

Minutes

Glebe School Council 11th December, 2017

Present: Steven Massey, Sian Fitzgerald, Bethany Sutton, Georgia Condran, Dustin Truman, Ryan Cunningham, Christy Griffin, Gerry Nera, Heather Morse, Reaz Zaman.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda: December agenda was approved.

3. Approval of November Minutes: Minutes were approved.

4. Reports & Presentations

a. Student Council Report - Georgia Condran

- Georgia introduced two new Vice-Co-Presidents, Dustin Truman and Ryan Cunningham. Dustin and Ryan will commence their positions in February, 2018. Georgia, Dustin, and Ryan, represented student council at meeting.
- Georgia indicated that student council positions run from January to January with new members commencing their positions in February of each year.
- Dustin reported on the Casino Night to be held on December 15, 2017 and indicated that all monies

raised from the event would be provided to the Ottawa Food Bank.

- Ryan spoke of the student council initiative to assemble Christmas baskets for students at Cambridge School. Student council would pool their own money to buy gifts for the baskets.
- Georgia provided information on the events that would take place during the 3rd annual Mental Health Week to be held from February 12-15, 2018. On February 12, 2018, there would be an assembly reminding the students of the various resources available within the school. On February 13, 2018, there would be various workshops held by Y.S.B., Youth Net, O.C.D.S.B. Public Health Nurse, among others. On February 14, 2018, there will be a pancake breakfast for students with a focus on self-love and self-image. On February 15, 2018, there will be a resource fair held by ten community members. Georgia reiterated that the main goal of the week is provide open discussion for students and to promote positive mental health wellness. Georgia confirmed that the Parent/Staff night will be held on February 7, 2018 with speakers from P.L.E.O. (Parent Lifeline of Eastern Ontario) and the O.C.D.S.B. Public Health Nurse, to name a few. The

focus of the evening is to provide parents and staff with information on mental health issues and to open communication on the issue of drugs, addiction and the stigma surrounding same.

b. Principal's Report - Steve Massey

- Principal Massey opened by thanking Student Council for organizing activities with a view to learning opportunities for all students. He also congratulated Dustin and Ryan on their "first gig" being the Grade 8 Parent Night. Principal Massey indicated that Minister Monsef raised awareness regarding gender based violence for students and staff to reflect on.
- Principal Massey touched on Music Night indicating that there were approximately 800 people who attended and confirmed that the second music night would be held in May, 2018.
- Principal Massey spoke about the drug awareness campaign to be held on December 14, 2017, with various guest speakers to be organized by Youth Ottawa. Principal Massey high-lighted some of the speakers and provided the following information:

i) Kimberley David, Public Health Nurse. Ms. David spoke on the topic of opioids and the dangers thereof. Of particular note by Principal Massey was the availability of a Naloxone kit (available free of charge at Ottawa Public Health and local pharmacies) which aids in counteracting the unknown ingestion of opioids found in street drugs.

ii) Another speaker spoke on consent and substance usage.

- iii) Martha Sulley from Rideauwood covered addiction services and how to get help.
- Principal Massey indicated that he is looking forward to receiving feedback about this campaign especially from the students.
- Principal Massey then moved on to the topic of the exam period which will run from January 25 to 31, 2018. He elaborated on the assessment and evaluation process and referred to the book, "Growing Success" which sets out the provincial framework for grading.
- Principal Massey closed with some information regarding Semester 2. He indicated that Semester 2 will commence for all students on February 1, 2018. E.Q.A.O. for Grade 9 mathematics students (for Grade 9 students who had math in Semester 1)

will be held on February 17 and 18, 2018 and the results of same will be used towards the students' final evaluation. He indicated that E.Q.A.O. for Grade 9 second semester math students will take place over 2 days in June, 2018.

c. Vice-Principal's Report

- Principal Massey reported on behalf of V-P Barnabe as she was unable to attend the meeting. The main topic covered was program pathways for all students. Principal Massey indicated that there was a meeting with department heads with respect to time tables and the development of pathway choices for all learners from Grade 9 through to Grade 12 (whether for work, college, university in the case of Grade 12 students). Sian queried as to when/how parents would be informed as to what point in high school students have to focus on courses depending on stream they want to follow post-secondary. Principal Massey indicated that parent evenings would be offered prior to students entering Grade 11 with a view to informing them of the choices available to students.

