



GS School Council – Meeting Minutes

January 22nd, 2019

Attendees: Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Dale McIntosh, Michael Candeloro, Mark Degani, Leah Pritchett, Penny del Moral, Myf Marshall

Staff: Dan Taylor

1. Motion to pass the minutes from our November 21st meeting
 - Natalie approved
 - Mike seconded
2. Any items to add to the agenda?
 - No new items added
3. School update from Principal Taylor
 - School Fence Construction
 - See reminder diagram in the Appendix
 - Construction has commenced. Dan has confirmed that bikes and strollers can still easily pass through
 - External Construction on School Building
 - Still working to strengthen the vertical pillars
 - Construction is complete on the inside
 - Library Renovation
 - Design and décor/refurbishment decisions in progress. Penny will be the parent/School Council liaison and will work with Dan to provide input on behalf of the parent community.
 - Hoping that construction may begin as early as May and the goal is to be open fully in September
 - Outdoor Education at Givins/Shaw Update
 - More and more parents are keen to have their children participate in an outdoor classroom environment.



- Given portables may be in our future, the school is looking at the possibility of the K outdoor classroom move to the North side of the school and free up the existing K courtyard on the east side be repurposed as a public area (recess access)
- Term 1 Report Cards and Interview Dates of Interest
 - Report cards will be distributed February 12th and interviews (optional) will be available Feb 14th PM and Feb 15th AM
 - **ACTION** – Dan to look into online interview sign up for future parent/teacher interviews
- Technology Professional Development for G/S Staff Update
 - Staff continue to participate in PD at all staff meetings. Trevor Lightbody and Adam Smith are the leads within the school and offer lunch and learns and open for any questions/training
 - The School has 3 classrooms to outfit with the basic “Tech kit” which Council hopes to be accomplished by June so that we will start 2019 – 2020 on phase 2 (upgrading, replacing and adding to the existing technology).
- Health and Safety Update
 - Lice check was done in January
 - Head of Caretaking visited the school to review the school’s cleanliness. With many “winter” duties our caretakers continue to try and keep the inside as clean as possible.
- Fund-raising Lunches
 - Dan has spoken with TDSB Lawyers and GS families with severe allergies and at this time fundraising lunches including PIZZA are off the table
- Inclement Weather Policy
 - TDSB states that – 28 and below equates to indoor recess; however, it is ultimately up to the Principal
- Kindergarten Registration and Welcome to Kindergarten Session
 - This begins on February 1st!



- Sports Team / Clubs / Intramural Update
 - Girls Volleyball – Feb 11th hosting tournament
 - Boys Basketball 4/5 team – tournament is on Feb 7th
 - Boys Basketball 6 team – tournament tbc
 - Junior STEM Club takes place on Wednesdays – thanks Ms. Robb
 - **ACTION** – Dan to confirm if soccer intramurals will once again take place in Feb/March
- 4. Q & A with Principal Taylor
 - Question was raised about gender equality in phys.ed (ie: boys playing against girls) – discussion followed stating that often it is the kids who divide that way but Dan will follow up with Ms. Grassman to ensure she is using different ways to separate into groups (birthdays Jan – June and July – Dec) etc ...
- 5. School Council Update
 - Treasurer's Report
 - See Appendix
 - Only revenue up to now includes Pancake Breakfast \$1075 – CONGRATS and thank you to Mike, Art Cards \$1713 – CONGRATS and thank you to Jessica
 - Awaiting final details from the Coffee Fundraiser – thank you Adrienne for leading
 - Nutrition Committee Update
 - New Lead: Jen Barratt
 - Grant Preparation in Progress
 - PRO-Grant funded workshops/speakers/screenings
 - PRO-GRANT has been approved - \$1000.00
 - Dates TBC but the following two activities will be booked asap
- 1) Sarah Rosensweet (parenting expert) - PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP
<https://www.sarahrosensweet.com/pro-grant-speaker/>
- 2) Screenagers Screening and discussion – CHILDREN and PARENTS (suggested age 10+)
<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/about/>



- Upcoming Fundraising / Volunteer Opportunities
 - Cookbook (led by Nutrition Committee)
 - Movie Night – Kathy and Silvia are organizing for spring
 - Parent Social – Helen, Chris, Jeanie and Jamie are meeting to get things started.
 - GS School Clothing – Dale to look into other options to offer for the spring. Dale to confirm when the site will “open” – suggesting March 1s – Easter?
 - Fun Fair – May 25th (Saturday following long weekend)
 - Used Book Sale – June
 - Eco – Hop (dance a thon) – April
 - Any Other Fundraising Opportunities? If anyone has suggestions or wants to take the lead on something please let Kim / Natalie know.

6. Funding Requests

The following has been / will be booked by the teachers. Thank you to the teachers for coming up with some great ideas! Thank you to the parents for all your great fundraising that allows the school to offer these programs! Please ask your children about them as they happen.

