



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 14th, 2017 6:15 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Stephanie Hodnett, Amanda Robins, Rebecca Toth, Dale McIntosh, Vivien Rossteuscher, Jessica Rosebush, Mike Candeloro, Cadence Wade, Sarah Neville, Penny del Moral, Jeanie Calleja, Sarah Heynen, Justine Fowler, Lara Chatterjee, Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Lorna Fotiadou, Jennifer Canham, Claire Cooper, Donna Diakun, Principal Dan Taylor, Margaret Gorham, Debbie Stockton

Acceptance of June 19th, 2017 minutes

Passed by Rebecca Toth, Seconded by Michael Candeloro

Call for nominations for Co-Chair and Secretary (vote to take place later in the meeting)

Kim MacFarlane raised her hand

Principal's Update – Dan Taylor

- a) **Welcome** to all new Givins/Shaw families – you are part of a dynamic school within an engaged, welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood – we hope that you continue to become actively involved in the life of our school
- It has been a very smooth opening overall – there have been scheduling issues with our one bus but we are working on it
- Our enrolment is aligning almost perfectly with projections – tomorrow is 'count' day and we will have 330 students in our school with two more that we understand will join us in the next two weeks
- All of our kindergarten classes are at either 30 or 29 students and the Ministry of Education guidelines are for School Boards to have the vast majority of their K classes at no more than 30
- All of our primary classes are at 20 students with the exception of 2 classes – are grade 3 class was given an exemption and is at 22 students and our grade 2 class is at 18 but again we understand that students will be joining us within two weeks
- All of our junior classes are around 30 students per class
- We will find out this weekend if we will be asked to re-organize
- Currently Room 12 is available and if we are not asked to create a new class, it is likely to become our French/STEM room
- The TDSB feasibility study into whether or not Givins/Shaw will maintain grade 6 is likely to begin by the middle of October -- the community will be notified when dates are established



b) Physical Education

Ms. Grasman teaches our primary classes Physical Education – our junior teachers teach their own physical education

- Teaching physical education is similar to teaching other subjects in that you start with the appropriate curriculum document and plan how you intend to meet the expectations for that grade over the course of the year
- The Health and Physical Education curriculum document can be found at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health1to8.pdf>
- If you have questions regarding the physical education program we recommend that you arrange some time to talk with the teacher
- In terms of school teams for this Fall we will have the cross country running team, boys' and girls' soccer and boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball *see below
- Try out information will be on the website

c) Lunchroom routines

- We have enjoyed a better start to our lunchroom environment this year –
- I have spoken with the school as a whole, classrooms individually, the students when they have entered the lunchroom, and the teachers have been speaking with their classes
- We are not incident-free during lunch but the students are putting forth a great effort
- Grade 5 and 6 students are able to go out for lunch with parental approval
- Artscape has contacted us about concerns with some of our 5's and 6's eating at Artscape and not remaining on the first floor – our teachers have spoken to their grade 5 and 6 students to say that the privilege of going out for lunch can be revoked

d) EQAO

- We experienced a slight dip in results in our grade 3 students last year and a slight bump in our grade 6's
- Data indicates that we need to maintain our focus on problem-solving in mathematics
- Government of Ontario is discussing an examination of EQAO as part of their education plan

e) Technology Update

- On August 31 the Givins/Shaw staff had an opportunity to go for a day of training if they wanted at the Apple Canada office – nearly the entire teaching staff attended
- It was a very rich experience as we learned that the focus is not on stockpiling apps for the devices but on planning rich tasks for the students that make effective use of the technology



- Now have the 10 ipad pack in 4 classes – Mr. Smith. Ms. Gorham. Ms. Stockton, and Mr. Salerno
- This week we ordered 20 ipads and 12 apple tv boxes as this will allow every teacher to have access to the technology – this purchase came to roughly \$17 000 – thus depleting our donations and spending an additional \$8000.
- We would like to ask for continued support for the technology plan from the School Council as we are eager to get the ten packs of ipads per classrooms starting with a focus on our junior grades. Please consider donating – information on how to do so can be found here:
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/givinsshaw/docs/Technology%20Q%20and%20A%20II.pdf>

F) Communication -- the school's website – www.givinsshaw.com – will continue to remain our primary source of communication – hard copies of school documents are always available upon request but we will be sending few paper copies home

-- all the information for parents about the upcoming Island School overnight excursion for our grade 5 and 6 students has been posted on the website – as are the permission forms for the cross country team

-- we will continue to tweet out updates and are hoping that by the end of next week we will have our school email tree up and running

G) Q & A with Principal Taylor

1) If a student can't afford a field trip or excursion what happens?

