

Givins/Shaw School Council Meeting Agenda
January 12 2016 - 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm
School Library

Welcome

Attendees:

Michael Candeloro, Cadence Wade, Dave Capelli, Jennifer Cannham, Dale McIntosh, Myfanwy Marshall, Penny Pantazopoulos, Heather Shaw, Shae Pirie, Rebecca Toth, Donna Dakium, Pauline Dolovich

*Apologies if someone was missed or if a name is spelled incorrectly

Staff Attended: Nadira Persaud, Debbie Stockton, Martin Franklin, Margaret Gorman

Housekeeping

Meeting minutes are being sent out through the newsletter as the gmail account is not allowing large group emails out. Email givinsshawcouncil@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list if you haven't been receiving the Bulldog Bulletin.

Acceptance of last meeting minutes. Moved by Dale, seconded by Myfanwy. Passed.

Principal's Update — Nadira Persaud

Good news – Communication from Toronto Public Health was sent out in December. The large number of illnesses seems to have been resolved. Thank you to families for helping with this health and safety item.

The school will be looking at booking a pediculosis (lice) check in the future but there have not been many issues lately.

February is Kindergarten Registration month. Nadira will be receiving the projected enrollment in the Spring. This information, and the number of actual registrants, helps give a sense of numbers in K classes in 2016-17 school year. Nadira will be working with other staff to plan a Welcome to Kindergarten event later in the year.

On Thursday January 14th, there will be a Transition Information evening for families of students moving on to grade 7. Nadira is also trying to get one list of all the schools information evenings and will send that out when she gets it.

Thank you to Ms. Grasman for taking the lead on planning this year's ski trip for grades 5 and 6 classes. This is scheduled for February 25th.

Council Communications — Dale McIntosh

The Bulldog Bulletin has been sent out about once a week since December and is going well. It will be the parent council vehicle for communicating dates and upcoming events. The newsletter replaces the parent council emails (gmail can't send group email to more than 10). Teachers are not on the list yet, but current emails are being collected so they will be added.

Web site – Currently we have the GIVINS SHAW TDSB platform which is limiting as it is based on a template. However, we're working on a page that we can link it to that would allow more creativity.

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/givinshaw/Home.aspx>

Grade 5/6 – reminded people to take picture of Grade 5/6 events/outings etc. so that there are pictures for the yearbook. All photos can be emailed to Michelle at michellegaudio@gmail.com

Parent reps are still being utilized in communications.

Treasurer's Report — Michael Candeloro

Since last meeting, fundraising events:

\$833 coffee sales

\$649 cookie dough

Spent \$346 on cookies and the holiday party

Raised about \$4000 this year to date

2015 – 2016 Budget

\$37,450 budget which includes:

- \$9500 nutrition;
- \$3500 music/art/presentations;
- \$1000 eco/outdoor space
- \$7000 classroom funds (14*500/class);
- \$4200 transportation (\$300/classroom)
- \$1000 music & arts
- \$1000 library
- \$2000 athletic fund (gym/sports)
- \$500 graduation;
- lice squad \$750 (but on hold);
- \$5000 on hold for technology; and
- \$2000 for miscellaneous (council meeting, police checks, bank fees etc.)

Gym has request for funds. Council requested that all gym teachers/coaches and Dave C (as chair of athletic committee) discuss the list to ensure that all needs are considered and determine if there are changes or additional things needed and also to advise council what the school budget funds were spent on to ensure TDSB funds are fully exhausted.

Sports Committee — David Cappelli

Update on current teams

- Volleyball girls (tournament Feb 9th – at Donlea).
- Basketball boys (tournament potentially for Feb 8th) – will be here at Givins Shaw.
- Hockey is ongoing (first game was a good effort)
- Track and field –will hold a pre-meeting to plan and organize track & field for the spring. Jennifer will send out a meeting request for parent volunteers.
- Intramurals – grades 1 to 3 indoor soccer (Ms. Grasman will be running it) and plans to start in February (over lunch)

- Spring Teams (April/May) – soccer and Ultimate Frisbee.

Technology Committee – Martin Franklin

\$6000 of the school (TDSB) budget has been allocated for technology. Martin conducted a survey of teachers as to what technology is needed/desired by the teachers. Some items identified included: Data projector, screens, document cameras and ipads. There will be a formal request to school council for funding .

A 10-pack of ipads is approximately \$5000-6000 (16gb - \$5100 and mini ipad - \$4000). Given costs, ipads would be phased in to teachers. Nadira is still considering which division/teachers to start with (junior, primary, etc).

