

School Council Meeting #4 January 12, 2017

Attendees: Rebecca Toth, Vivian Rosstuscher, Lorna Fotiadou, Michael Candeloro, Pauline Dolovich, Erick Martinez, Heather Shaw, Myfanwy Marshall, Dale McIntosh.

Faculty – Ms Stockton, Mr. Taylor

Minutes of November 22nd, 2016- moved by Michael and seconded by Myfanwy Marshall.
Passed.

Principal Taylor's Update

Mr. Taylor spoke about recent school events:

first recognition assembly held just before the winter break. Recognized classrooms.

Established "Bulldog paws" - teachers can recognize individual students and post them. Tentative name for this wall is the "Givins/Shaw Pawsitive Wall".

Another recognition assembly prior to the March Break.

Mr. Taylor also went over the guests who had visited in the first term.

Right to Play coordinator for Ghana; our Member of Parliament; our Trustee, 15 educators from Denmark; our Superintendent, and the Director of the TDSB.

Upcoming - a Student Achievement Officer from the Ministry of Education will come to do some professional development with our staff.

February 21 assembly for grade 3-6 with the Right to Play organization explaining more about the organization and how we will be supporting Right to Play.

Our Arts committee is currently working with parent representatives to coordinate a school arts initiative. More to come on this.

Friday, Jan. 20/17 is a PA day dedicated to assessing and reporting (no school for students).

Report Cards will be going home on February 14 with interviews available on the evening of Feb. 16 and the morning of Feb. 17.

PA Day Feb. 17.

We now have four classes who have the complete set of our school's technology plan up and running. We are looking forward to enhancing the use of technology in our programming and continue to focus on that task. Our Digital Education night for our parents is February 2, 2017 in the library.

Our graduating grade 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to go skiing at Skyloft in Uxbridge on Feb. 3 and Feb. 16.

We also have our visit to Alexander Muir Gladstone for students on the afternoon of January 17 and the information night for parents at AMG is on January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Communications Update

Reminder about school communication

- 1) Mr. Taylor sends out school updates and Principal reports via email, twitter, and the website www.givinsshaw.com - if you are not getting these let the school know
- 2) School Council sends out updates via the Bulldog Bulletin (mass email) and the latest issue (Dec. 22nd) can be found here <http://eepurl.com/cuBJ5b> - if you are not getting these email givinsshawcouncil@gmail.com
- 3) Facebook page is a community page but school news is also shared here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137630036341021/> (Givins/Shaw Community)
- 4) If you are not online and need paper copies of information you need to let the office know so that they can ensure you are informed.

We encourage you to get online and be aware of what is going on in our school.

There have been requests for clothing, so additional order forms will be made available this winter. Details will be on the form.

Sports Committee

Current school sports:

Girls volleyball

Boys basketball

Boys hockey

There is no intramurals planned at this time.

Nutrition Committee

Movie night – We had yet another successful movie night and fundraised roughly \$1600. \$500 of which went to Renten's family.

We will have another movie night in the Spring: date and time to be determined.

Nutrition Education Programming – A meeting with our staff liaison Ms Halton introduced the Rainbow Plate programming. Rainbow Plate is a non-profit educational foundation which brings nutritional education programmes into the school. The nutrition committee budget could accommodate programming if there is interest among the teachers for kindergarten and grade 5/6 classrooms, or pay for the option of a school wide assembly about nutrition. Ms Halton will see if any teachers sign up for these programmes.

Cooking Club - We discussed the Cooking Club idea with Ms Halton and Emily Zimmerman created a 4 week afterschool programme: a working document of 4 very strong workshop ideas and recipes to explore. This cooking club could take place in the last weeks of school. We will have to gauge interest and will get permission from the teachers about using the staff lounge only for the occasional bake off or stove use. The majority of the after school programme would happen outdoors and most recipes are no heat required.

