



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
October 17th, 2017 6:15 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Dale McIntosh, Mike Candeloro, Cadence Wade, Sarah Neville, Jeanie Calleja, Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Alex Vickers, Pauline Dolovich, Annette Wiegand, Abigail Pinto Correira, Wendy Naimark, KJ Allison, Doug Allison, Dana Kerimoglu

*Please excuse any typos or missed people

Dan Taylor, Margaret Gorham, Debbie Stockton, Melanie Brennan

Acceptance of September 14th, 2017 minutes

Passed by Michael Candeloro, seconded by Kim MacFarlane

Call for Nominations for Co-Chair and Secretary

- A motion was put forward to re-elect Myfanwy Marshall as Secretary. Motion passed by Cadence Wade and seconded by Natalie Dennis.
- A motion was put forward to elect a new Co-Chair – Givins Shaw, Kim MacFarlane. Motion passed by Pauline Dolovich and seconded by Michael Candeloro

Final Election Results of 2017–2018 Executive Council

Chair	Dale McIntosh
Co-Chair	Kim MacFarlane
Treasurer	Michael Candeloro
Secretary	Myfanwy Marshall



Principal's Update with Dan Taylor

- We have had a fantastic opening month to the school year with an amazing turn out to school curriculum night/BBQ and grades 5 and 6 students at the Island School overnight.
 - Superintendent Mike Gallagher came to visit on October 10th – he has been in communication with the planning department and will look to start the process soon regarding the grade configuration for Givins/Shaw. The process should be completed prior to the December break. Council will be informed of any subsequent meetings.
 - Superintendent Gallagher was quite impressed with our school improvement planning thus far – staff created a list of all the factors that would be required in order for Givins/Shaw students to be successful – we then took all those points and as a staff, determined if the points best fit into the category of Equity, Well-being or Achievement. Each staff member is on one of those three committees and each committee then selected two or three of the points to focus on for the 2017/18 school year. The committees are to examine what they would require with regards to budget, other resources, how to measure impact/effectiveness, etc., committees are now finalizing their plans and are to submit them to me by the end of the week (Oct 20th).
- a) Photo Day** is happening Thursday October 19th, 2017
- If anyone is interested in SIBLING PHOTOS, they can be taken before the school day commences, starting at 8AM on November 23rd, 2017
 - All photo re-takes will be taken during the day on November 23rd, 2017
- b) Progress Reports / Interviews**
- Progress Reports will go home on November 14th, 2017
 - Interviews will be scheduled the evening of November 16th and the morning of November 17th, 2017 – stay tuned!
- c) Technology Update**
- Our Wi-Fi is working better this year with more regular consistency, and we are scheduled to be upgraded in December 2017



- Technology plan continues to be implemented – every teacher and ECE now has an iPad. The Kindergarten team met Oct 17th to examine how to best use Google Keep as a means of pedagogical documentation vs. other classroom software implementations (such as Seesaw)
- Apple has delayed shipment of the 12 Apple TV boxes so we are still waiting to incorporate these into the classrooms
- We are asking Council to consider committing to the purchase of 2 more sets of 10 iPads (20 in total) – this would allow all of our Junior classes to be outfitted. The additional expense to Council would be approximately \$10,000
- The school council seeks your continued support for the technology plan as we are eager to get more iPads into the junior grades. 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>

d) Sports Update

- All sports but girls' soccer have wrapped up for the Fall season. All teams played well
- We had 80 Cross Country participants this year, between grades 1-6 with 1 final grade 3 student competing in the city finals. Thank you to the parents that helped drive the children back and forth to and from meets!
- Next sports – boys' basketball and girls' volleyball

If you are interested in participating as a parent coach this season, please contact Karen Grasman (karen.grasman-avenins@tdsb.on.ca)

Jr. Girls Basketball Team Tryouts being Tuesday October 24th at 8 AM
Coach: Karen Grasman Practices held Tuesdays and Thursdays
First tournament: November 24th, 2017

Jr. Boys Volleyball Team Tryouts begin the W/O October 23rd (date TBD)
Coach: Trevor Lightbody



e) Communication Update

- The school's website 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 Principle Taylor

Policies - Students late for class

- A reminder to please utilize the front door / office entrance anytime your child will be late for class. Please check-in with the office and we will take your child and their belongings to their classroom

Youth Wellness Network (YWN) Update

- Kickoff keynote presentations and teacher workshops were completed on October 17th, 2017.
- Youth Wellness Network (YWN) founder, Michael Eisen, additionally delivered a parent workshop after our October 17th School Council meeting, guiding parents to focus on their own self-care and well-being as a means to help our kids. He further went on to discuss how we are addicted to external validation, even as children, and how to circumvent this pattern, 3-phases of self-care for parents, and even some gentle mindfulness exercises.

A recording of our parent session with Michael Eisen was done by Melanie Brennan – will be shared.

- Our 30 wellness initiative leaders, children from grades 3-6, will begin collaboration next week, generating wellness related ideas that they will deliver to the school

Continued YWN Training Schedule

Oct 25th - Wellness Leader Training module with Jesse (afternoon - 2.5 hrs)



Nov 8th - Wellness Leader Training module with Jesse (afternoon 2.5 hrs)

Nov 15th - Mentorship session 1 (1 hour - afternoon)

Nov 22nd - Mentorship session 2 (1 hour - afternoon)

Events and Committees – School Council

Thank you to all parents and students who came out to our Fall BBQ during curriculum night. The night was a big success. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped grocery shop, cut vegetables, BBQ and keep us on budget.

Up Next:

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – November 16th, 2017 (volunteers needed!)

Toonie Sale – TBD (start setting aside items to donate to the sale)

VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to help with the Pancake Breakfast the morning of Nov 16th – from setup/takedown to flipping pancakes. If you can help, please email Kim MacFarlane (kimmacfarlane@me.com) or Myfanwy Marshall (myfanwy.marshall@gmail.com)

Nutrition Committee

The first nutrition committee meeting will take place on Friday October 20th to review the 2017-18 school year morning lunch program. Agenda to include:

- 2017/18 nutrition program priorities
- Parent contributions/donations to support the Morning Snack Program
- Special orders and requests

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November 7th, 6:15 PM in the library. Childcare (and pizza) will be provided



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

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Co-author, Raising Great Parents
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