



GIVINS / SHAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 1st

6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendance:

Parents: Lorraine T, Hanny E, Natalie D, Cadence C, Leah P, William, Daisy, Zarine, Srdjana, Stephanie, Helen S, Andrea H, Eden F, Jeanie C, Kathy M, Peter, S Rencken, Roxanne O, Samantha C, Dale M

Staff: Alison R, Sandra D, Dan T, Daniel S, Suzie K

Apologies for anyone missed or if there is a spelling error.

1) Introductions

The Council executive was introduced – Hanny Elsayed – Treasurer, Dale McIntosh – Secretary, Natalie Dennis - Co-Chair and Lorraine Trecroce – Co-Chair.

2) Review and Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to accept - Dale
- b. Second the motion – Jeanie

3) Acceptance of March 2nd meeting minutes

- a. Motion to accept - Natalie
- b. Second the motion – Hanny

4) School Council Welcome and Update

- a. How the Council Meetings typically run and how often

Council meetings generally take place once a month and start at 6:15 PM with the goal of being finished by 8:00 PM. These are typically held in the library but for 2020 – 2021 they will be held virtually. A zoom link will be shared with class reps, the website and facebook in advance. Minutes can be found on the school website www.givinsshaw.com and will be distributed via class reps.

- b. Communications

There are a variety of ways the school communicates – mostly via the website www.givinsshaw.com and also via class parent reps. The Bulldog Bulletin distributed via mailchimp hasn't been active for a bit now as the class parent reps have become more integral and effective in passing on information. There is also a community Facebook page which is not an official school page but is a great way to share information.

- c. Committees – Lorraine

i. Outdoor Learning Committee

1. Physical space
2. Materials for outdoors
3. Clothing to keep us outdoor

ii. Other committees TBC (in the past – Eco, Nutrition, Arts)

A google form will be distributed to gather information on who may be interested in joining committees at the school or generally interested in volunteering when the needs arise. If in the mean time you are keen to be part of the Outdoor Learning Committee please email Lorraine/Natalie and we'll point you in the right direction. Email info is at the bottom of this email.

ACTION: Council to follow up with the teachers to confirm if committees already exist that a parent could join or be a part of?

- d. Fall Fundraising / Community Events

- i. Morning coffee meet up – 2 events took place, small turnout but once again effective and worthwhile for those that did attend.
- ii. Direct ask via cash online / envelope – Council to follow up on this idea and to report back in November on the plan
- iii. Pancake Breakfast (kit pick up / eat at home) - Lorraine to follow up with Lakeview and feel out any interest in doing this or something similar



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- iv. Bulldog swag sales - Dale/Natalie to look at our current partner and determine next steps. Stephanie Bonas spoke of creating a shopify account to sell Bulldog items. Natalie is looking into seat cushions to cost out for keeping kids sitting outside.
- v. Coffee sales – Dale to ask Adrienne if she wants to lead this again for 2020
- vi. Art Cards (need to confirm interest with teachers) – Jessica is inquiring re: timing and what’s possible
- vii. Clothing swap @ Osler Park ??? - TBC
- e. Executive Council
 - i. Next steps for 2020 – 2021

Nominations are open for 2020 – 2021 Executive Council. Hanny, Dale, Natalie and Lorraine would like to continue in their current roles and intend to run again. Elections to be held at the next meeting to confirm executive slate for this school year.

f. Treasurer’s Report

Hanny provided an update and a good reference to consider – typically we raise approx. \$29,000 per year and we spend about the same. This past year was an anomaly due to COVID, where we raised \$25,000 less than we typically would. We also spent \$12,000 less than we typically would. So if people need a reason to open their wallets, it’s because we are \$12,000 behind where we would normally be due to cancellation of the Fun Fair/Parent Band Night/etc. Bottom line – fundraising is still important and we need to continue to think of opportunities to raise money for our school.

	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	3 Year Average	2019/2020
Net Inflow	\$28,768	\$29,124	\$29,175	\$29,022	\$4,443
Programs/expenses	\$35,739	\$31,250	\$24,951	\$30,647	\$17,281
Surplus/Deficit	-\$6,971	-\$2,126	\$4,224	-\$1,624	-\$12,838

In October Council will meet with Dan to review the planned budget for 2020 – 2021 to share at the next Council meeting.

5) Principal’s Welcome and Update

These are the main points covered by Principal Taylor during the meeting:

- Please inform us via email regarding absenteeism, and include reason for absence
- The HVAC construction has almost concluded
- Please keep a child at home until they are free of symptoms for 24 hours
- We ordered new digital resources, K to 6, for both language and math to which we should have access soon have
- We would be neglectful in our duties if we weren’t considering the possibility of going remote at a moment’s notice, so we are incorporating that into our planning
- Any decision to take a classroom outside for parts of the day is the teacher’s decision And we have been making great use of our outdoor spaces
- the on-line platforms (google classroom) of the teachers will likely be Launched soon if they are not already. Teachers will be in contact with their families soon in order to discuss how to use the platform and to introduce the new resources and how to access them
- There is a strong potential re-organization will be coming next week and classes may have to be changed again

Next meeting will be in NOVEMBER – date TBC (will be shared with Class Parent Reps and posted on the website www.givinsshaw.com)