



## **GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

### **October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:15 PM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance:**

Dale McIntosh, Michael Caneloro, Myfanwy Marshall, Lara Vickers, Cid DaSilva, Jill Childs, Sarah Neville, Jennifer Canham, Rachid Zarita, Fernanda Rojais, Jessica Rosebush, Natalie Dennis, Kim MacFarlane

Staff: Dan Taylor, Debbie Stockton, Margaret Gorman

Guest: Asuma Malik

#### **Acceptance of October 17, 2017 minutes**

Moved by Michael Caneloro, seconded by Sarah Neville. Passed

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

- Discussion about math and the professional learning team (PLC) with a PLC day being held last week. GS teachers continue to focus on math. There was an examination of EQAO style assessments for each grade from grade 1 to grade 6. There will be "mock" EQAO exams happening in all grades over the year.
- Homework – general guideline (and a guideline only) is approximately 10 minutes per grade per night (for example, grade 1 – 10 minutes; grade 5 – 50 minutes). This may be different by teacher and dependent on what work is being done in class.
- Primary Choir (grade 1, 2 and 3) started November 7, 2017. It will run over lunch.
- In August, there was a voluntary training for teachers at Apple. 85% of the staff attended. More training will be held at GS in November or December.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> there is no school for kids (teachers will be holding parent interviews).
- December 1, 2017 is a PA Day



- Ms. Garcia (in Kindergarten) will be starting her mat leave in December. The process for hiring her replacement has begun. More to come.
- Parents likely had an email from the TDSB about the Enhancing Equity Taskforce Recommendations. There is information at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1146/Message-from-the-Director-Enhancing-Equity-Task-Force-Recommendations>. The TDSB is accepting input until November 20<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to go to: <https://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=542812&newtest=Y>
- Open houses for schools offering programs to which our students could apply – please go to our school’s website for updates – we will post as we find out – best process is to investigate the program in which you may be interested and contact that school for open house information.
- There was also discussion about math and the math scores at GS. Parent concern over EQAO scores was acknowledged and there is a commitment to continuing working on math and monitor progress. The school is considering a Family Math Night and/or other math activities.

### **Progress Reports / Interviews**

- Progress Reports will go home on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Forms went home this week for interviews.
- Interviews will be scheduled the evening of November 16<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please return the forms.

Guest – Asuma Malik Ward 10 Trustee

Asuma attended the meeting to give an update on space at GS. In the spring of 2017, the TDSB decided to defer the decision to change GS from K-6 to a K-5 school. Parents were told in the spring that a review of the space issue would be conducted in the fall of 2017. This review has begun.

To begin with, Asuma confirmed that the current Grade 5 class (the 17/18 grade 5s) will attend GS for Grade 6. Any decisions made about the grade configuration of the school will not apply for September 2018.



There will be two public consultations for parents on the space issue at GS. These public consultations will provide information about the different options that could be considered, where the data and numbers that the TDSB relies upon comes from, how the numbers are determined, as well as obtain input from parents on the different options. This process will be a true consultation. The TDSB will not obtain preliminary information about numbers of potential students in the catchment until February, so the consultations will take place first. The local feasibility team (LFTM) had its first meeting (Asuma, Dan Taylor, Superintendent Mike Gallager and the Planning department manager). They are in the process of finding dates for either late November/early December for the first meeting and a second meeting either later in December or early January. The dates of these meetings will be communicated through the regular GS communications – from the Principal, GS website, Facebook, twitter, the Bulldog Bulletin.

The decision that will be made by May of 2018, will come into effect as of September, 2019 and will be in place for the foreseeable future.

#### **b) Technology Update**

- Our Wi-Fi is working better this year with more regular consistency, and we are scheduled to be upgraded in December 2017
- Council approved \$12,000 towards the school's technology plan. Motion by M. Marshall, second by M. Candeloro, second by Myfanwy Marshall. Motion passed.
- Technology fundraising continues. Please consider donating – information on how to do so can be found here:  
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/givinsshaw/Technology/How-to-make-a-donation>

\*If you want to give this fiscal year please consider making a donation sooner than later. Tax receipts will be provided.



