

Glad Park School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 26 @ 7-8:20pm

Attending: Natalie Murphy, Charisma Juneja, Jodi McAndrew, Christine Sonevski, Megan Morrow, Sarah Lake, Caroline Johnson, Marlee Corcoran, Susie Morris, Elizabeth McKeown.

Call the meeting to order- Sarah, seconded by Natalie

1. **Welcomes**-around the table introductions
2. **Land Acknowledgement + grandfather teachers**- allocated some of the budget to resources for FNMI. Shared some resources. Teachers are to approach principal and request needs.
3. **Norms:** Questions, suggestions to go on Post it notes to be addressed at the end of the meeting.
4. **Student Leadership Update:** Once the grade 8s get started, then the grade 7s will be invited to build capacity.

Shared a video created by Jack and Liam regarding the Student Athletic Council. Every Tuesday and Thursday from January to March at recess, there will be organized activities for younger students at recess.

Start with the grade 3/4s to play European Handball to learn about sportsmanship and games. It's been happening for 5 years.

Sarah Lake brought out the Box Program. Resources for Box program. The program is based on teachers running it and it requires the gym. Resources are available for DPA too. Sarah Lake can forward the information.

Two DPA bins circulating with the two teachers that were trained for DPA (Lorenzatti and Dreidger)

5. School Council Forum Nov. 5

Marina, Sarah and Sadia attended.

Break out session to hear the trustee elect speak. Waiting for Dec 3 for the trustee inauguration. There will be a forum at that time. Questions should be directed towards the forum.

Session on Triple P Parenting. Free and can be offered at our school.

FNMI education on how it can be incorporated into the schools.

Good evening with lots of interactions with the schools

6. School Council Business

a) Treasurer's Report: Email went out with the Treasurers' Report. One deposit going in. Concerns of a decline of pizza revenue. We need to compensate for the deficit and new budget. Need \$4000.

Pizza suggestions for extending the deadline, opening up the ordering earlier. The second term is usually with better revenue.

Question- what happens if we don't make the budget?

- A- Need to pull from another area (besides cost sharing).
- B- Budget idea is a proposal (wish/dream). If the funds aren't there then it turns into a two year plan. Two budgets within the school) school budget to run everything within the school and ii) non-board funds from sub sales for everything extra.
- C- Other possibilities for funding- school spirit wear, Movie Night.

Kindergarten items from last years' proposal was ordered and should be coming in. The K team wants to make the outdoor space more useful for activities to be done at recess and during class time. Presentation of the vision and items was made last year prior to approval.

Explanation of the kindergarten play based learning program.

b. Volunteers: Report was given to Natalie (around 15 people). Most of volunteers requested for field trips. Any council members that would like to volunteer to lead the Volunteer Committee? Suggested to make a "Welcome Wagon" to contact new families to share school cultures/norms in a friendly way.

Suggested that Committees meet at a separate time other than Council meetings.

We can decide as a group what the committees are, then send out an email to recruit volunteers.

We can call on the volunteers on the sign-up sheets and ask them which committee they'd like to be a part of.

Suggestion of amending the volunteer form to include committee/school council.

Discussion about how to recruit volunteers and community leaders/champions.

Suggested to use the 55+Club as volunteers. Need a police check with a specific reference letter from York Region District School Board.

Mike volunteered to lead the Movie Night. Possibly booking Valentine's night or the week before, January 31 because the PA day is the next day? Sarah to look into restaurants to connect it to the parents. Email to go out to parents for volunteers. Mike to check to see if he has the old email. Need to select a movie. Encourage student volunteers.

LunchBoxOrders: Online system to raise money for food orders. It's an online system where we set the price for a variety of restaurants participating. We can trial it for a month and see if it works but keep the pizza and sub days.

7. Principal's Report

a. Student Leadership Update: See note above

b. Food Bank- Exciting trip for student leaders to drop off the food collected for the food bank. Bus funding was covered by the school.

c. Me to We- Rafiki bracelets sold out because of the connection of parents coming into the school. Bracelets will be reordered for selling another two times.

d. Healthy Schools. We now have a Healthy Schools Club led by Ms. Moller. The group is going out for a Network conference. The group will be mentored by the High School Healthy Schools Committee.

e. Welcoming Space- changing the school appearance to make it more appealing (painting). Marina and Jason invited an artist/painter to brand the school space. Quote given. Student input in what it'll look like. Time to refresh the space, removing unused/old items. Making the gym and entrance more inviting.

8. Post it Notes from previous meeting/ 9. Check the Google Calendar for school games.

-Winter concert happening on Dec 20. Two daytime shows with the primary students performing.

-Assemblies- We had Terry Fox, Remembrance Day, and Winter Concert. For the New Year, will look at assemblies with a focus on sharing of learning/achievements led by students. Assemblies that recognize awards might exclude and question the purpose. Shift is now towards "sharing assemblies".

10. Electives: Yes, electives will take place, but it'll be around new activities. Intention is for all students to participate and not stay back due to financial reasons. Marlee shared her school's ideas for electives. Megan Morrow attended a workshop with alternative sports/activities.

11. Additional Items:

-Auzzie X- Tentatively booked for the first week of Feb for Auzzie X to come in and work with all ages to learn Auzzie dance. Different from the previous experience of learning Footie. During school days for four days in the gym. M/W/Th/F due to a faith day in the week. Can include a parent engagement night for an extra \$500 on Feb 7. The night can be moved to another night. The parents would come in and do the moves with the students leading it. In order to hold the spot, a deposit will need to be made. Council has allocated \$4500, the school will cover the remaining \$500.

-Cyber Bullying Speaker- Funds in the school budget ~\$500? to be applied to a speaker. Sadia found a speaker (Paul Davis) who potentially can be lower in cost than the previously booked speaker. Can possibly join forces with Harry Bowes Public School and combine funds/forces.

-Grad Committee- Susie, Charisma, and Elizabeth volunteered to run the committee. Date not set yet. Dependent on the HS grad date. \$500 allocated to the graduation. Teacher contact to be determined. Marina to follow up with connecting a teacher.

Adjournment: Elizabeth and seconded by Natalie.

Minutes taken by Christine Sonevski