

# Glad Park School Council Meeting

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Date: Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

Timing & Location : 6:30pm Library

Attendance: Bisma Lodhikawala, Natalie Murphy, Jodi MacAndrew, Tara Owen, Rachel Lefebvre, Allen Wong, Jenny Wong, Marlee Corcoran, Bessie Dimitrakakis, Sadia Jeelani, Christy Fang, Mike Ogston, Randi Mayor, Susan Dunham, Marina Cochrane

## **1.0 Welcome**

- Welcoming school council attendees, previous council members and new parents.
- Starting off the year with Camp Robin Hood – well received by students and teachers. Going to make it an annual trip/tradition. Camp Robin Hood allowed kids to meet the teachers and peers and building community.

## **2.0 Land Acknowledgement:**

- Understanding where people are coming, their environment of those that may not have been acknowledged. Making sure everyone feels inclusive.
- Glad Park student came to the office expressing that the agenda cover was not inclusive and did not make her feel comfortable. The images on the agenda perpetuate stereotypes. Therefore, administration/YRDSB has contacted the agenda vendor to make arrangements to change. Agendas will be distributed a little late; date TBD

## **3.0 Norms:**

- Operative norms of council, respecting everyone in council and their thoughts. Free of judgement. Keeping an open mind.
- Request to not take any pictures during council meetings. Council is an advisory board
- 12 voting members, all participants are welcome to attend meetings irrelevant of whether they are voting members or not.

## **4.0 The Role of School Council:**

- Councils purpose is to improve student achievement and enhance success
- Various roles on council, Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary (2) and Treasurer
- Meetings take place usually once a month, will work towards making them bi-monthly basis. TBD
- Correspondence can be done electronically and in person

### **5.0 Nominations:**

- Confirmed Chair and Co-Chair will take place next meeting in October
- Voting Members:
  - Natalie Murphy – Co-Chair
  - Sarah Lake – Co-Chair
  - Sadia Jeelani
  - Jodi MacAndrew
  - Tara Owen
  - Bisma Lodhikawala – Secretary
  - Jenny Wong
  - Bessie Dimitrakakis – Secretary
  - Mike Ogston – Treasurer
  - Carolyn
  - Marlee Corcoran – Secretary
  - Rachel Lefebvre

### **6.0 Volunteers:**

- Check out volunteer list and engage community members
- Currently we have approx. 80 volunteers who have placed their names down

### **7.0 Welcome Wagon:**

- Finding out who are the new people at the school, new families to the community
- Welcome wagon's purpose would be to connect with the community
- Having representation across the school (different grades, FI students, non FI students)

### **8.0 Principal's Report:**

- FROG – Looking back, learning from experiences and looking forward, making those experiences better
- Continue to foster matter and belonging in school
- Structured behaviour and bells
- Recently updated the bells (now aligned)
- Bell rang at 8:10am before now it has been changed to 8:15am, teachers collect students at this time.
- Lunch period is now 20 minutes, studies have shown that children who play before lunch are now ready to eat their lunch, refueled and ready to learn.
- Looking into increasing timings for lunch period during winter season (timing is flexible, currently going to give it an adjustment period, if it needs to be changed, school will look into it) may need to adjust bells for earlier entry
- Increased supervision and areas
- Maximized where support staff is needed
- Playground: active zones, peace garden, quiet zones
- Playground will be getting re-painted and getting more basketball nets
- At upcoming Community Night (Thursday Oct 3 @ 6pm), there will be a council table to introduce what council does, who is a part of council and to engage the community

- Re-organizing: Received permission to open up another class as well as one more portable classroom. Moving will occur, rollout announcement will be sent to parents via email and or paper copy on Wednesday Sept 18. All moves will take place by Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> . Students will start in their new classrooms on Tues. Sept. 22

#### **9.0 Dates for next year:**

- October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019
- November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### **10. Parking Lot:**

How to engage volunteers

Brainstorming ideas for welcome wagon

Student Leadership will be discussed at next meeting in October.

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm Jodi & Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>.*