



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING November 21st, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Kim MacFarlane, Natalie Dennis, Dale McIntosh, Michael Candeloro, Mark Degani, Lara Chatterjee, Leah Pritchett, Kathy Mile, Netta Stambolic-Hillman, Jeanie Calleja, Donna Diakun

Staff: Dan Taylor, Jessica Halton

Apologies if anyone was missed or for any spelling errors.

1) Review and Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to accept – Kim MacFarlane
- b. Second the motion – Natalie Dennis
Jeanie requested to add “Parent Social” fundraising event

2) Acceptance of October 23rd, 2018 minutes

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- b. Second the motion – Dale McIntosh

3) Principal’s Welcome and Update – Dan Taylor

- Library update – Mr. Taylor meeting with design and construction reps from the TDSB on Nov. 28 to discuss next steps and finalize plans
 - School looking to purchase 100 ‘milk crate’ type storage units in order to create a temporary lending library in the upper section of the library so the students can continue to sign out books
- Sports Team Update – Grade 4 / 5 Girls’ basketball – Nov. 29 @ Palmerston, Grade 6 Girls’ basketball – Nov. 26 @ Carleton Village, Junior Boys’ Volleyball @Annette – Nov. 27
- Primary Choir (grades 1, 2, 3) had their second practice this week – new members are welcome. Please speak with Ms. Montanera
- Givins/Shaw will be participating in ‘Hour of Code’ and more information is to follow
- Technology update – 2 more classes outfitted with ten ipads each, three classes still to go (please see the website “Technology tab” for details on how you can donate (and get a tax receipt).
- TDSB placing a focus on anti-oppression education and that will be an area of action at staff meetings
- We are keeping access to the second floor secured both before and after school in order to do our best to create a safe learning and working environment for students and staff – students should be going to their classes with their teachers and classmates – if a parent is bringing a child to school late, or is picking up their child early, they are asked to come and sign-in at the office so arrangements can be made for their child to get to or from class with parents staying on the main floor. If access is needed outside of school hours ie: a parent with a child in daycare, please seek out a caretaker to assist you.
- we are examining the possibility of introducing fund-raising lunches to Givins/Shaw and are proceeding carefully so that the needs of all our students are considered



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4) School Council Update

a. Treasurer's Report / 2018-2019 budget

- No change from October meeting

b. Communications

- Reminder that school news is disseminated in many ways: Dan Taylor (emails), Teachers (various ways but may include newsletter, website, emails, through agendas), Class Parent Reps, Website, Twitter, Facebook and if needed, paper copies in the office / home in the backpacks.
- School calendar is on the website as are most forms (www.givinsshaw.com)

c. Fall Fundraising / Volunteer Opportunities

- Children's Art Cards – due November 23rd
- Pancake Breakfast – December 6th (7:45 AM – 8:50 AM)
- Holiday Coffee sales – due November 27th
- Holiday party / sing-a-long – December 13th TBC (LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO LEAD THIS / HELP)
- Toonie Sale – December 13th (PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS (NOT GARBAGE) NEAR THE GYM DOORS) * see appendix for the details (below)
- Fundraising lunch (pizza or other) introduction to JK/SK – date TBC
- Parent Social Event (live music performances) – date TBC (planning is in progress for the spring)

- 5) Ms. Halton presented ideas on how the primary teachers would like to allocate some of the funding School Council has approved for school / division wide programming. Council was unanimously happy with the plans;
- Storyteller workshop re: importance of storytelling using a Cree creation story, an African and Cree trickster story and the leaders own story for the primary classes (Rooms 15, 9, 17, 10, 12, 8, 4)
 - Prologue Performance – either Tribal Vision Dance or Red Sky Performance TBC based on availability (the whole school is able to participate)
 - Sensory School Tool Kits for the primary classrooms

Jessica will proceed with booking and will liaise with Suzie and Mike/Mark re: ordering/payment.

- 6) Meeting terminated



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Reminders:

If you haven't dropped off your **Nutrition Contribution**, please do so immediately! Suggested amount is \$50.00 per child for the year. Note that all children will be served a morning snack despite whether the parents have made their donation or not. Morning snack includes grain, dairy and either a fruit or vegetable – this is great value so please remind your children to take part!

If you would like to donate to the Technology Fund (and get a tax receipt) please [click here](#) for more details. Cheques can be dropped off to the office made out to TDSB and then note "Givins Shaw Technology" or online. [Click here for instructions](#). Thank you in advance!

Council Meetings:

- Meetings are held approx. 7 – 8 times per year
- Meetings are typically held in the library or a classroom between 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM
- Childcare is provided in room 6/7
- If you have topics you would like to discuss please send them to the Council email address givinsshawcouncil@gmail.com
- **Next meeting will be in JANUARY – date TBC**

Appendix:

Start scouring your homes, it's Toonie Sale Time!! For those who are new to the school, the Toonie Sale is an annual fundraising event where we invite everyone to donate new or gently used gift items so the kids can do some holiday shopping. The funds raised go to support the many wonderful social support programs at West Neighbourhood House.

We are looking for jewelry, ties, household items, home decor, frames, candle holders, toys, cookbooks, coffee table books, sport equipment, you get the idea! We also need tape, wrapping paper, gift bags, bows and ribbons!

When choosing your donations please ask yourself, "how would I like it if my child brought this home for me?" Then perhaps reconsider the stuffie that you know was barfed on by the dog last Halloween and only received a 'spot-clean'.

It will be happening on Thursday December 13th and you can drop your donations off in the school foyer starting on Monday! Thanks all and stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!