Principal Taylor reported that the school will ensure that everyone gets to participate and that a financial barrier will not hold anyone from attending a field trip or excursion.

2) Not a question but a reminder from parents to please carefully select students for leadership opportunities so as many as possible have the chance.

Election of 2017 – 2018 Executive Council

We asked for nominees for the 2017 – 2018 Co-Chair role. We had one person raise their hand, Kim MacFarlane. She is new to the school with a child in kindergarten. No nominees put forward for the role of Secretary.

A motion was put forward to defer the election until the October 17th meeting so that a better understanding of the position is known. Motion approved by Stephanie Hodnett and Seconded by Penny Pantazopoulos.



A motion was put forward to re-elect the Co-Chair role and Treasurer - Dale McIntosh and Michael Candeloro to continue on for the 2017 – 2018 school year. All in favour?

All in favour.

Youth Wellness Network Update

At the end of last year School Council and Staff committed to fund and implement the Youth Wellness Network's Program. The Program consists of six main components: Kick off Keynote presentations for Primary & Junior students (separate presentations), Wellness Leader Training for 15 students (grades 4 - 6 and possibly a few Grade 3's), Whole School Initiatives carried out by the Wellness Leaders, Mentorship support provided by the Youth Wellness Network, a 1 hour Parent Workshop and a 1 hour Staff Workshop.

Wellness Leader Training is a peer--to--peer training model that provides a group of students an opportunity to become wellness leaders in their school. Participants will learn how to decrease stress and anxiety, increase self--esteem and self--worth, increase happiness levels, increase clarity, increase productivity in the classroom, increase emotional awareness and intelligence, and to live with more compassion and empathy. This training program creates a sustainable wellness movement in the school that will hopefully last for years to come. The Youth Wellness Network team believes that in order to positively change culture amongst youth in our schools that it needs to be driven by youth themselves, and that is exactly what this program facilitates.

The training is delivered in an interactive and experiential format made up of group lecture, group conversation, individual and small group break out exercises/practices and debrief. There are 6 modules in the training program and each takes approximately 60 – 75 minutes to facilitate.

Once trained, this group of students would form the school's student wellness team and would be tasked with the opportunity to carry out initiatives throughout the rest of the year. These initiatives could be full school events/projects or classroom presentations workshops, depending on what the group decides and what seems feasible to the school's admin.

Topics Included in Training

- You Are The Most Important Person in YOUR World (Self-esteem and self-worth)
- Creating Your Own Beliefs (Building an optimistic and growth mindset)
- Mindfulness strategies and Guided Meditation (practical ways to foster present moment awareness)
- Making Friends with Fear(how to overcome your fears)
- The Power of Perspective (strategies for respecting others and conflict resolution)
- Creating Your Life Vision (discovering your passion and purpose)

After the initial training and brainstorming for the initiatives is complete the Youth Wellness Network team comes back to the school to meet with the group of students and teacher leads assigned to support and supervise the group anywhere from 3 – 8 times throughout the rest of the school year. They provide the additional mentorship and support necessary to ensure the



students continue working towards their personal and group wellness goals and implement their wellness initiatives.

Schedule

October 17th - Kickoff Keynote Presentations (afternoon) + Teacher workshop (after school) + Parent Workshop (7 PM – 8 PM – TBC)

October 25th - Wellness Leader Training module with Jesse (afternoon - 2.5 hours)

November 8th - Wellness Leader Training module with Jesse (afternoon 2.5 hours)

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

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

Sports Teams Update (teams/coaching)

Here are the sports teams that will be offered at Givins/Shaw for the fall and winter terms and which teams invite parent coaches. If you are interested in coaching please contact with Ms. Karen Grasman karen.grasman-avenins@tdsb.on.ca

