons has been revitalized and we are looking to spend the remainder of our Scholastic money very soon.
- We are working on planning our major school trips by the middle of October.

New Business– Jennifer McGregor, Gaetanne Barton & Pam Voth

- **Funscript:**
 - Going to start a “Paper” version launched after Thanksgiving and a “Direct” version in January if everything goes well.
 - Funscript said that well organized fundraising often gets approximately \$10,000/yr generated for the school. You can choose whatever gift cards you want.

Rock & Water – Bas Goedhart

- This program helps kids by teaching them to be strong yet flexible with their social skills. It helps kids become aware of their body language and how to channel their emotions through bodily activities. ROCK – being determined and knowing where to go and what to do. WATER – softer activities to help deal with the emotions and learning to become more flexible.
- GAG is the first school in Canada performing the Rock & Water program.

Next School Council Meeting:

- November 13, 2018 @ 6:30PM
- ***Positions of Chair (Co-Chair), Treasurer and Secretary will be selected along with Sub-Committees formed.***

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM