



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING September 19th, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Dale McIntosh, Michael Candeloro, Hanny Elsayed, Jessica Tudos, Adrienne Giroux, Zanine Rutton Sha, Lani Gozlan-Bosis, Lily Speeding-Court, Lara Chattertee, Stefan Renckens, Lorraine Trecroce, Vivian Rossteuscher, Mark Degani, Hayley Webster, Penny Del Moral, Jessica Rosebush, Violeta Hofer, Gian Hofer, Silvia Rebelo, Kathy Mile, Cristina Corti

Staff: Dan Taylor, Adam Smith, Antra Brammanis

Apologies if anyone was missed or for any spelling errors.

1) How the Council Meetings typically run

- Meetings are held approx. 7 – 8 times per year
- Meetings are typically held in the library or a classroom between 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM
- Childcare is provided in room 6/7

2) Review and Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to accept – Penny del Moral
- b. Second the motion – Mike Candeloro

3) Acceptance of June 5th, 2018 minutes

- a. Motion to accept – Kim MacFarlane
- b. Second the motion – Kathy Mile

4) Principal's Welcome and Update – Dan Taylor

a. Classrooms / Space / Library

- Our classes are full and in fact a new Kindergarten class will begin the week of Sept 24th with approx. 12 – 15 children (1 teacher, no ECE)
- Space is being well utilized for 2018 – 2019; however, there is always the potential of a portable(s) in the future pending numbers. The TDSB was in meeting Dan looking at possible locations should we require them and the result was that likely the basketball court area is the most likely.
- Library re-design is underway. More to report at the next meeting.

b. School Safety

- As the start of a new year is underway teachers and parents are reviewing and need to emphasize the rules around school ie: no running in the hallways, enter and exit the school in an orderly fashion, stay on the school grounds unless signed out, staying seated in the lunch room etc ..
- Particular attention this September has been around the entrances to the playground on both the Shaw Street and Givins Street sides. The City as well as others have met to look at whether some sort of barrier could be installed to help remind children of the perimeter of the school yard.
- One parent suggested designating a specific area for grade 1s at the start of the year as they transition to the larger play space (this could be difficult to manage given the number



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of supervisors / number of children) so we went on to discuss trying to educate the children given we live in a downtown and busy neighbourhood

- One parent would like to start a petition to show support of enhancing school safety; however, all of the parent representatives at the meeting support school safety and some questioned the need for a petition if everyone was in agreement to keep our children as safe as possible

c. Fall sports teams

- Cross Country (grades 1 +), Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer (grades 4+)

d. EQAO results

- The purpose of EQAO tests is to ensure that there is accountability between school boards and public schools in Ontario. By providing these yearly standardized tests, the Ministry of Education hopes to increase the quality of education in Ontario, while also using the tests to make plans for future improvement. The tests are taken in grade 3 and 6 at Givins Shaw – it's important to remember that these tests are just the results on that particular day and not necessarily a complete reflection of the abilities of the students.
- <https://eqaoweb.eqao.com/eqaoweborgprofile/profile.aspx?Mident=3003>

5) Q & A with Principal Taylor

a. Use of devices during recess / lunch while on school property

- Parents expressed worry that children are gaming and using phones during recesses on school property when the time is meant to get fresh air, run around, use their imaginations, play games, stretch their legs
- Parents have asked Dan to follow up with the children's parents who are bringing these devices or are known to be playing them outside of the classroom while on property
- Parents have asked teachers to also include teaching about digital responsibility / digital literacy when integrating technology

b. Will there be a Minecraft club?

- Parents have asked Adam Smith / Dan to report back about planned clubs for 2018 – 2019

c. Will there be a grade 5/6 ski trip?

- Dan will ask the grade 5 and 6 teachers if this will be happening or possibly Mme Elena or Ms. Grassman who have attended in the past
- Parents asked if they could organize with a teacher liaison and Dan replied that he will advise

6) School Council Welcome and Update

a. Treasurer's Report / 2018-2019 budget

- **Budget was passed around the room** and at the end of the minutes
- Slight adjustment has been made since an additional classroom has been added
- Teachers will receive a memo / update re: what funds are available to them

b. What committees / volunteer opportunities exist?

