



## **GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:15 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance:**

Dale McIntosh, Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Penny Pantazopoulos, Donna Diakun, Vivian Rossteuscher, Cadence Candeloro, Michael Candeloro, Pauline Dolovich

Staff – Debbie Stockton, Dan Taylor

Apologies for anyone who was missed.

#### **Acceptance of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes**

Passed by Natalie Dennis, seconded by Kim MacFarlane

#### **Principal's Update with Dan Taylor**

1. **Professional Learning Community work** – in the past week, all of the grade 1 – 6 teachers (the Kindergarten team will have their session soon) were involved in the second session of what we refer to as our Professional Learning Community. The PLC work focused on Innovation and Mathematics instruction. It was a very well-received session by the staff and the discussion and subsequent plan of action examined ways to make our mathematics programming more innovative, engaging, and challenging across the grades.
2. **Right to Play – Play Your Part** – On Wed. Jan. 31 representatives from the Right to Play organization will lead a presentation for our grade 3 – 6 students and following that roughly 30 of our students will be involved in a day of being trained as Right to Play leaders for the school. They will be responsible for planning the PLAY day held annually in June for all students.



3. **Youth Wellness Network** – The Youth Wellness Network student leaders are meeting in the final hour of the day on Wed. Jan. 31 to further discuss and develop their wellness plans for the school.

Between our involvement with the Youth Wellness Network and Right to Play, over 50 of our junior-aged students are gaining more leadership opportunities and advancing their notions of what it means to be a global citizen.

4. **Lunch-hour incidents** – there have been a few incidents during lunch of late with students not playing in a safe and respectful manner – many of the students involved have been included in designing a solution to the issue and are in the midst of creating a lunch and recess code for appropriate play – we will let you know when it has been completed. Clarified there are three supervisors and as students finish they are released. Two supervisors go outside with the kids and one stays in the lunch room.
5. **Head Caretaker** – our Head caretaker, Eddie Poblete, will be leaving Givins/Shaw in the coming weeks. Eddie has been assigned to a larger school facility that will be closer to his home and we wish him all the best. We will inform you when we have a replacement named for Eddie.
6. **Winter Walk to School Day – Wed. Feb. 7** is Winter Walk to School Day – we ask that you please look to walk your children to school on that day instead of driving if at all possible
7. **Alexander Muir Gladstone** – Our grade 6 students recently went to AMG to see the school and meet some of the staff as they prepare to transition to a new school for the 2018/19 school year. If you do not live in the AMG area, and you are interested in having your child attend AMG, you would need to deliver an optional attendance form (available at the G/S office) to AMG. We do not know if AMG will be open to Optional Attendance for next year or not but in order to even be considered you would need ensure that the form is completed and delivered.



8. **Toronto Public Health** – We have been in conversation with our contact at Toronto Public Health regarding best practices about when a child is fit to return to school after they have been sick. As much as there is not a set directive from TPH regarding when a child should return, they have mentioned that best practice is to not have them return to school until they have been symptom-free for at least a day. Like every winter, we do have a number of our children away sick at the moment and we appreciate the help of the families to ensure that the children are able to return to school in a manner that allows them to fully engage in the program.
9. **TDSB Director John Malloy’s response to the TDSB’s proposed “Enhancing Equity Task Force Report”** – attached you will find TDSB Director John Malloy’s response to the proposed report. This is a very comprehensive response and we thought it would be beneficial to share it with the community. More information about the proposed framework can be found at the TDSB website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Equity>
10. **Term 1 Report Cards** – Term 1 report cards will go home on Tuesday, February 13. Student/Parent/Teacher interviews are available on the afternoon/evening of Feb. 15 and the morning of Feb. 16. Interviews are not mandatory but may be requested. There is no school for students on Feb. 16. If your child is in the daycare at the Givins/Shaw school, please contact the day care to determine their hours for Feb. 16
11. **Feb. 19 – Family Day Holiday** – school closed (February 16<sup>th</sup> there is no school)
12. **Gender neutral washroom accommodation** – all TDSB schools have been asked to convert an existing washroom into a gender-neutral option that all students will be able to access during the school day. The Givins/Shaw faculty are currently in discussions around which washroom to convert within the building, that will best meet the needs of the students. More info to come.



## **Sports Teams Update**

**Jr. Girls Volleyball Team**                      Tournament to be held February 9, 2018

**Jr. Boys Basketball Team**                      Tournament to be held February 7, 2018

### **Upcoming Sports – Spring 2018**

Badminton                      Slow Pitch                      Ultimate Frisbee                      Track and Field

### **Intermural House League**

Intermural house league sports (sport TBD) will be offered this spring to our students over the lunch period (12-12:30pm). Intermural leagues will be split into two sections/grade groups.

League A: Grades 2 and 3

League B: Grades 4 and 5

**School Ski Trip** – Friday February 2, 2018

**Math Night** – Spring 2018 (planning initiated)

## **School Council Update**

### **1. Academic Enrichment Funds** – how do we spend our allotted amount?

Going into the second half of the school year, the school council still has allotted funds of approximately \$7,000 set aside for the faculty/teachers to use towards school wide or division activities (can include visiting speakers, performers, musicians, theatre, danced workshop).

We are soliciting ideas! All ideas – from teachers or parents – can be sent into



Principal Taylor over the next month on how to use these funds for our children during the 2017-2018 school year. All ideas will be discussed at the February 27<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting. Final decisions are asked to be made by Dan Taylor and the staff with the timeline goal of the end of March.

Note, this does not include the \$300 “classroom funds” set aside for each classroom to use as by each teacher (primarily for Scientist in the Classroom) Teachers are to book Scientist in the Classroom and advise Suzie.

2. **Parent Workshop / Next Guest Speaker** – the Council still has budget for one more guest speaker/parent workshop this school year. Any topics that people are interested in, please email them into the School Council members ([givinsshawcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:givinsshawcouncil@gmail.com)). Topics can include dealing with parenting, power struggles, anxiety and our kids, etc. We will be booking the speaker for the spring.

### **Upcoming School Council Events**

Event	Date	Notes
<b>Movie Night at School</b>	March 2018	Keep an eye out for details!
<b>School Clothing Sale</b>	On sale TBD	Get your bulldogs branded swag!
<b>Cook Book Fundraiser</b>	May 2018	More info coming soon from the Nutrition committee
<b>Earth Day Eco Hop</b>	April 2018	Dance-a-thon for pledges
<b>Yard Mulch Day</b>	April 2018	Come help spread mulch around our trees, spring clean + more
<b>Fun Fair</b>	May 26, 2018	Our biggest fundraiser of the year!
<b>Parent Band Night</b>	TBD	Date and venue in progress
<b>Used Book Sale</b>	TBD	Start collecting your kids books for donation



## **Nutrition Committee Update**

The Givins/Shaw website has been updated by the Nutrition Committee to include more information around our current Snack Program – How does my child receive his/her snack each day? What does my child receive? Just how does the program work at Givins/Shaw?

A current snack program calendar is also now on the website, so parents can see just what exactly kids are eating each day for the month of February 2018. Snack calendar to be updated on the website monthly.

### **View the February 2018 Snack Calendar**

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/givinsshaw/Nutrition/Monthly-Snack-Menu>

### **Upcoming School Council Meetings**

- **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 6:15 PM in the library. Childcare (and pizza) will be provided

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