

Glynn A Green School Council Meeting – May 21, 2019

In Attendance:

Principal: Todd Halliday

Vice Principal: Kelly Phillips

School Trustee: Nancy Beamer

PIC Chair: Lisa Mooney

School Council Members: Todd Morgan, Gaëtanne Barton, Jo-Ann Kinnear, Stephanie Hicks, Susan McGlynn, Jennifer McGregor, Megan Smith, Sheridan Houghten, Julie Milligan



Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Presentation: Lisa Mooney

- Lisa gave an informative detailed presentation on the “Role of School Councils” and how to make it as successful as possible.
- Parents who are involved in their child’s education see a significant improvement in their child’s learning capabilities, academic achievements and overall mental health.
- DSBN requires all schools to have a School Council.
- Keys to a successful School Council include having a clear consistent decision making process (e.g. following Robert’s Rules) and having a primary focus on student learning and the best interests of ALL students
- Example of a School Council outline for the year:
 - Sept. – Elections, EQAO results, goals for the year
 - Oct/Nov – School improvement plans and how School Council can help
 - Jan/Feb – Policies under review (e.g. Code of Conduct) with DSBN
 - Mar/April – Recruitment strategies, review by-laws, possible grants available
 - May/June – Wrap-up, fundraising achievements, purchase commitments, assessment of School Council and finances.
- Policies requiring consultation with School Council:
 - Initiatives to improve student achievements.
 - Accountability of the system to parents.
 - School code of conduct and dress code
 - Others policies may include: special events, field trips, safe arrival to school, use of volunteers, homework policies, etc.
- Subcommittees are also important to improve parent involvement (e.g. fundraising initiatives, grad committee, etc) since some parents do not want to be involved in the legislation part of School Council.

School Trustee Presentation – Nancy Beamer

- Nancy discussed her role as Trustee and working with the other 11 School Trustee’s in Niagara. Most of their meetings involve working on policies. They do NOT work with the operational aspects of the school.
- The main role of the Trustee is to listen to the community and represent EVERYONE in the community to be their voice and not just the voice of the school community. They also are responsible with hiring of the Senior Administration.
- Contact information:
 - Phone: 905-892-5280, Email: nancy.beamer@dsbn.org

Minutes – approved April 9, 2019 minutes

Fun Fair Committee:

- Everything is on schedule
- 22 high school volunteers will be on hand to help along with other volunteers and GAG staff
- Silent auction will be closing at 7:30 PM rather than 8:00 PM in the past for easier administration.

Treasurer's Report – Todd Halliday with Stephanie Hicks

- Parent Council Account \$6,000 and scoreboard has been paid in full.
- Todd is still waiting for the DSBN school allocation of funds for technology purchases.
- Gaëtanne asked Todd to get a “wish list” ready for the next meeting from the teachers

Principals Report – provided by Todd Halliday

- Todd showed a tentative class numbers breakdown and logistics for the 2018/19 school year which will likely change based on any future enrolment changes.
- Significant staff changes are going to occur for next year for a variety of reasons and the hiring process of teachers is well underway at this time. Hopefully final decisions are made by end of June.
- Todd also showed the NEW DSBN Elementary Parent Handbook that they have been working on regarding policies and code of conducts. This is different than the GAG school rules policies but he wanted to focus on similar philosophies in keeping a positive school environment and an inclusive school culture.

provided by Todd Halliday:

- Staffing has started. We are projected at 390 students for September 2019. We will have 17 classes (same as this year)
- As I work through the staffing process many of those things will likely happen. I am not in a position to share the reasons behind changes, without staff permission. I want to encourage you, as school council and community members not to spend time speculating or gossiping about why there are changes. You risk spreading misinformation about staff or defeat the purpose of a board initiated move where we are giving someone a new opportunity and a fresh start. Parents and guardians with questions or concerns are always welcome to call me directly and I will share what I can.
- Sports and Clubs
 - Eco-Club is participating in the Plastic Bag Challenge from April 11th-25th. We collected a large amount of plastic bags for recycling and reuse. We also participated in the Pelham Pitch-in campaign.
 - Bag2School – We collected a large number of bags of clothing and used textiles (98Kg). Raised \$19
 - Dance Team went to Dance Showcase and performed very well.
 - Track and Field – Used our rain-date. One of the smoothest Track and Field days I have participated in. Having it on site is a gift. Sixty-one athletes qualified for the Regional Meet. We did very well at the regional meet and have a number of students qualified for the DSBN meet. Relay teams did very well qualifying 4 teams with 3 waiting to see as they qualify as a next best finisher.
 - Softball is starting the weather has been an issue.
 - STEAM Night

- Trips Updates -

Grade	Destination	Date
K	Niagara Falls Children's Museum	June 6
1	Safari Niagara	June 14
2	Safari Niagara	
3	Clifton Hill Trip	June 19
4	Clifton Hill Day Trip	June 20th
5	Clifton Hill Day Trip	
6	Clifton Hill Day Trip	
7	Brock Youth University	May 29
8	Camp Olympia	June 10-12

- Graduation Date and Events – June 25, 2019 @ Meridian Community Centre
- Rock and Water Feedback

Next School Council Meeting:

- Tuesday June 18th @ 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM