

Glebe School Council 14th November, 2016

Present: Carol Malatesta (Chair), Samantha Elapata, Steven Massey, Alexander Hermosa, Caroline Coady, Anders Nordstrom, Jing Zhang, Tracy Shapiro, Richard Deadman, Fara Samer, Hasmig Adjelean, Bethany Sutton, Bruce Mclaurin, Lynn Pacarynuk, Heather Morse, Dee Barnabe, Sandra,

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda: November agenda was approved

3. Approval of October meeting minutes: October minutes approved

4. Reports & Presentations

a. Student Council report: Alex Hermosa

- Casino Night- 9th Dec 5.30-8.30 pm Cafeteria. There will be no exchange of cash/money, only raffle tickets. All proceeds to go to the food bank. They are trying to get sponsors for food etc.
- Glebe 2nd annual Mental Health week Feb 13th -16th. Like to make it a yearly event. Project proposal was available for viewing. Alex explained the daily events. It focuses on LGBTQ, addictions, healthy relationships and others. Collaborating with Royal Ottawa Hospital. He would like Parents involved the week prior. They will present to parents in a condensed form. Is the council interested? He will bring in more info at the next meeting.
- CHEO Drive Fund Raiser. They raised about \$19,000 last year and around 270 students participated. There is \$130 left over from last year. Usual expenses are \$50 for Buttons, \$ 75 poster printing, \$50 for prizes, \$300 BBQ etc.
Request to School Council to donate \$475 this year. Approved in principle, but Treasurer needed to check accounts before agreeing.

b. Principal's Report.—Steve Massey

- District level Parents conference—Nov 19th 8.30 am to 1 pm Longfields-Davidson Heights SS, 149 Berrigan Drive, register on line. The Keynote Speaker will be OCDSB Director of Education, Dr. Jennifer Adams.
- Heat—once again the subject of heat was raised, hopefully it will settle in the winter months
- Deputy Minister of Justice Bill Pentney visited Glebe for Grade 11 and 12 law class students. The students kept the minister “on his feet” asking questions on treaty rights, legislation of substances and changes in law etc.
- Remembrance Day Nov 11th was well received. Student ambassadors pulled together a very impactful event with slide shows, an incredible skit, ‘amazing grace’ sung by the student choir and kept 750 students enthralled the whole time.

- Captain Ross Gouseinov spoke about being a soldier in the modern and global world and the proud tradition our Canadian armed services still follow today.
 - Sports: Great success - Cross country girls tied. Jnr boys 4th and Jnr girls 3rd. Many got individual accolades. City Championships—boys Volley Ball finals and Senior Girls BB on Tuesday the 15th.
 - **Upcoming Events**
 - Dec 1st ---Music Night
 - Dec 8th -Grade 8 info evening. Showcase of various clubs etc.
 - Nov 18th ---Professional learning Day for staff. An annual learning plan guided by Board direction with the latest research on brain development. Looking at numeracy, Students wellbeing (Are they resilient? Digitally moving forward, What are their skills and behaviours and needs and are they being met?)
- c. Vice- Principals report—Tracy Shapiro**
- Mid Term report cards Thursday-17th.
 - 21st Nov—2nd photo retake day. Last day for Student ID. Original was in Sept and Oct. Afternoon 12.30 -2 pm.
 - Grad Photo—Last week Nov/first week Dec. Students need to sign up.
- d. Teachers Report—Heather**
- Thanks to Gin n Jazz fund raiser. Heard it was amazing.
- e. Math discussion: Bruce McLaurin & Lynn Pacarynuk (Math leaders)** and are sought after by other schools and across the country too. This is to prepare students for a changing world.
- Parents to be informed of the students Ontario Math curriculum
 - Math Games were played for the staff PD Day to think of numeracy.
 - A math game was played at the council too to elaborate on what exactly numeracy is.
 - Parents asked questions/information, experiences of their kids on math issues etc.
 - Lunch time hours are available for students to get help from certain teachers.
 - Parents were informed of the Spiralling method of teaching & learning instead of the traditional block style.
 - Parents were informed that they do have many dialogues with University professors to bridge gaps if any as some still teach in a traditional manner. They also mentioned that if the spiralling method did not reach a particular student, then they must look into this and to please come forward and meet them.
 - All in all it was very well received and everyone agreed to perhaps have a parent Information evening on this.

5. School Council Committee Reports

a. Fund Raising—Caroline Coady

- Scarf--Shauna Guilfoyle started the scarf initiative. \$40 each or 2 for \$70. Profit would be \$10 per scarf
 - Ski & Skate Sale—Was held on the 13th of November. 2nd joint sale with Hopewell. Raised about \$500
 - Anything on Wheels Fundraiser---Would like to do another joint venture with Hopewell in the spring (Cycles, Skate boards etc)
 - Prom Committee—Caroline suggested that the prom committee help with the ski and skate sale to get proceeds.
 - Gin n Jazz---Created a movement for the following years leading up to the grand finale. It was a great event with a lot of fun. Originally it was planned as a bigger event and was not promoted enough. Post mortem will be done for next year. Tickets were \$25 and included a drink as opposed to the Tour and Taste where the ticket was \$30 and no drink. About \$ 3000 was made.
 - Caroline thanked Steve and his staff, drama and Arts dept who were phenomenal, maintenance staff, student who did the coat check, kitchen staff, all the parent volunteers, organising committee and to Megan Doyle for spear heading it.
- b. Special Events**---Shauna Guilfoyle absent
- Staff appreciation lunch on Dec 8th.
 - Caroline mentioned that cold drinks were needed and a few more main dishes and salads too.
 - Committee had not received the signup sheet yet and it was decided to send it out to the school list as well.
- c. Executive Reports**
- **Communication** –Richard. There was nothing to be discussed.
 - **Treasurer**—Anders Nordstrom
 - \$3,200 from Gin n Jazz.
 - Agreed to give \$475 to Student council for the CHEO Drive
 - Chimp money cheque- Caroline explained it was from the GIF (Glebe Institute Fund) from the Tour and Taste event.
 - Carol suggested a budget forecast be done at the end of the year for the new team.
 - **Secondary School Rep:** Volunteer needed urgently to take over this position. This involved boundary changes, gifted kids program etc. To send out an e mail through the volunteer list.
- 6. Other Business**
- Carol mentioned that there was a blip in the cereal snack program. Marta Farsang to check.
 - Seat Plaque form: Hasmig Adjeleian. Copies of this to go out with the term reports. Tracy and Steve to see to the printing and hand them over to the relevant teachers.

- Gift card: Farah Samet informed the committee the process of this fund raiser. The council suggested that the Fundraising committee look into this maybe as a smaller project for next year as there isn't much time.
- Parent asked if Glebe has its own school dance. It was mentioned that there used to be one, but there has been a movement to smaller events like casino night movie night etc.

7. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9.15 pm.