

# **Glebe School Council**

## **13 February 2017**

**Present:** Carol Malatesta (Chair), Steven Massey, Richard Deadman, Caroline Coady, Anders Nordstrom, Samantha Elapata, Nancy Gardiner, Kerry Anderson, Bethany Sutton, Farah Samer, Tracy Shapiro, Jing Zhang, Sharon Chartier. Students: Ashley, Bernadette, Georgia, Hailey, Alexander.

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda:** February agenda was approved with minor modifications to accommodate participant schedules.

**3. Approval of January meeting minutes:** January minutes approved with following minor wording change: robotics club is just an in and out transaction so office to remove from School Council budget.

### **4. Reports & Presentations**

- **Student Council report: Georgia Condran**

- **Student Council and Glebe Mental Wellness Committee present Mental Health Week (Feb 13 - 16):** Parent Night Feb 8 well attended (about 50 people). Presenters from PLEO (Parents Lifeline of Eastern Ontario) and YSB (Youth Services Bureau). Assembly on Monday with a presenter from Rideauwood about addictions and another from CHEO YouthNet, resource fair rest of week.
- **New Student Council Co-President** introduced herself, term is from Jan to Jan which allows for smooth transition. Key areas for leadership include student outreach, school spirit, and school development. Re-instating monthly assemblies that include school clubs providing updates and a different speaker/different topic each month.
- **First meeting with new Co-Presidents** Carson Weiler and Georgia Condran today.
- **RBC 150:** RBC contributes \$150 to schools in honour of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> to make a mark in the community. Plan to use it for packages with stress balls and other stress relief materials.
- **Link Crew:** officially completed for this year. Need new leaders for next year, applications in the office and Rm 222, return completed forms to Rm 222.
- **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:** Thurs 16 Feb to thank them for their support.
- **CHEO Drive:** Corporate sponsorship of over \$200 achieved, Sophie Gregoire Trudeau trying to attend or will send a video.
- **Link Crew Banquet:** Mar 2 in cafeteria

- **2017 Prom Presentation: Ashley and Bernadette.** Fundraising Committee has met with Prom Committee and offered several suggestions: recommend getting message out to parents and community about taking Prom back to make it more accessible and more affordable, coffee houses at local spots, joint “Anything on Wheels” sale with Hopewell, hockey game, Walmart program Flip Give, approach local businesses to donate % of a day’s profits etc. Next steps: visit to prom site, communications re: Prom, budget firming up.
  
- **Principal’s Report.—Steve Massey**
  - a. **Leaded glass discussion:** School Council to facilitate the formation of a committee to explore options for preserving glass panels from the Auditorium including the principal, students, Glebe Community Association, Glebe Community Centre, and School Council.
  - b. **Review of School website:** major methods of school communication reviewed e.g website, Twitter.
  - c. **Cross boundary policy:** 1458 GCI capacity. Students living in catchment area have right to come to this school irrespective of capacity numbers. Feb 6 – 21 applications for cross boundary transfers are being accepted for students outside catchment area. 60 – 90 x boundary transfers in past years. This year, school over school utilization so capacity for x boundary is zero. Applications still being invited and will be evaluated based on established criteria. There is an appeal process to allow parents to appeal at Board and if still an issue at the Trustee level. Second week of March when decisions announced including zero capacity.
  - d. **Meet the Teacher:** not being held for second semester. Historically lower parent attendance in second semester makes voluntary teacher time commitment difficult. Parents are encouraged to look for ways to strengthen relationship with teachers. Several parents voiced concern with cancelling Meet the Teacher.
  - e. Planning “**Pathways**” **parent evening** in April. Paula Leitch-Blais to attend March School Council to discuss plans for the Pathways evening. A second request for information to parents about university choices and application has been made. Need to balance student’s right to decide their future and parents’ desire to be involved in decision. Further discussion on both requests at March School Council meeting.

c) **Vice-Principal's Report** (Tracy Shapiro)

- a. Report cards out last Friday
- b. Grade assemblies Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to review career cruising and next year course selections. Due by Mar 3. Even gr 12s must make a selection: work, college, university, other. Using same passwords as last year. Guidance counsellors to schedule labs at lunch hours and some classes for grade 9s to assist with career cruising.
- c. New courses added this year will be maintained for next year.
- d. Auditorium seat plaques reminder sent out this week.
- e. Discussion about course offerings and student requirements.

**5. School Council Committee Reports**

- **Fundraising:** Fundraising committee provided requested info to Treasurer re: scarves. Gin and Jazz funds to go to learning commons but scarves revenue has not been assigned. Will follow up with Walmart. Starting planning for next Fall's event.
- **Treasurer:** Scarf revenue to be broken out. What are we fundraising for? Agenda item for next meeting. \$500 grant from School Board - where is it?
- **OCASC/Secondary School Council:**
  - PD Day tied to May long weekend this year and to Easter next year
  - Secondary School Committee: follow up on discussion about parents paying extra for school activities. There are guidelines which will be shared. Canvassed about school fundraising practices. Discussion about using alumni to fundraise. No major issues being raised.

**6. Other Business**

- Nothing raised

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.