

Parent Council Meeting May 3rd 2016 at 6:15
Givins Shaw Library

Attendees: Jennifer Canham, Dale McIntosh, Suzanne Whalley (acting principal) (staff), Debbie Stockton (staff), Margaret Gorham (staff), Ali Clarey, Anika Juzda, Shannon, Penny Pantazopoulos, Vivian, Pauline, Michael Sims, Michael Candeloro, Cadence Wade, Dana, Graham, Lorna, Steve Arroyave, Myfanwy Marshall

Principal Update

Staffing - no news yet as to when Ms. Persaud will return. Karen Ridley will be replacing Suzanne on May 13th until at least the end of May. She is an experienced retired principal. GS has two vacancies for September. Two new teachers have been assigned to GS for September: Daniel Salereno BeD in 2007. He will be placed into a junior class (4-6), but don't have specifics yet. Other vacancy is a grade 1/2 class. It was posted internally across the TDSB. Should know who is the successful candidate is in the near future. These are two permanent positions.

Question was asked as to when parents will be notified of the next year classroom/teacher plan. It will be dependent on who is the principal the time. Likely room numbers will be given at year end, but teachers are not finalized until during the summer. The teachers spend considerable time and effort to consider a multitude of factors/considerations in determining the placement of each student.

Space Issue at Givins Shaw

There is a meeting scheduled by the TDSB for May 10th. There were notices of the meeting sent home with children, as well TDSB has sent out the notice. In addition, it has been made available on the GS Facebook page. The meeting is to look at potential accommodation solutions such as boundary changes and grade changes involving Givins/Shaw JR PS, Alexander Muir/Gladstone Avenue Jr & Sr PS, and Queen Victoria PS. These boundaries are being examined to cope with current and long-term enrolment pressures at Givins/Shaw Jr PS. The work of looking at numerous options has been done through a review process called a Program Area Review, which has had parent and TDSB representatives look at proposed options. Many options have been considered and the PART group will be proposing a recommended option at the meeting on May 10th which they believe will resolve the pressures of student population growth on the school for the long term. Any such changes would be in effect for September 2017. Please attend if you can.

For September 2016 there is a space challenge which has also been reviewed. TDSB is exploring space issue with 4 kindergartens (instead of 3). They are looking at creating a temporary divider between room 6 and 7. This would create an additional classroom, but would allow both classrooms to have times when they could utilize both rooms (for example if

one class was outside or in the gym, the other class could open the divider). This is one option that is cheaper than a portable and cheaper than having a permanent wall and this seems to make more sense than losing the music room.

Parking

GS has a lease with Artscape to provide up to 20 spots in the parking lot. Both Artscape and GS have been having issues with the parking lot being full. If you are volunteering at the school for the whole day and must drive to the school, you must write down your license plate in the office sign in book. If you do not write your license plate down, your car might be tagged or towed. Walking is always a great way to get to school.

Update on Eco Hop - approx \$2800 was raised. Congratulations to all!

GIVINS SHAW FUN FAIR MAY 28th 11 AM – 4 PM

VOLUNTEER –

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online Sign-up and reminder tool) to organize the upcoming Givins Shaw PS Fun Fair.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/uDZxin>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact hobsonkate@gmail.com and I can sign you up manually. THANKS IN ADVANCE TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO CAN HELP OUT!!!

- Set up and tear down (before and after the fair)
- Games/Prizes
- Silent Auction
(leading up to the Fun Fair (displays, packaging, sorting AND day-of)
- Indoor food sales
- Face painting

BAKING / COOKING – Baked goods (cookies, squares, cupcakes, muffins) and salads (double up the recipe) will be needed so start thinking about some yummy recipes!

SILENT AUCTION – Items are still needed. Please drop them off in the school office and fill out a form (there are a whole pile in there) so that we can identify the item, donor, value etc ... If you have time to help leading up to the event with picking up items or packaging please let Ali know at alisonclarey@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP– The Fun Fair is the School Council’s single biggest fundraising opportunity of the year contributing to the majority of our budget which supports activities such as: morning snack program, eco initiatives, subsidizing the fall BBQ, field trips, Scientists in the Classroom, artist performances, Logics Academy in the Classroom, new Phys.ed equipment, classroom supplies and bringing technology to the school.

We need corporate and personal sponsors to off-set our costs. We have a variety of levels and will have onsite activation of the sponsor’s logo if they wish.

Please email Kate if you have ideas for sponsorship (corporate or personal)
hobsonkate@gmail.com

MARKETING – Please invite your neighbours, friends and family to the best Fun Fair in town! All are welcome. There will be posters available soon in the office for people to take, post and help us spread the word.

Any FUN FAIR questions can be directed to Dale: dale_mcintosh@sympatico.ca