Cross Country Team - (Sept/Oct)	Teacher Coach: Karen Grasman Parent Coaches: Markus Lutz and Violeta Hofer
Girls' Soccer Team - (Fall)	Teacher Coaches: Debbie Stockton and Margaret Gorham (No parent coaches needed)
Boys' Soccer Team - (Fall)	Teacher Coach: Trevor Lightbody (parent coach welcome)
Girls' Basketball Team (Fall)	Teacher Coach: Karen Grasman (parent coach welcome)
Boys' Volleyball Team (Fall)	Teacher Coach: Trevor Lightbody (parent coach welcome)
Girls' Volleyball Team (Winter)	Teacher Coaches: Debbie Stockton and Margaret Gorham (parent coach not needed)
Boys' Basketball Team (Winter)	Teacher Coach: Karen Grasman (parent coach welcome)

Intramurals/houseleagues at Givins/Shaw: we plan to set up Primary Soccer games as we have in the past at lunch time in February until March Break.

Spring Sports – TBC: Badminton, Slo-Pitch, Ultimate Frisbee and Track & Field



Events and Committees – School Council

Volunteers needed – please email council or Dale McIntosh if you want to be involved in a committee or take part in planning / organizing any events.

Next up:

Terry Fox Run – Sept 25

Fall BBQ – looking for volunteers to help plan/execute (Oct 5) Email Dale

dale.mcintosh@sympatico.ca if you are able to help prep that day, BBQ, take payment etc ..

Nutrition Committee

Noone was present from the committee to provide an update. They are looking for members to join. If you are interested please contact Council and we'll pass along. The GS Nutrition Committee is committed to providing students with a daily, healthy, nutrient-rich morning snack so that our students are ready to learn and participate. They are committed to building healthy eating habits in our school community.

Budget Update – DRAFT (TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING)

Projected Revenue	
Pancake Breakfast	\$1000.00
Coffee Sales	\$1000.00
Givins Shaw Clothing Sales	\$1500.00
Used Book Sales	\$700.00
Eco Hop (Dance-a-thon)	\$1500.00
Fun Fair	\$15,000.00
Parent Social Night	\$3000.00
New event for 2017-2018	\$2000.00
Miscellaneous Fundraising ie: Used Winter Clothing Sales, Holiday Party, Fall BBQ)	\$500.00
Total	\$26,200.00



Proposed Budget 2017 – 2018		
Area	Possible Use of Funds	Allocation
Academic Enrichment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equity - Achievement - Well-being 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting authors, artists, athletes, performers, key note speakers • Classroom / School wide workshops 	\$11,975.00 Youth Wellness (\$4500) danceEd (\$4475) Allocation for other (\$3000)
Classroom Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientist in the Classroom or other class initiatives <p>*Funds should be requested by emailing Council</p>	\$3900.00 \$300 per classroom
Sports/Recess Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating recess and sports equipment • Team uniforms, team equipment 	\$500.00
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the technology plan 	\$12,000
Eco / Outdoor Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upkeep in the garden area 	\$500.00
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment repairs 	\$500.00
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Trees tickets / transportation 	\$1000.00
Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplement / reimburse parents if required for decorations, yearbook, cake 	\$500.00
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URL domain name (good until fall of 2018) 	\$0.00
Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meetings • Teacher appreciation lunch • School Council hosted events (eg. Morning Meet ups, Holiday party, End of year lemonade) • Police checks • Bank fees <p>*Note that the school budget will cover the cost of childcare for meetings and the permit for the Fun Fair</p>	\$2500.00
Total		\$33,375.00
<i>Bring forward balance from 2016-2017(in the bank)</i>		\$39,988.00



Treasurer's Report – Michael Candeloro

GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - Summary Report For August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017

	Inflows	Outflows	Net
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	624	411	213
School clothing sale	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
Book sales	720	-	720
Fun fair	27,833	10,042	17,792
Total	48,652	19,884	28,768
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Expenses			
Enrichment - arts, presentations, workshops, performances in school, class room funds and buses (\$5,000 for buses and \$7,000 for enrichment)	12,000	9,363	2,637
Sports / recess equipment	1,000	280	720
Technology	22,000	22,000	-
Eco/outdoor space	500	-	500
Music	500	339	161
Library	1,000	869	131
Graduation	500	484	16
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, lice squad, staff appreciation, and miscellaneous expenses	3,000	2,149	851
Total Expenses	40,500	35,484	5,016
Closing Cash Balance July 31, 2017 (Accrual)			39,988

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 17th 6:15 PM in the library and at 7:00 PM will be the guest speaker

November 7th 6:15 PM in the library

BOOKMARK: www.givinsshaw.com