



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

March 2nd, 2020

6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Natalie Dennis, Shannon Groulx, Penny del Moral, Suzanne Gold, Roger Pierce, Leah Pritchett, Hayley Webster, Jessica Rosebush, Paul Newman, Pauline Dolovich, Lara Chatterjee, Lorraine Trecroce, Hanny Elsayed, Danielle Macri-Lee, Adrienne Girardi, Cadence Wade, Dale McIntosh, Dan Taylor (Principal) *

*apologies for any mis-spellings or omissions

1) Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept – Penny del Moral

Second the motion – Natalie Dennis

Any other topics to add to the agenda (note and discuss at the end)

2) Acceptance of February 19th, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to accept – Natalie Dennis

Second the motion – Shannon Groulx

3) Principal's Welcome and Update

New Start Time / Dismissal Time:

Please click [here](#) for a letter from the TDSB explaining the change to the Givins/Shaw bell times for the 2020/21 school year. For the 2020/2021 school year the school day will begin at 8:25 a.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. THIS STARTS in SEPTEMBER!

Morning timing will be:

- 8:05 AM supervision in yard
- 8:20 AM bell and students will enter the school
- 8:25 AM students will be in their classes and attendance taken

Afternoon timing will be:

- 2:45 PM dismissal bell will ring
- 3:00 PM supervision will end

Note that recess and lunch will all shift accordingly

- i. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Kindergarten/Transportation/School-Start-and-End-Times> includes a link to a list of all schools
- ii. The bus details will come out around labour day and Dan will then communicate to all bus eligible families (approx. 28 eligible).

ACTION: If you would like to voice any concerns please email Lara (parent of GS) who has offered to collectively move ahead with bringing the concerns to the school trustee etc...

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Staffing update

Mr. Evans (Grade 5/6) is still on a leave; however, a new teacher – Mr. “Z” has been hired on LTO so will cover Mr. Evans during his absence

Vicki (many know her as a teacher from the GS Daycare) is covering for Ms. Annie (Kindergarten) while she is out on a medical leave due to a wrist injury. She hopes to be back early spring.

Student numbers

In 2019 – 2020 the board forecasted 323 students and that is essentially where we landed. For 2020 – 2021 the projection is 304 students. This means that likely we'll be down 1 teacher/class but all TBC in the early spring.

Strike update

No new news. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Labour-Negotiations>

Grade 6 graduation

Date will be determined asap and likely will be a late afternoon start time.

4) Q & A with Principal Taylor

Q: What is being done regarding cleaning around the school property and ensuring safe grounds? Is there a way to get additional support?

ACTION: Dan to follow up with Robert to request he do a more thorough look around school property keeping an eye out for any drug paraphernalia. Should anyone see anything suspect on school grounds, please let Dan/Robert know.

ACTION: Dan to follow up with Robert to request bathrooms are checked more regularly re: soap and paper towel supplies as well as overall cleanliness.

ACTION: Dan to see if the afternoon/evening shift can start earlier to accommodate getting in an afternoon washroom clean? ie: 1:30 – 9:30 PM instead of 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

ACTION: Natalie/Lorraine to check with the daycare to ensure they are using proper disposal of diapers / pull-ups in the first floor washroom.

ACTION: Natalie/Lorraine to pull together any specific issues / examples and share with Dan. If you have a specific issue please contact Lorraine at l.trecroce@gmail.com.

Q: What are the consequences/how are you handling the kids who have apparently gone into the kitchen, daycare, have come into the school after hours?

Discussion around how the school is handling issues with a handful of kids who have been “hanging” around the school and getting into trouble. Dan advised that all families have been spoken with and that he follows the TDSB discipline protocol which involves



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progressive discipline (many steps before a suspension occurs). One parent brought up some things that she heard through her son about kids taking inappropriate photos and getting into the school after hours and vandalizing the daycare. Dan was aware of the daycare and has been in touch with them. As for the photos, Dan will follow up.

ACTION: Dan to ask our Community Officer if there is a program whereby they can come into the school to speak with room 4 and room 13 on community citizenship, internet safety and more. Dale/Pauline to see if they know of any other programs.

Q: What was the response from updating staff on the recess / visiting washrooms when the kids need to go?

Dan has spoken with the staff.

5) School Council Welcome and Update

Treasurer's Report

No new news since the February 20th meeting.

Fundraising / Community Events

Yard Clean up – TBC April 18th

Eco-Hop – Friday April 24th. Funds support “Eco”, “Classroom Funds” and any remaining funds support the areas of the budget with the greatest need.

Fun Fair is scheduled for May 23rd - funds support “Academic Achievement”, “Classroom Funding” and any remaining funds support the areas of the budget with the greatest need.

Parent Social Scene for April 24th – funds have supported “Technology” in the past – TBC for 2020

6) Any other business?

Results from the Terry Fox Run are in – a note from the organizers below:

*Our 2019 Terry Fox School Run was a great success!
We are proud to announce that Givins-Shaw School has generously donated \$3,375.00 for cancer research! The Terry Fox Foundation sends a big thank you to our school community for our generosity and support. 40 years later, Terry's message of hope lives on and stronger than ever!*

Congratulations to all!

Request to have all Spirit Days on the calendar



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ACTION: Dan to post these on the school calendar.

Home Alone Course

Dale has booked a Home Alone course through our Public Health liaison. The class will be held on April 1st from 6 PM – 8 PM. Dale will follow up with an email and have RSVPs sent to her. This course is geared towards 10 year old +.

7) Next meetings

April 8th and May 7th

8) Adjourn