

School Council
June 19, 2017

Attendees: Dale McIntosh; Rebecca Toth; Vivian Rossteuscher; Michael Candelora, Myf Marshall, Abigail Pinto Correia, Garth Nichols, Jessica Rosebush, Sarah Neville, Jeanie Calleja, Dora Chiu, Pauline Dolovich

Staff: Ms. Stockton, Mr. Taylor, and Ms. Gorham

Minutes of May 15, 2017 – moved by Michael, second by Jeanie C. Passed

Principal's Update

Numbers for Grade 6 are about 31. About 330 students for the year, but with a staff of 2 fewer teachers. All teachers on staff (not retiring) are remaining. Only 4 grade 5s that are leaving as of this time.

For the first time, TDSB has a cap for kindergarten (30 is cap) in 2017/18. Primary classes no more than 20 (grade 1 -3). Classes at maximum capacity. All teaching and classroom assignments at this point are tentative. It is anticipated that we will have to look at the allocations at the second week of September and a possible reshuffle of classes may happen.

There will a new ECE hired in Kindergarten, replacing a vacant position due to a long term leave.

Technology implementation in classroom is going well. There will be a voluntary training session in August for teachers. Will expand the technology program next year.

Grade 6 trip – 4day/3night at Scarborough Outdoor Education Centre (near Algonquin Park). Ms. Brennan, Mr. Franklin and Mr. Salerno went on the trip. Big Success.

Art Show will be running June 20th.

June 23rd – graduation for Grade 6.

June 28th is the Recognition assembly and then followed by the play day, being done with Right to Play. Primary in the morning and Juniors in the afternoon is the current plan.

Retiring teachers – Ms. Mac, Ms Huynh and Mr. Franklin.

June 27th - 3:30-5:30 drop in (in the library) to recognize these teachers. All welcome to drop in.

June 28th - Report Cards go home. It will mention which classroom your child will go to, but will not say which teacher. But there will be a list of classrooms and teachers – tentative assignments for teachers.

Discussion on lunch and lunch room for next year. Concerns were raised over noise, lunches being rushed, etc.

ACTION: Principal Taylor and staff to look at options and report to Council in the fall with 2017/18 lunch time process/plans.

Process on the review of the decision on grade 6, how will it be communicated. Mr. Taylor reviewed communications tools used – twitters, website and email trees. Have considered how much to send home by hard copy, but electronic seems more likely to get to the parents. It is anticipated that the long term feasibility study will start in the fall and Mr. Taylor will communicate when it starts when he has the start date. The feasibility review will only include the decision around Grade 6 remaining at GS (catchment is not being reviewed).

School Council Committee Updates

Treasurer's Update

Eco Hop \$1600

Parent Band Night \$3100 BIG APPAULSE

Fun Fair \$18,000 (ticket sales and silent auction were comparable)

Going into next school year with about \$40,000.

See Appendix A for Treasurer Report

Fundraising

Fun Fair

Volunteers for the planning (pre-event) were hard to find and they are essential to the success of the Fun Fair.

Overall the Fun Fair was very successful event and one that we rely on heavily for fundraising.

The event raised approximately \$18,000 (Net) which is on par with the previous couple of years.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated. Thank you cards to all Silent Auction donors, gifts in kind doors, sponsors will be going out within the next week or so.

List of Fundraising/Events Held 2016/17 School Year

Coffee Meet & Greet
Pancake Breakfast
Used Clothing Sale
Coffee Sales
Direct Asks for Nutrition Committee
Fall BBQ
Spirit Wear
Holiday Party and Sing A Long & Wine Raffle
Toonie Sale
Movie Night
Eco Hop
Parent Social
Fun Fair
Used Book Sale
Technology Campaign
Cookbook
Class Parent Reps

Volunteerism at GS

Volunteerism is low and will potentially have volunteer fatigue or lack of volunteers when parents leave.

At the first School Council meeting in September, it is planned to have a sign-up sheet for specific tasks rather than generic “what are you interested in?”.

It is hoped that all families will volunteer during the course of the year.

Nutrition Committee

There is currently no successor for the Chair position in 2017/18 year, so as it stands each member of the committee will “own” a role, including one that will liaise with the School Council.

Positions with the Nutrition Committee

- Alex will not be snack coordinator next year, she has taken another position. If interested in applying, talk to Mr. Taylor. (paid position)
- Need a volunteer for monthly reporting and accounting (honourarium)

Sports Committee

Talk about what we want school teams to be – something for everyone to play or focus on competitive teams. What is the philosophy of sports at the school?

Would like a committee to be formed to discuss what should be the focus for next year.

ACTION: Mr. Taylor will be setting a meeting date/time to discuss sports at GS before the end of the school year. If you are interested in participating please email Mr. Taylor.

Thanks to Rebecca and Dale for taking on the School Council Chair role and all the work that they do. Thanks to all the other parent volunteers too!

Upcoming Events

June 20th - Art Show - 3:30-6:30 open house. See the kids' art done in honour of Canada 150

June 21st - Used Book Sale – 9:00-4:00 p.m.

June 23rd – Grade 6 Graduation

June 28th - Recognition Assembly and Play day

June 28th - Report Cards go home

June 29th - Last day of School

Meeting Adjourned

Appendix A

GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT **For August 1, 2016 to June 19, 2017**

	<u>Inflows</u>	<u>Outflows</u>	<u>Net</u>
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	624	411	213
School clothing ale	8,045	5,309	2,736
Pancake breakfast	1,545	439	1,106
Used winter clothing sale	250		250
Coffee sale	2,192	1,262	930
Toonie sale	2,056	2,056	-
Wine raffle	640	-	640
Holiday party	-	366	(366)
Eco Hop	1,609		1,609
Parent band night	3,139		3,139
Fun fair	27,833	9,917	17,916
Total	A 47,932	19,759	28,173
Expenses			
Enrichment - arts, presentations, workshops, performances in school, class room funds and buses	-	8,564	(8,564)
Sports / recess equipment	-	280	(280)
Technology	-	22,000	(22,000)
Lice squad	255	651	(396)
Eco/outdoor space	-	-	-
Music	-	339	(339)
Library	-	869	(869)
Graduation	-	-	-
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, and miscellaneous expenses	-	873	(873)
Total Expenses	B 255	33,576	(33,321)
TOTALS FOR THE YEAR	A+B 48,187	53,335	(5,147)
Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2016			46,704
Closing Cash Balance (Accrual)			41,557
Outstanding cheques			11,425
Cash Balance per bank			52,981