Performance by Shawna Caspi (North American folk music)

Junior division

DrumFIT experience

Whole school

McMichael Art Gallery (gallery tour / time in the studio)

Room 4, Room 5, Room 11, Room 16 (approx. 91 students)

Story Teller (history / Cree creation story) – HAPPENED ON JANUARY 25th

Primary division

Tribal Vision Dance (Mohawk dance troupe from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory)

Whole school

Sensory Tool Kits (outfit each primary classroom)

Primary division

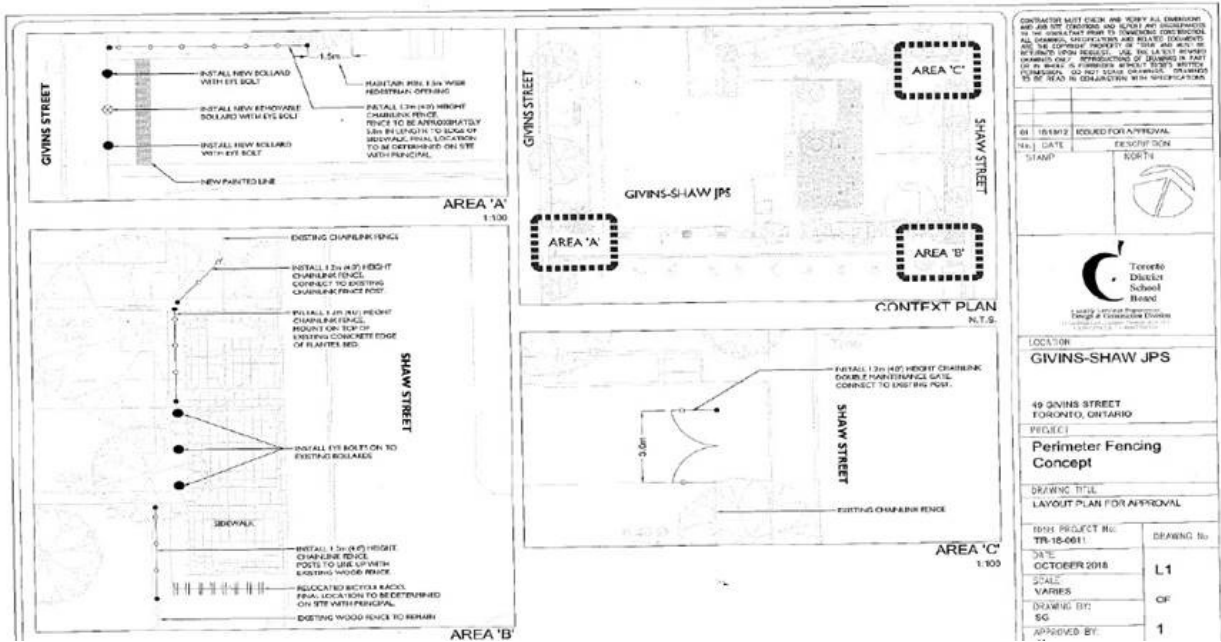
REQUEST/ACTION – Primary classrooms (grades 1, 2, 3) are looking for NEW board games/puzzles to use for indoor recess. If you can donate, please direct to Jessica Halton who will distribute amongst the Primary rooms.



- Next School Council Meeting will be **February 20th, 2019**

Appendix

Construction plan:





Treasurer's Report

GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT For August 1, 2018 to January 22, 2019

	Inflows	Outflows	Net
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	1,928	(1,885)	43
Miscellaneous/donations			-
Pancake breakfast	1,475	(400)	1,075
Art Cards	1,713		1,713
Coffee sale	112		112
Toonie sale	2,027	(2,027)	-
Holiday party			-
Eco Hop			-
Clothing sale	81		81
Parent band night			-
Used book sale			-
Fun fair			-
Total	7,336	(4,312)	3,025
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	Planned Budget	Year to Date Expenses	Under/ (Over)
Expenses			
Academic Enrichment:	10,000		10,000
Visiting authors, artists, athletes, performers, key note speakers			-
Equipment, programs etc ... that reach the school community			-
Division / School wide workshops			-
Classroom funds (Scientists in the Classroom)	4,125	-	4,125
Sports / recess equipment	1,000	(592)	408
Technology	11,000	(11,000)	-
Eco/outdoor space	500	-	500
Music	1,000	-	1,000
Library	1,200	-	1,200
Graduation (includes \$211 from prior year grad)	500	(42)	458
Communications	100		
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, staff appreciation, and miscellaneous expenses	1,500	(602)	898
	30,925	(12,235)	18,590
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TOTAL FUNDS RAISED LESS ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		= A - B	(9,211)
Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2018 (Accrual)			37,862
Closing Cash Balance (Accrual)			28,652
Outstanding cheques			542
Cash Balance per bank			29,194