Ipad 101 (training for teachers) is being planned for staff after reports (February 10th). Nadira would like to see some ipads in the school so that teachers can begin to use them.

Action:

- 1) Martin/Georgia Dunne to work with others to update the technology wish list and note what would fall under the school budget and what would be asking of school council
- 2) Martin/Georgia Dunne to work with others to follow up with the Technology Committee (Garth, Vivian, Bretton, Mark) to ensure they are in the loop with the current plan / requests
- 3) Martin/Georgia Dunne to send the motion to be approved to Council (what specifically is being asked of by Council). We can send out an email to the members of Givins Shaw that attended the meeting on January 12th (and were part of the discussion) to vote on the request if necessary. Or, if we are not in a rush, we can vote at our next council meeting on February 24th.
- 4) Nadira, Georgia, and Vivian to discuss Ipad training and invite the committee to attend (this may help with some assessment and future planning/brainstorming)
- 5) Technology Committee to continue their strategic planning so that by the end of June they have a recommendation of what the direction is they would like to take. Then, Council can begin a more “formal” campaign around technology fundraising (that’s the idea)

Nutrition Committee - Penny Pantazopoulos

Provided an update on morning snack – some new editions to the menu which seem well received.

They are still looking at incorporating new food options. Costs are an issue with the increase in costs of groceries.

Looking at eco ideas – working with Eco committee.

Movie night – plans are in the works. Looking at late February/early March, but date to be determined.

Pancake Breakfast - we don't have anyone to run it in February. Looking for someone to volunteer to run it. Will ask for volunteers in the next Bulldog Bulletin. If anyone is interested please email Council.

Arts/Music Committee – Shae Pirie

Parent Band Night will be on May 19th

Shae will be the lead for the event and Jim Creeggan has volunteered to run the music side. At prior events, only GS community people (those who identify as being there for Parent Band Night) pay cover – general public does not pay cover. Committee looking at ways to maximize the fundraising opportunities, including looking at raffles and talking to venue to see if it would agree to give a portion of drink sales to the council.

Arts Alive – won't be held this year. Took 2-3 weeks to organize it and volunteers have declined. Will revisit for next year or open to other ideas.

One more school music performance will be held in the spring. Date will be announced.

Fundraising Committee – Rebecca Toth

Update on classroom funds – Anika and Rebecca communicated with all the teachers about the classroom funds in December. Some classroom requests have been made.

Gym fund request – already covered above.

Fun Fair TENTATIVE DATE MAY 28th.

Anyone who wants to participate on the committee (planning fun fair) please contact Dale dale_mcintosh@sympatico.ca After March break, will start looking for “day of” volunteers. The event needs volunteers in order for it to be successful. Hoping first meeting will be in February.

ACTION: Silent Auction Items – start asking and collecting as it is never too early. Gift certificates, experiences, tickets etc ...

Eco Committee – Donna Daikun

Need some volunteers for eco committee.

Eco Hop – usually happens around Earth Day. If anyone wants to volunteer for the Eco Hop, please contact Donna. dmdiakun@gmail.com Some ideas were discussed to re-energize it including a parent DJ.

Other business

Space/portables

Jennifer met Superintendent Curtis Ennis at the end of the year. He said he would come and meet with us. He said it is very difficult to make a boundary change, but the community size is growing so much that, at some point, TDSB would have to consider this fact. It is up to the parents to lobby the TDSB on this issue.

If you are interested in being part of the committee looking at space/portables and lobbying the TDSB, please send an email to the school council. Jennifer will be scheduling a meeting for those interested in joining this committee.

Syrian family - Exciting News

Our community has raised over \$45,000 (\$5000 more than the goal) and have been tentatively matched with a family of 5 from Gasm Daraa Syria. The family consists of a father, mother and three daughters (aged 6, 13 and 15). The father is a veterinarian and writer and the mother is a homemaker. They have been living for the last year in Turkey and are very eager to resettle here in Canada.

The application for sponsorship has been filed in Winnipeg and is officially “in the system”. However the sponsorship will not be confirmed until further steps have been completed, including passing the interview. If the application is approved, the anticipated arrival date for the family will be in March or April.

There are lots of volunteers for leads (thank you!) but are still in need of anyone specifically interested in being a finances/budget lead, communication/translation lead, technology lead AND a housing o-lead. The first meeting is January 21st. If you are interested in helping in anyway please contact Kate at kate@tendril.ca. Friends of Givins Shaw-OOOPS-Waldorf Welcomes Refugees.

NEXT MEETING: February 24th 6:15 PM