### c) Sports Update

**Jr. Girls Basketball Team**    ongoing  
Coach: Karen Grasman

**Jr. Boys Volleyball Team**    ongoing.  
Coach: Trevor Lightbody

Girls Volleyball will begin in January  
Boys Basketball will begin in January

### d) Communication Update

- The school's website [www.givinsshaw.com](http://www.givinsshaw.com) will continue to be our primary source of communication and will be updated frequently with any/all new school updates, news, etc.
- The school's email tree is now up and running and will be used to provide you with quick updates. If you have not received emails from the school, please check your junk mail folder(s) and/or resubmit your email address to Principal Taylor

## Events and Committees – School Council

### Up Next:

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** – November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (volunteers needed!)

**Guest Speaker** – November 29, 2017 at 6:30. Reduce Anxiety in your Children

**Toonie Sale** – December 14/15 (items can be dropped off at the school now and until early December. Please do not send anything broken, in poor repair, or missing pieces)

**Holiday Sing-a-long** (price of admission will be a donation to a food/diaper drive)  
– date TBD

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to help with the Pancake Breakfast the morning of Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – from setup/takedown to flipping pancakes. If you can help,



please email Kim MacFarlane ([kimmacfarlane@me.com](mailto:kimmacfarlane@me.com)) or Myfanwy Marshall ([myfanwy.marshall@gmail.com](mailto:myfanwy.marshall@gmail.com))

If you are keen to find a volunteer role – just email Council and they will be in touch to figure out the best fit!

### **Nutrition Committee**

- Forms for Parent contributions/donations to support the Morning Snack Program were sent out (to be returned by November 7<sup>th</sup>). This is a one time ask this year. It's not too late to make a donation – please drop off as soon as you can.
- There will be fundraisers in the form of a movie night and a cookbook again this year.

### **Any other Business**

- Leftover Hot Dogs from the BBQ – Natalie Dennis is going to investigate a “hot dog lunch”
- Lost and Found – please check it! Clothes will be donated to a charity come the winter holiday break. Council has agreed to purchase a clothing rack to see if that will help the situation.

### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- There is no December meeting, but stay tune for dates for 2018

November 29<sup>th</sup> – Guest speaker 6:30 – 8:00 PM (childcare provided)

### **Reduce Anxiety in your Children**

**Doone Estey, Parenting Expert, Speaker - Co-author, Raising Great Parents**

<http://parentingnetwork.ca/about.php>

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**GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT**  
**For August 1, 2017 to November 6, 2017**

|  | <u>Inflows</u> | <u>Outflows</u> | <u>Net</u>     |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Events/Fundraising</b>  |                |                 |                |
| Fall BBQ   | 872            | (922)           | (50)           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>A 872</b>   | <b>(922)</b>    | <b>(50)</b>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                |                 |                |
| Academic Enrichment:   |                |                 | -              |
| Youth Wellness Network   |                | (3,673)         | (3,673)        |
| Classroom funds  |                | (398)           | (398)          |
| Prior year graduation  |                | (211)           | (211)          |
| Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, staff appreciation, and miscellaneous expenses |                | (413)           | (413)          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>B -</b>     | <b>(4,694)</b>  | <b>(4,694)</b> |
| <b>TOTALS FOR THE YEAR</b>   | <b>A+B 872</b> | <b>(5,617)</b>  | <b>(4,745)</b> |
| Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2017 (Accrual)  |                |                 | 39,988         |
| <b>Closing Cash Balance November 6, 2017 (Accrual)</b>                                     |                |                 | <b>35,243</b>  |
| Outstanding cheques  |                |                 | 1,993          |
| <b>Cash Balance per bank November 6, 2017</b>  |                |                 | <b>37,236</b>  |