



November 25 2019

6:30p.m.

School Council Meeting

Glad Park Public School,
Whitchurch-Stouffville,

Meeting called by Natalie Murphy, Co-Chair

Attendees: Sarah Lake, Natalie Murphy, Rachel Lefebvre, Bisma Lodhikawala, Jenny Wong, Bessie Dimitrakakis, Christy Fang, Marina Cochrane, Susan Dunham, Natalie Murphy

Absent: Jodi MacAndrew, Tara Owen, Allen Wong, Marlee Corcoran, Sadia Jeelani, Mike Ogston, Randi Mayor

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Norms

Discussion:

Welcoming school council attendees, previous council members and new parents.

Land Acknowledgement:

- Susan Dunham: shared apps that provide land acknowledgements 'Whose Land?'

Norms:

- Operative norms of council, respecting everyone in council and their thoughts. Free of judgement. Keeping an open mind. Respectful of all conversations and coming with positive intentions.

Minutes reviewed and discussed:

- Unable to approve due to insufficient quorum
- October minutes to be sent electronically for a vote of approval
- Approved by Sarah, second by Bisma (electronically)

Agenda item: Principal's report and update

Discussion:

Volunteers:

- Survey will be sent out to staff to see where volunteers are needed
- More volunteers are coming into the school, four school assistants have been hired for lunch time.
- Requiring further volunteers during the day. In specific, require parent volunteers for sporting events (coming up in the near future)

Discussion:

Principal's Report:

- Google form to be sent out to all School council members for the Principal Profile. This report assists with future needs for the school and what is expected from successful leaders such as personal management, future administrative needs, communication etc.
- Many school teams have been set up and running, coaches have ensured that everything has been set in place in the event of a job action.
- We are Leaders Group (student led initiative) has set up a drive to collect purses which will be helping women in need
- Glad Park PS is also involved in Holiday Hero's: Hats and Mitts – they are also working with the fire department of Stouffville to support four families in need. In the past, Glad Park PS has assisted with fifteen families – admin team to verify if there are in fact other families in need and allocating council funds and donations from the community to help support the other eleven families that may not receive from the fire department.
- Looking into investing in 'ED': ie: investing in different areas such as music, families helping families. ED would allow families to contribute x amount of dollars in specific categories such as music. Other schools have been using this program, administration to confirm next steps and consult with other schools.

- Construction and repair will be completed over March break. Maintenance includes painting stairwells, stairs with duct tape will be repaired, rust being taken care of, lights are being replaced to name a few. Costs will be coming through Plant department
- Resources are being purged such as old TV VCR's which will open up space for positive self-regulation rooms. Other previous storage areas are also being cleared up to provide more spacing in primary, junior and intermediate pods. These areas will be utilized for children to eat their lunches, play areas, safe space etc.) There will also be three full-time support staff members that will be in those areas to help the children to utilize the space.
- Aligning resources: out with the old, in with the new. Many textbooks that no longer apply to the curriculum have been packed up to get rid of. Analysis has been completed of what textbooks are needed versus those that are no longer required and what needs to be done to cover any gaps.

Agenda Item: Report from Treasurer

- Mom's Pantry – raised \$838 dollars
- October money averaging \$700-\$800 from sales

Agenda item: School Budget

Discussion:

Budget

- Administration have requested staff to provide resources (ie: textbooks, equipment) that they require funding for and being mindful that what they are requesting funds/resources for that they think it is equitable for the entire school
- Equitable: ensuring that staff is aware if they are requesting a second coach that it is equitable for the entire school and in line with student engagement (ie: benefiting beyond one team of 12 students).

School Council Suggestions regarding Budget:

- Sending out a survey to staff members to find out what funds they require for their divisions and other areas (ie: gym resources, music).
- Collaboration of both School Council as well as school staff on the newsletters updates that are sent out to parents. School Council can be given real estate for updates on the newsletter. Please submit by the Wednesday prior to the weekly ebuletin going out.

Action items

Person Responsible

- ✓ Further transparency for parents to understand the costs pertaining to what programs their children want to affiliate with (to be clarified at next mtg) Marina

Action items

Person Responsible

- ✓ Lunchbox info to be sent out Office

Other:

- Next meeting dates: Jan 13th and Feb 10th
- January: Movie night date to be determined – most probably to host mid January

Round Table Discussion, Updates and New Business

Cyber Safety:

- Approved a while ago: New added speaker; Paul Davis. Expenses for this event will be split between Harry Bowes and Glad Park. Event will be hosted on two days, Jan 29th at Harry Bowes (grades 4-6 & 7-8) from 6:30-8pm. Glad Park will be hosting on Jan 30th during the day (grades 4-6 & 7-8). Looking for coffee shops from the community to donate coffee during the sessions.

Next Meeting: January 13th, 2020 – 6:30p.m.