



## **GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

### **February 27, 2018 6:15 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance:**

Dale McIntosh, Myfanwy Marshall, Penny Pantazopoulos, Jessica Rosebush, Natalie Dennis, Kim MacFarlane,

Staff: Dan Taylor, Adam Smith, Jessica Halton, Debbie Stockton

Motion to pass January Minutes: Moved: Kim Seconded: Penny Approved

#### **Principal's Update with Dan Taylor**

- Staff members participate on committees (1 of 3 – equity, well being, achievement themed) with focus on improving school for the kids. Each committee leads 2 staff meetings a year in which the specific committee initiatives are raised
  - Well being Committee – Youth wellness network. Students have ongoing initiatives (grade 3-6 students participate)
  - Achievement Committee – literacy focus (materials for primary grades). Numeracy focus earlier in the year.
  - Equity Committee – focus on examining biases – both conscious and unconscious
- Facilities
  - Stanley Apusiobi – new head caretaker.
  - New storage for kindergarten in north playground will be installed in March
- Sports – look at the community calendar for house league schedule
- Junior age teams: Badminton, girls and boys slow pitch, ultimate Frisbee and track and field.
- Music - Two concerts – April 24 (kindergarten) & April 25 (grades 1 to 6)



- Technology – Grade 1 – 6 staff recently met during the day to discuss innovative practices at Givins/Shaw and share examples of what has been happening in our school
- Superintendent, Mike Gallagher, will be visiting our school on March 1 and will be touring the school to see some examples of some of the different approaches we are using in our classrooms
- EQAO – coming in late May or early June (for Grades 3 and 6). An information night will be held after March Break for those interested and information will go to parents in late March or early April. All students are being exposed to rich, EQAO-style questions this year, as a means of strengthening the preparation for our students in all grades.

#### **Grade Configuration/Space Update:**

- We had one meeting on Dec. 11/17 to discuss the process through which an informed decision regarding the grade configuration (Should we be K – 5 or K – 6) for Givins/Shaw will be made
- Next step of this process will involve Principal Taylor meeting with Superintendent Gallagher, Bill Wallace from the TDSB planning department, and Trustee Malik in order to examine the most current demographic information for our school's catchment area.
- Following that meeting, a broader public meeting will be held and the information will be shared with representatives from the Givins/Shaw community and an appropriate process will be put in place in order to make a decision prior to the end of this school year – we will keep you updated



**School Council asked Principal Taylor to advise how the allocation for Academic Enrichment (in the School Council budget) would be used. Teachers/Principal Taylor were asked at the January meeting to advise at the February meeting.**

**The following was reported and supported by Council:**

**Jessica Halton Program update (approximately \$750)**

Obtaining grant from Cadillac Fairview for artists in the school. Two aboriginal artists coming into the school the weeks April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be asked for recycled goods (empty toilet rolls, paper towel rolls etc)

Council is supporting purchasing some supplies for the art days.

**Adam Smith – Technology Project (approximately \$3800)**

Presented his recommendation to purchase an education package of Dash & Dot robots that could be shared amongst staff as well as utilized for lunch n' learn workshops with groups of children. They also requested to use funds for miscellaneous tech equipment but Dan advised this would come from the technology school budget.

**Kat Montanarro – Debbie Stockton presented on behalf of Kat having two workshops for Auto Rickshaw to come in (music based workshops) (approximately \$800)**

**Debbie Stockton presented a art/musicperformance for whole school (approximately \$800)**

**Kindergarten classes would like to purchasesand and kinder playground equipment (approximately \$300)**

**TTC tokens (approximately \$900) removed**

We discussed the use of TTC tokens for parent volunteers who are on field trips. The Council decided that it was not necessary to supply tokens to parent volunteers. If there are any concerns raised about not providing tokens, this issue can be revisited.



Action: double check the costing, including taxes. If the funds allocated fall within what we have budgeted, then the funds will be provided.

### **News:**

Debbie Stockton advised that she has decided to retire from full-time teacher. Congratulations to her.

### **Nutrition Committee**

- Updated spend provided to the Council.
- Request for funding was submitted for next year.
- Web site has been updated.
- Meeting on Friday and focus is on the cookbook and discussing Fun Fair. Aim is to have it out prior to Mother's Day. Funds will be direct to the School Council.

### **Communications Committee**

- Blast will go out in March to include minutes and upcoming spring dates and information.

### **GS Clothing**

- Form will be coming out to Givins Shaw clothes – wide variety of items (sweats, sweatshirts, hats etc)
- Forms will come out after March break, but can be done ONLINE!

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Cookbook fundraiser is coming in May**
- **Guest Speaker/Parent Workshop** – Still confirming the second speaker who will be scheduled for the spring
- **Movie Night** – March 28<sup>th</sup>. Movie to be announced!
- **Parent Social – Cadillac Lounge. April 12<sup>th</sup>!** Contact Chad if you are interested in getting involved
- **Eco Hop Dance-a-thon** – potential April 20 (close to earth day)
- **Yard Clean Up** – potential April 21



- **Fun Fair – May 26<sup>th</sup>!!!**
- **Used Book Sale** – Tansa is keen to organize (kids book sale) in June
- **Grade 6 Grad** – date will be set in the next few weeks

## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**TBD**

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