- Class Reps will be used to communicate volunteer opportunities / signing up

c. Fall Fundraising

- Pancake Breakfast
- Clothing sales
- Movie Night -Kathy Mile and Silvia Rebelo are working on this



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- iv. Coffee sales
- v. Proposed Fundraiser (Art Cards) – Jessica Tudos
 - She is working with Sandra DiZio to see if we can move forward with this project
- d. Fall Community Events
 - i. Morning coffees
- Note for 2019 – Kindergarten separate works well (3 coffee urns is enough), Grades 1 – 6 would be fine to be together (3 coffee urns would be enough) Ordered from White Squirrel in 2018 via David Ginsberg.
 - ii. Curriculum Night BBQ and Open House
 - iii. Holiday Party
 - iv. Toonie Sale
- e. Executive Elections**
 - i. Nominations for Secretary – no nominations
 - The role is currently vacant. If you are interested, please contact Kim MacFarlane / Natalie Dennis or come to a meeting. The main role is to take minutes at the Council Meetings.
 - ii. Nominations for Treasurer – no nominations
 - The role is currently vacant. Michael will continue for the time being. He is open to continuing if need be; however, if someone is interested in sharing the role that would be ideal as a succession plan.
 - iii. Nominations for Co-Chair – one nomination
 - Motion was made to elect Natalie Dennis as Co-Chair (Adrienne)
 - Motion was seconded to elect Natalie Dennis as Co-Chair (Penny)

Congratulations Natalie! Thank you, Kim for continuing on as Co-Chair!

Communications:

Website – www.givinsshaw.com for up to date info – calendar, forms and more!

Facebook – a community page but full of useful information @Givins/Shaw Community

Council Emails to the parents – please email your information to dale_mcintosh@sympatico.ca to add to the Mail Chimp

Reminders:

If you haven't dropped off your **Nutrition Contribution**, please do before the end of the month! Suggested amount is \$50.00 per child for the year. Note that all children will be served a morning snack despite whether the parents have made their donation or not.

If you would like to order **Givins Shaw Clothing** please go online to gsjps.topuniforms.store
Sample sizes will be available at the BBQ / Curriculum night on Wednesday.



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Budget as of September 2018

Projected Revenue	
Pancake Breakfast	\$1000.00
Coffee Sales	\$750.00
Givins Shaw Clothing Sales	\$800.00
Used Book Sales	\$700.00
Cookbook	\$600.00
Eco Hop (Dance-a-thon)	\$2000.00
Fun Fair	\$15,000.00
Parent Social Night	\$3000.00
Movie Night	\$1000.00
Miscellaneous Fundraising ie: donations, used clothing sales, raffles, holiday party	\$500.00
Total	\$25,350.00

Proposed Budget 2018 – 2019		
Area	Use of Funds	Allocation
Academic Enrichment - Equity - Achievement - Well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting authors, artists, athletes, performers, key note speakers • Equipment, programs etc ... that reach the school community • Division / School wide workshops 	\$10,000.00
Classroom Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One <i>Scientist in the Classroom</i> visit • Supplement another classroom initiative 	\$4,200.00 14 classrooms x \$300 each
Sports/Recess Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating recess and sports equipment • Team uniforms, team equipment 	\$1,000.00
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the existing technology plan 	\$11,000.00
Eco / Outdoor Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upkeep in the garden area 	\$500.00
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment repairs • New instruments 	\$1,000.00
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Trees tickets / transportation 	\$1,200.00
Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplement / reimburse parents if required for decorations, yearbook, cake 	\$500.00



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Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URL domain name (good until fall of 2018) 	\$100.00
Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meetings • Teacher appreciation refreshments / lunch • School Council hosted events (eg. Coffee Mornings, Holiday party, End of year lemonade) • Gifts • Police checks • Bank fees <p><i>*Note that the school budget will cover the cost of childcare for meetings and the permit for the Fun Fair</i></p>	\$1,500.00
Total		\$31,000.00
<i>Bring forward balance from 2017-2018 (in the bank)</i>		\$37,862.00 <i>As of July 31, 2018</i>