



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 30th, 2019
6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDED: Dale McIntosh, Natalie Dennis, Kim MacFarlane, Lorraine Trecroce, Mark Degani, Vivian Rossteuscher, Lara Chatterjee, Hanny Elsayed

Rachael Chang (teacher), Alison Robb (teacher), Principal Dan Taylor

Apologies if someone was missed or if there are any spelling errors.

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Review and Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to accept - Kim MacFarlane
 - b. Second the motion – Vivien Rossteuscher
 - c. Any other topics to add to the agenda – no
- 3) Acceptance of September 18th meeting minutes
 - a. Motion to accept – Dale McIntosh
 - b. Second the motion – Lorraine Trecroce
- 4) Principal's Welcome and Update – Dan Taylor

• School Improvement Planning

Every school in the TDSB engages in school improvement planning each year.

School staff examine various lines of data and based upon pertinent information they determine a goal for achievement, a goal for equity and a goal for well-being specific for their school.

At Givins/Shaw this year we placed a particular emphasis on the data that comes from the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that we have created for our students.

Givins/Shaw averages 50 IEPs each year.

On the October 11 PA day, the staff reflected upon the reasons behind the last three years of IEPs and from that we moved forward with our school's goals.

Stemming from this exercise, our school will be placing an emphasis on increasing our digital resources, examining measures in order for students with self-regulation issues to meet with more success, and enhancing the deliberate use of our outdoor school spaces as learning environments.

• Construction update

The TDSB work crew is returning on Nov. 4 and 5 in order to complete the outdoor construction. If indeed this is completed according to schedule, we will be returning to the use of door 5 for entrances and exits by Mon. Nov. 11. We will inform the community once we are sure that the change is good to go.

The internal construction within the library/learning commons should be concluded by Nov. 15. All of the costs for the labour, shelving, flooring, waterproofing, etc. was covered through the TDSB insurance. We have worked with the TDSB design team and priced out the furniture and other items that we would like to purchase for the new space. All of those items are purchased through our school budget. Due to a very generous donation of \$10 000 from one family and an additional promise of



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\$5000 from the school council, we will be proceeding to purchase all the items on our list. Many thanks to the generosity of the Givins/Shaw community and school council. We expect the new library/learning commons to be fully functional early in the new calendar year.

- Givins/Shaw sports update

After a very successful fall sports schedule, the next two sports for junior students at G/S will be Boys' volleyball and Girls' basketball.

- Mr. Smith Update

Mr. Smith continues to recover from his broken arm, and subsequent surgeries. He has been in the school a few times to see the students and the staff. We expect Mr. Smith to return to teach the students in Room 9 in January, 2020. Until Mr. Smith returns, Ms. Nadine Halligan will continue to teach the class.

- Contract negotiations for CUPE and Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario

The TDSB employees who are members of CUPE, have negotiated a contract but it is still awaiting a ratification vote.

The members of the Elementary Teachers of Toronto (ETT), and their provincial counterpart, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) are still in the process of negotiations. Last week the ETFO members voted in favour of strike-action. At this time, we do not have any information to share as to what next steps may come from that vote. We will keep the community informed as we learn more ourselves. Please look to the TDSB website for the most up to date information.

5) School Council Welcome and Update

- a. Treasurer's Report
See appendix below

- b. Fall Fundraising / Events

- i. Pancake Breakfast – NOVEMBER 22nd
- ii. Coffee sales – Adrienne Giroux will liaise with White Squirrel
- iii. Art Cards – Jessica Tudos will liaise with Sandra Dizio – in progress
- iv. Bingo night – TBC
- v. Toonie Sale / Extend to holiday gathering
 - Everyone likes the idea of combining the two
 - Perhaps a "loonie" sale in the evening
 - Liked that it was on same day as the Foreign Language after school program
 - Perhaps other "vendors" want to join after school?
 - Jeanie is confirming a date and will start collection after the long weekend

- c. Executive Elections

- i. Secretary position – Dale McIntosh to continue for now. Melissa Harold has volunteered to come on board and between them, they will take care of the time keeping and minutes for the future council meetings.



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- ii. Treasurer position – Hanny Elsayed was elected unanimously. We thanked Mark Degani for his time and commitment and the two will transition over the coming weeks. Mark is continuing on volunteering but with the Nutrition Committee.
 - iii. Co-Chair position – Lorraine Trecroce was elected unanimously. We thanked Kim MacFarlane for time as Co-Chair over the past two years.
- 6) Any other business?
- Rachael requested any old tires to be dropped off in the north courtyard. She is also looking for sand or loose gravel donations (to help weigh the tires down)
- 7) Next meeting – November 26th 6:15 PM
 8) Adjourn - all in favour!

Appendix

GIVINS SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL - TREASURER REPORT
For August 1, 2019 to October 29, 2019

	Inflows	Outflows	Net
Events/Fundraising			
Fall BBQ	1,963	(1,838.41)	124.59
Miscellaneous/donations	-	-	-
Pancake breakfast	-	-	-
Art Cards	-	-	-
Coffee sale	-	-	-
Toonie sale	-	-	-
Movie Night	-	-	-
Eco Hop	-	-	-
Clothing sale	-	-	-
Parent social (parent band night)	-	-	-
Used book sale	-	-	-
Right to Play	-	-	-
Fun fair	-	-	-
Total	1,963	(1,838)	125
			A
	Planned Budget	Year to Date Expenses	Under/ (Over)
Expenses			
Academic Enrichment Total:	10,000		
Other (including Scientists)			
Visiting authors, artists, athletes, performers, key note speakers			
Equipment, programs etc ... that reach the school community			
Division / School wide workshops			
Classroom Funds	3,850		
Classroom Funds - spcific to Kindergarten	500		
Sports / recess equipment	1,000		
Technology	12,000		
Eco/outdoor space	500		
Music	1,000		
Library	1,200		
Graduation	500		
Council meetings, police checks, bank fees, staff appreciation, and miscellaneous expenses	1,500	(242)	1,258
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		B	
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED LESS ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		= A - B	(118)
Opening Cash Balance August 1, 2019 (Accrual)			42,795
Closing Cash Balance (Accrual)			42,678
Outstanding cheques			-
Cash Balance per bank			42,678



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