

# George R Gauld JS Parent Council Meeting

April 24, 2024, at 6:30 pm

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1. Welcome and Introductions: Stacy Kachru, Chair
  - a. GRG Parent Council is open to all GRG families
  - b. The goal for this year's Parent Council is to keep our GRG Community engaged, supported, and informed.
  - c. Confirmation of voting members in attendance to vote on minutes from last meeting
  
2. Principal's Report - Marian Wall-Ryel, Principal
  - a. 267 Students as of today
  - b. Staffing
    - i. +1 more supply lunch supervisor and -1, hoping to have 2 more by the end of the year
    - ii. 3 co-op students starting tomorrow
  - c. Facilities
    - i. Container quote received
      1. Can arrive within a few weeks of being paid for and grounds being prepared
    - ii. Safe Schools
      1. Continuing to educate the kids and do prevention
      2. Especially working with older kids on language and bullying behavior
      3. "Restorative practice" used as a strategy to repair harm and foster healthy social relationships
      4. Individual consequences for students, working alongside parents
      5. Supporting individual students with their individual needs e.g., transitions (to a different school/country), language needs or special education/learning needs, social skills
      6. Larger assembly discussions, class discussions
      7. Mentor texts – picture books that have a social concept in them used as a starting point to talk about things
    - iii. Teaching & Learning
      1. Productive PA Day with the staff
      2. EQAO – happening between May 8 & June 12 for Grade 3 students
      3. Health Info Curriculum coming home by grade soon

- a. There is a process for exempting students should parents choose; we work with parents to understand; studies show that health education has many favourable outcomes that protect children
- b. All Ontario curriculum can also be found online

iv. Extra-Curricular

- 1. Staff vs. Student Floor Hockey game coming up
- 2. Choir – starting to prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Zoo Trip – EMA (Permission) will be sent today
- 4. Silver Birch Ceremony Trip – May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Grades 3-5, a few students qualify (reading and voting on a number of books)
  - b. Part of the Forest of Reading program
  - c. Get to attend the ceremony with Ms. Gallagher, meet the authors, etc.
- 5. Star Search Performance – May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm
- 6. Welcome to Kindergarten – May 30<sup>th</sup> (tentatively)
  - a. For new families coming to Kindergarten
- 7. Grade 5 Graduation – Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10am (tentatively)

3. Treasurer Update

- a. Council voted yes to use \$1,532.28 fundraising dollars towards Safe School Proactive Program “Second Step”
- b. Council votes yes to use \$2,000 fundraising dollars towards the cost of additional iPads for School
- c. Remaining - \$424.54 to go towards cake and items for 100<sup>th</sup>
- d. Council votes yes to use up to \$7,200 for storage structure from previously saved dollars (quote being adjusted to include blue paint colour)

4. 100th Celebration Update

- a. Educational Musician Booked
- b. Parent council to cover cake, plates, forks & napkins
- c. Parent council will try to do face painting and/or other activities outside for kids
- d. Water bottles and hats will be sold
- e. Parent council votes yes to hosting a Bake sale

5. Fundraising

- a. Big Box Cards coming in May 2
- b. Fundscrip – Gift card fundraising

- i. Can be run at all times, use GRG specific code
- ii. TDSB Approved Vendor
- iii. Allison to follow up on contract, startup fees and whether or not they have any other schools close by that Ms. Wall-Ryel can connect with for feedback

6. Any other business

- a. Front of the school garden – work on the grounds needs to be done by TDSB trades people; did not work last time; discussion to be continued in future
- b. Before June – Rainbow painted on the sidewalk by parent council