- Principal Massey spoke of the most recent P.D. Day wherein teachers/staff received training on Google Read & Write which is available to all students through their O.C.D.S.B. access accounts. He praised this technology as yet another tool to leverage learning and provided a short demonstration.

d. Teacher's Report

- Heather Morse opened with a "thumbs up" on the use of Google Read & Write and in particular, the dictation feature available.
- Ms. Morse fielded an inquiry about cell phone use in the classroom and questioned whether or not this topic was a fight worth fighting. This sparked much debate on the issue. Principal Massey felt that cell phones are a good piece of assisted technology which can be used by students to accelerate learning but that students need to recognize how and when to use this technology appropriately. Ms. Morse echoed Principal Massey's position and felt that self-regulation by each student is key. Bethany suggested that perhaps a graduated use "schedule" could be put into place in the school, for example: Grade 9

students put their phone in a basket in the classroom; Grade 10 & 11 students are without their phones for period 1; by Grade 12 students should be able to show self-regulation. Ms. Morse suggested that a Parent Night could be held to further discussions on the topic. In closing, Principal Massey shared his view that technology has its place and that students have to regulate and use this technology appropriately.

5. School Council Committee Reports

a. Fundraising

- No fundraising representatives were in attendance. Sian received notes from Jennifer Drew regarding a recent meeting held by the fundraising committee. On behalf of the fundraising committee, Sian reported that:
 - a) the committee would like to have 2 separate "directional" meetings: one with the past fundraising chair and, a second with Principal Massey and the school administration; and,
 - b) the committee has come up with 3 or 4 ideas towards the planning of the 100th anniversary but are continuing their investigations.

b. Special Events

- Lisa Greaves was unable to attend the meeting. Christy Griffin reported on Lisa's behalf simply to say that the committee was looking forward to the staff luncheon to take place on December 12, 2017.

c. Executive Reports

- Sian reported that she will have to postpone follow-up discussions regarding the process of electing officers to Parent Council (how to ensure overlap for outgoing and incoming officers) as her research is not yet complete.
- Sian raised the outstanding issue for the need of a volunteer to take over the auditorium seat plaques. Thanks to co-treasurers, Reaz and TBC for taking on this role.

i. Treasurer:

- Reaz confirmed that the O.C.D.S.B. grant of \$500.00 and the PRO grant of \$1,000.00 have been received.
- The sale of the remaining Glebe scarves was once again raised. A suggestion was put forth to look to reducing the price of the scarves down

from \$40.00 each. Principal Massey indicated that from a marketing and revenue generating perspective, this may not be a feasible option as the cost recovery per scarf is \$30.00, leaving a \$10.00 profit. The issue was left to be further discussed at the next council meeting.

i. Communications:

- Christy advised that our Council website will proceed with the school board but that she is waiting as the school board is not yet ready for Glebe to join. She also advised that a tab has been created on the Glebe CI website, for Council. Email addresses have also been created with the following as a general email address: Glebeparentcouncil@gmail.com.
- Christy further advised that the parent e-mail list is in transition to her from Richard Deadman as he is no longer involved in the Glebe website and has no need to maintain the addresses. Christy noted that there are currently about 450 e-mail addresses out of a possible 1,500 and queried whether this list should be moved to mail chimp with scheduled releases twice a week (ie. Mondays and Thursdays).

- Christy advised that she was meeting the multicultural liaison officer, on Thursday, December 14, 2017, to discuss reaching out to Glebe families where language is a barrier.

iii. OCASC & Secondary School:

OCASC

- Gerry Nera advised council that a use has been found for 2 years worth of PRO grant (which could not be returned) and that it would be applied toward individual learning plans.

Secondary School

- Gerry advised that there is desperation among schools to obtain help for students to deal with mental health issues (1 school had 3 suicides; another school with 1 suicide; 1 school with 4 opioid deaths). Gerry suggested that Glebe link crew leaders attend at schools in need to give presentations to the students on where and how to seek help with depression/mental health issues, and has spoken with Georgia regarding same. They are looking into the logistics.

6. Other Business: Bethany Sutton

- Bethany brought up the topic of sexual assault issues and the fact that the incident rates sky rocket in the post-secondary years. She mentioned that a number of parents have approached her on the subject and she has been working with the administration on this issue.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

2017-2018 Parent Council Meeting Dates:

September 11, 2017

October 16, 2017

November 13, 2017

December 11, 2017

January 15, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 19, 2018

April 16, 2018

May 14, 2018

June 11, 2018