Cook Book – Letters have been sent out to restaurants in the immediate area around the school asking for recipe submissions for the 2017 Givins Shaw Cook Book. Restaurant submissions will be hopefully come in for February 1st. The school wide ask for recipe submissions will hap-

pen this spring and the book will be again printed in time for Mother's Day. This year, with the help of Melissa Armstrong and Barry Martin, we will be using a web-based format for submissions which will help facilitate the layout and publication processes. If you didn't get a recipe in last year, think about getting one in this year!

School –wide lunchtime fundraiser is in discussion. Please stay tuned.

Nutrition Committee newsletter – Our committee is still in discussion of how to maintain the nutrition committee newsletter. Melissa Armstrong has generously purchased a domain name for the newsletter so that we will have a website for the year and we might also have a Facebook page. Talks are still happening, but feedback will be welcomed!

Eco Committee

Used book sale will take place in the third term – confirmed this particular event will be children/teen books

Suggestion to consider an adult used book sale at the Fun Fair

Treasurer's Report

Report is attached.

Technology Committee

On February 2nd Principal Taylor will be hosting an evening for parents on the topic of "Education in the Digital World" featuring guest speakers, teachers and students unpacking Givins-Shaw's school vision, which includes the responsible, collaborative and creative use of technology. The purpose of the evening is to deepen the understanding of digital fluency by exploring examples in your son and/or daughter's classroom, and to see the opportunities that are available for your child and you. We hope you will get on board and support this important initiative. Child care will be provided.

Featuring:

Guest Speakers in the fields of Digital Literacy & Fluency, and Educational Technology integration

Teachers demonstrating how they are using technology to deepen the learning in the classroom

Students demonstrating and explaining how they use technology to enhance their learning

Come and see how you can support the emerging opportunities that are available, through the creative and innovative use of technology, for your child and you!

Fun Fair

Planning is starting. Looking for anyone who wants to get involved, whether to lead or just help on the committee. Particularly looking for someone to lead the SILENT AUCTION and the VOLUNTEERS. We have processes in place now for both which should simplify the tasks. Please contact Dale @ dale.mcintosh@sympatico.ca if you are interested.

SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE

A) Oversee the solicitation, obtaining items, creating bid sheets, set up, operation, cash out, follow up, thank yous

B) Volunteers to take provided list of previous donors and ask them if they would be willing to donate for 2017 Silent Auction (this can be divided up to be approx 10 each), follow up to obtain item (either collect and or ensure it has been delivered)

C) Volunteers to ask communicate with parents in the school to solicit new items, follow up to ensure item is picked up or delivered

VOLUNTEER LEAD Needed:

1. set up volunteer spot with roles and times
2. communicate with parents to sign up

SPONSORSHIP

A) Volunteers to help with gifts in kind and monetary sponsorship

B) Previous sponsors include Hullmark, Reserve and Freeman

*Excellent opportunity for real estate agents, local services etc ... to sponsor and have their name recognized onsite.

Academic Enrichment Committee

This group will be getting together in the near future and will be getting teacher input on events or programs for the school. If you are interested, you can still get involved. Let Rebecca know rrjtoth@gmail.com

Motion to conclude meeting.

GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT
For August 1, 2016 to January 11, 2017

	Inflows	Outflows	Net
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	624	411	213
School clothing sale	7,170	5,309	1,861
Pancake breakfast	1,545	439	1,106
Used winter clothing sale	250		250
Coffee sale	2,192	1,262	930
Toonie sale	2,056	2,056	-
Wine raffle	620	-	620
Holiday party	-	366	- 366
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Total	A 14,456	9,842	4,615
Expenses			
Enrichment - arts, presentations, workshops, performances in school	-	881	(881)
Classroom funds - trips/transportation	-	255	(255)
Sports / recess equipment	-	280	(280)
Technology	-	22,000	(22,000)
Lice squad	255	651	(396)
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, and miscellaneous expenses	-	457	(457)
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Total Expenses	B 255	24,524	(24,270)
TOTALS FOR THE YEAR	A+B 14,711	34,366	(19,655)
Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2016			46,704
Closing Cash Balance January 11, 2017 (Accrual)			27,049
Outstanding cheques at January 11, 2017			391
Cash Balance per bank at January 11, 2017			<u>27,439</u>