

Glynn A Green School Council Meeting – January 15, 2019

In Attendance:

Principal: Todd Halliday

Vice Principal: Kelly Phillips

Teacher: Jennifer Irwin

DSBN Superintendent – Kelly Pisak

Pelham DSBN School Trustee: Nancy Beamer

School Council Members: Todd Morgan, Gaëtanne Barton, Heather Storz, Jo-Ann Kinnear, Julie Milligan, Stephanie Hicks, Kim Molnar, Jeremy Storz, Kim Whittington, Jennifer Law, Glen Milligan, Susan McGlynn, Jennifer McGregor, Julie Gledhill, Giulia Buraffini, Emily Grant-Rochon



Call to Order: 6:30 PM

DSBN Superintendent of Education – Kelly Pisek

- Kelly informed us that the DSBN made a decision to add a Vice Principal (Kelly Phillips) and administration has never added a VP in the middle of the school year. Senior administrative staff thought it was important with the transition process and the VP position is a permanent position extending into the 2019/2020 school year.
- Climate surveys are coming out for parents and students soon.
- Kelly will continue to be part of the transition process and will check back at future meetings.

Old Business:

- **November 13, 2018 minutes - (Accepted)**
- **Hockey equipment update** – everything is in good shape but other equipment is needed and will be purchased.
- **Nutrition/Fitness breaks update** – everything is going well. The lower playground is still closed for better supervision. Students have age appropriate areas (e.g. soccer, football for intermediates and primary classes have kickball, etc)
- **Kindergarten Playground** – Todd has a meeting with the committee next week to assess the needs.
- **School Branding** - Todd is planning on continuing the process that Pam Voth had in place with the school branding in the halls, staircases, etc. There was a meeting on Nov/18 and is awaiting them completing the project.

Treasurer's Report – Todd Halliday with Stephanie Hicks

- Parent Council Account \$9,903 however the scoreboard costing \$4985 is still coming out of this.
- Total account sitting at \$39,300. Todd made us aware that he will not be giving us the full report every meeting for simplicity, but will make us aware of any individual account as needed. He will also make sure the accounts do not get excessively high which occurred 2 years ago.

Principals Report – provided by Todd Halliday

- Honour Certificates – Continue with grades 1-8? Todd will talk to staff and make a decision based on their impression of the value.

- Graduation medals will continue for grades 7 & 8 for students to earn based on participation, volunteering, etc in school.
- Nutrition and Fitness breaks update

There are several things that we are investigating to improve our breaks.

- Rear Door
 - Buzzer Estimate
 - Door Monitors – looking at creating door monitors.
 - Entrance Procedures – continuing to review entrance procedures to ensure safety and efficient transitions
 - Hall Duty changes – hallways were divided into zones to clearly define supervision duties
 - Yard Zone Changes – closed lower yard
 - Admin on Yard- whenever possible an admin will be on the yard

School Updates

- Scoreboard was purchased and installed
- Term 1 Report Cards
 - January 18 PD Day is for Assessment and Report Card Writing. Report Cards will be submitted the next week for proofreading and sent home on February 8, 2019.
- Teams and Events – There are number of teams that are currently just finishing their season or just beginning their season.
 - Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball on their Championship
 - Holiday Concert Dates were shared
 - December Spirit Days were shared
 - Walk to School Event We had 40 walkers, 98 Bussers and 86 students arrive by car participate in our survey. We will continue to work to raise awareness of the use of Active transport methods.
 - Intramural Ball Hockey – This is the Junior students' season. Primary intramurals will happen later in the year.
 - Robotics Club – the club has begun to meet and learn about and program the robots.
 - Rock and Water Program (Parent Night)
 - Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball season is starting on Jan 21st with playoffs in February.
 - Game On- Starting for Gr 7 Boys on Wednesdays at 10:40 running for 6 weeks and run by Big Brothers and Sisters Program.

- Trips Updates - looking to book a parent night for our Gr. 8 trip. We will be sending more information home as the dates and times are confirmed.
- Awards Discussion
 - Awards of Merit Grades
 - Honour Roll Grades
 - Graduation Date and Events
- Council/Community Feedback
 - Hot Lunches
 - Pizza/Subs/ Lunch Lady
- Presentation Options Input

Seek input on the target audience and the

- Target Audience (P, J, I, Parents) – who is our target audience.
- Topics
 - Anti-bullying
 - Brent and Sarah “Find Your Magic”
 - Gigmasters
 - Youth Speakers
 - Cannabis and E-cigarettes
 - Public Health/Health Nurse/SW
 - On-line Safety
 - My Life Online: Teaching Kids To Be Safe, Smart, & Kind Online

Snack & Breakfast Program – Julie Gledhill

- The Snack program (available Mon/Wed mornings) and the Breakfast program (available Fridays) is going well and has proved to be a valuable needy program for students
- Breakfast is hot or cold and includes 3 food groups with items such as smoothies, cereals, pancakes, cheese, bagels, fruit, etc.
- Some kids are trying foods they have never tried before and there are some kids that come to school without breakfast or snacks.
- GAG requires 10% fundraising from parents and the Niagara Nutrition Partners funds 90% of the program.
- Volunteers are **ALWAYS** needed and welcome and please email Julie if you are able to help at maddj6@hotmail.com

New Business- Gaetanne Barton/Jennifer McGregor

- **Presentation options (parents/students):**
 - We have had invaluable great speakers over the years and there was a discussion of options this year. Todd will look into the DSBN Board and Public Health for any presentations on anti-bullying and vaping/cannabis for parents and students.
 - Other possible lectures include raising competent and confident children/teenagers.
- **Fundraising Totes:**
 - Heather Stortz organized the program last year which raised \$600 selling durable totes with GAG receiving \$10 for every tote sold. It was opted to continue the program again this year.

Next School Council Meeting:

- February 26, 2019 @ 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM