

## **School Council November 22, 2016**

**Attendees:** Alison Clarey, Rebecca Toth, Dale McIntosh, Michael Candeloro, Jennifer Canham, Sarah Neville, Vivian Rossteuscher, Jessica Rosebush, David Cappelli, Myfanwy Marshall

**Staff:** Dan Taylor, Debbie Stockton, Margaret Gorham

**Minutes of October Meeting:** approved (Michael motion; second Rebecca)

### **Principal Update**

Our school communication via email, twitter and the website is up and running.

We have dramatically reduced the number of hard copies of items we have sent home -  
- the school has only sent school set hard copies of three items and some other forms for the Council and Nutrition Committee

\* Grad committee met this week which was a number of interested parents and a few teachers to start the conversation about our double cohort graduating class this year. The grade 5 and 6 students will be ending their year with a three day, 2 night stay at the Island school (June 26 - 28) and we are looking to have the graduation ceremony in the afternoon on Friday, June 23 (TBC)

These are still the early stages of organizing the grad but we are thinking of having the ceremony from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on June 23 and have the time from 2:00 - 3:00 available for a social afterwards.

\* Storage issues -- we are investigating the possibility of acquiring an outdoor storage unit for our kindergarten materials -- there will be more information to follow on this.

\* On Nov. 9 we hosted M.P. Adam Vaughan as part of Unicef Canada's "Take your MP to School Day."

\* On Nov. 11 we had one of our parents who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces come and help lead our Remembrance Day assembly.

\* On Nov. 17 we hosted a group of 15 Principals and V.P.'s from Denmark. One of our grade three students presented them with a Tragically Hip cd as a parting gift that has a song called "One Night in Copenhagen." They were very impressed with the school and the community.

\* On December 16 TDSB Director John Malloy and S.O. Mike Gallagher will be visiting in the a.m.

\* Our school's Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball, and Hockey teams are up and running for the winter term

\* Technology update -- due to the support of the School Council we have been able to outfit four classes with the items described in our technology plan. We are already seeing the differences it is making in curriculum implementation and the reaction from the students and staff has been extremely enthusiastic.

We met with Apple Canada rep Don McNamee on Nov. 24 in order to further examine and measure our progress and we are excited about the next phase of implementation.

\* Winter Concert will take place on Dec. 14 starting at 6:00 p.m. and will be for all classes from K - 2 including Ms. Huynh's Grade 2 / 3 class.

The Grade 3 - 6 students will have their concert in the spring at a date to be determined.

### **Communications:**

As noted the website [www.givinsshaw.com](http://www.givinsshaw.com) is kept up to date (including a calendar on the home page if you scroll down), agreed that the emails from Mr. Taylor are working well as is the Bulldog Bulletin as a way for Council to communicate

### **Fundraising:**

Clothing – a great success! Thank you to Shannon and Stephanie for helping. A few re-orders are taking place now and another round of orders will take place in January.

Movie Night - discussion about whether a licence of some kind is needed or not? Jessica to raise with the Nutrition Committee

Coffee Sales - forms went home – due November 30<sup>th</sup> (great holiday gift/hostess gift / client gift)

Toonie Sale - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - Often items for men are in short supply - please donate. Donations are given to local charities historically. West Neighbourhood House was decided by attendees. Jeanie to follow up to coordinate a speaker and a specific program that could benefit from the funds.

### **Upcoming Events**

November 30<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Orders due to school

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Lice check

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Primary Winter Contest 6:00 p.m.

#### **K- 2 (including Ms. Huynh's 2/3 class)**

December 14/15 - Toonie Sale

December 16<sup>th</sup> - wine due to the office for the Wine Raffle (flyer is coming out)

December 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM – Holiday Sing-a-Long and Wine Raffle

**Treasurer's Report**

Fall BBQ raised \$200

School Clothing sale \$1700

Pancake Breakfast \$1100

Waiting on Winter Used Clothing amount

Full Report is attached as Appendix A

**Expenditures**

Performance by Cadence (November 30<sup>th</sup>)

Class trip – bus

New pump for gym

**Nutrition**

MOVIE NIGHT!!! November 25th

**Sports**

Girls Basketball tournament this week

Girls Volleyball and Boys basketball starts in January

Badminton will start in winter

Two soccer teams will be in spring

Hockey in progress

**Eco Committee**

Eco Committee had a recent meeting. They were unavailable for update this meeting but they will be asking school council for support. There are some funds that are remaining that were designated for outdoor space from TDSB/Kindergarten conifers program. This fund may be appropriate for Eco Committee project and will be reviewed when full update is provided.

**Lice Checks**

Had one lice check already (1 done by public health nurses and no cases were found). Some parents have heard of recent cases of lice. Discussion whether a second check was worthwhile prior to Christmas. Voted to have a lice check prior to Christmas. Will ask parents to give \$2 to pay for it, but council will cover the costs if not sufficient funds. It should be noted that in prior years very few parents donated the \$2.

**Academic/Program Enrichment Committee**

Looking for parent input on ideas. Teachers on committee will be looking at opportunities through lens of the curriculum to bring in speakers/presentation/workshops/presenters etc.. for various grades. If interested in giving input on subjects or presentations, please contact Rebecca Toth - [rjtoth@gmail.com](mailto:rjtoth@gmail.com) Shae has already agreed to help with the "Arts".

**Technology Committee**

February Council meeting will be used as a Technology Information evening. Details to come as soon as possible.

As for the next phase of the school's technology plan, Dan Taylor asked for an iPad for every teacher - cost \$12000. This is the recommendation from Dan for the next step. Looking for this to be in place by mid year.

## Canada's 150th

Flagged as something to consider for planning something for next year.

## Appendix A

### GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT For August 1, 2016 to November 22, 2016

	Inflows	Outflows	Net
<b>Events/Fundraising</b>			
Fall BBQ	624	411	213
School clothing sale	7,060	5,309	1,751
Pancake breakfast	1,545	439	1,106
Used winter clothing sale			
<b>Total</b>	<b>A 9,229</b>	<b>6,159</b>	<b>3,070</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
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)
Eco/outdoor space	-	-	-
Music	-	-	-
Library	-	-	-
Graduation	-	-	-
Communication	-	-	-
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, and miscellaneous expenses	-	388	(388)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>B -</b>	<b>23,804</b>	<b>(23,804)</b>
<b>TOTALS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>A+B 9,229</b>	<b>29,963</b>	<b>(20,734)</b>
Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2016			46,704
Closing Cash Balance November 22, 2016 (Accrual)			25,970
Outstanding cheques at November 22, 2016			23,990
Cash Balance per bank at November 22, 2016			<u>49,960</u>