Glenview Sr PS School Council

Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2022

Attendance:

Dayne Parker (Principal), Dafna Jalon (Vice-Principal), Erin Quinn (Vice-Principal), Lynne LeBlanc (Co-Chair), Marni Shulman (Co-Chair), Julia Bai (Co-treasurer), Anna Foord (Secretary), Diana Oriano (Ward Representative), Jennifer Dobson (Member at Large), Mary-Jo Mancuso (Teacher Representative), Jessica Naves Glad (Teacher Representative).

Participants/ Parents: 41 families in attendance.

- 1. <u>Review and approved Nov. 15, 2022 Agenda:</u> Motion passed (Anna, Lynne)
- 2. <u>Approved Oct. 18, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes</u>: Motion passed (Anna, Lynne)
- 3. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

Co-Chairs Marni and Lynne opened the meeting and welcomed school administration, teachers and parents. Discussed the maintaining an appropriate, respectful tone when discussing issues in the meeting. Some issues regarding progress reports being sent out digitally. Mr. Parker working on it. Student representatives to give reports moving forward.

- <u>Student Representative Report:</u>
 Ms. Quinn facilitated student representatives introducing themselves.
 Aisha Gr. 7, Anahid Gr. 7, Maya Gr. 7, Avery Gr. 7
 Marni shared with student representatives that council meeting was a safe place where student representatives could openly share their thoughts about happenings at Glenview.
 - 5. <u>Co-Chair Address:</u>
 - Grad hoodies on sale online (<u>https://chewyapparel.ca/store/glenview-grad/</u>) until Nov. 25. Hard stop on selling after this date. Hoodies are a similar design to last year. Available in grey, white and black. Customising with the student's last name is also available. Price: \$38.50 per. Extras for anyone with financial concerns are available. Please reach out to the council if needed (sc.glenview@gmail.com). Will be kept confidential. S
 - Glenview spirit wear will also be coming in the new year hoodies, pants, T's, etc.

- Council submitted SNO for Nov. 1. Document to provide parent voice regarding administrator priorities if a replacement was ever needed.
- Thurs. Dec. 1 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch. Council will send out sign-up sheet shortly. We need bakers and cooks to make desserts, salads etc. to make lunch success and show our appreciation to teachers and staff. Please, please sign up to help out (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4EA5AF2FA4F49-glenview). Lunch will start at 11:15 am. Marni will find out how financial contributions could possibly be managed.
- Grade 8 Graduation: Wed. June 21
- 6. Principal's Report: Dafna Jalon, VP
- Purpose of Progress Report: to communicate progress to date and support planning next steps in collaboration with students and parents. Soft skills/learning skills will most likely be the same for all teachers/all classes (e.g. students showing a high level of organization will demonstrate this skill in all classes). Goal of the report is to discuss well being and goal setting. Parents should try to pick the teachers they need to see (for interviews) based on the needs of their child.. Due to rotary, teachers can not see all parents. Most teachers will have over 100 students.
- Mr. Parker is working on sending progress reports now. Glitches with the system so the link sent is not working. Ms. Jalon thanks parents for their patience with this and Power School issues this year.

Further information:

- Photo retakes Nov. 24
- Grad photos rescheduled to Jan. 30. Students should wear white collared shirt.
- Information session for grad trip Dec 6 more information to come.
- Lawrence Park Holiday Tasting Tour, Dec 6 a restaurant night to support local restaurants and community. Will be a fund social event. Free to attend. More information to follow. (Marni)
- 7. <u>Teacher Representatives Report:</u>
 - Ms. Naves Glad thanked parents for their support so far this year.
 - Current extracurriculars:
 - Investment Club
 - Girls basketball
 - Boys volleyball
 - Boys hockey
 - Girls hockey
 - Co-ed hockey
 - Sign-up for teams and clubs on google classroom.
 - On behalf of teachers, the Progress Report is a reflection of the first few weeks of classroom observations, an assessment in a short period of time. The progress report provides an opportunity to have conversations at home about setting goals and learning

skills. Well being should be prioritised when having conversations about progress and goals. Students need to know we're all on the same time.

Further Parent Questions:

- Boys intramural football is still ongoing in the mornings. The sign-up link is in Google classroom, as well as the schedule and permission form.
- Swimming team will be in mid-January. Badminton, girls volleyball and boys basketball will also be in the winter session.
- Information about the Investment Club and other extracurriculars can be found on the activity board,
- To access google classroom, student has to login, parents only get summaries. All information (announcements, assignments, due dates, extracurriculars, teams) in the G classroom. Students are learning to navigate the information. It is the student's responsibility to check google classroom. Important for students to learn independence this way, especially because they are in middle school. Marni Perhaps the council can figure out a way we can help disseminate extracurricular and social information to Council's parent distribution list. (Reminder to parents: please ensure Council has your contact information, <u>https://forms.gle/qkATxC2gNzJaDH8QA</u>)
- EMA: all forms will eventually be digital in the EMA, like cash online. Parents will get a link to let them know when there is a form that needs to be completed in the EMA.
- Strings Orchestra all encouraged now, if interested.
- Concern regarding student level of expertise in navigating google classroom and virtual classroom. Elementary feeder schools should be supporting this before middle school. Ms. Chew (Librarian) had done an orientation of the library and virtual library. Teachers are aware students have different levels of expertise with G suite. Teacher's are showing/teaching students how to use these tools. E.g. Mr. Desantis' lesson on advocating for selves by emailing a teacher.
- First installment of the Student Newsletter was sent out. Congrats to Ms. Jalon for working with the students to accomplish this.
- Yearbook Committee will begin in the new year with Ms. Jalon and a teacher representative.
- Lunch arrangements for COVID cautious families? There are other spaces for lunch. If a parent has a concern, they can contact the admin to have a one on one discussion. Permission form to come home for lunch is available in the office. Ms. Jalon will add a PDF of the form to Friday's admin email.
- If a parent isn't able to communicate with a teacher now because their interview was cancelled or not able to get a time, contact the teacher by email if you have concerns after receiving the progress report.
- Concern why swimming is cancelled frequently. A board wide problem because there are no supply lifeguards. If one lifeguard is away, pool has to be cancelled. Phys. Ed. teachers take over if pool is cancelled and offer activities instead. Suggestion to use Lawrence Park students to lifeguard as volunteer hours. Unfortunately wouldn't be allowed due to union and other requirements.

- 8. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> Julia
 - Not much change from last month.
 - Carried over from last year: \$3550
 - Total donations to date \$8700
 - Expenses to date \$1300
 - Balance \$10 000
 - Council discusses with the admin where donations to be allocated each year. Currently STEM initiatives (3D printer, robotics, etc.)
- 9. <u>New Business</u>: None
- 10. <u>Motion to adjourn</u>: Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm (Anna, Julia)

Next meeting: January TBD 2023