



GGPS School Council Meeting

May 10th, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Trish Sankarsingh (TS) and Marcos Chiriboga (MC)

Secretary: Paula Casamassima Fiore (PCF)

Treasurer: Samhita Gera (SG)

Fundraising: Angela Rovella (Endrizzi) (AR)

Location: Glenn Gould PS Library

Time: 7 pm - 8 pm

Principal: Cory Barlow (CB)

Vice- Principal: BJ Meagher (BJM)

Staff Representative: Joanne Arduini (JA)

In-Attendance (Present In-Person): Cory Barlow, BJ Meagher, Trish Sankarsingh, Paula Casamassima, Angela Endrizzi, Sue Westmaas, Sabrina Lalji

In-Attendance (Virtually /Zoom): Joanne Arduini, Samhita Gera, Nordia Notice

Minute Taker: *Paula Casamassima Fiore*

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Reading: Paula Casamassima Fiore

We respectfully acknowledge that the City of Vaughan is situated in the Territory and Treaty 13 lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee. The City of Vaughan is currently home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit people today. As representatives of the people of the City of Vaughan, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory.

Meeting Conduct:

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Agenda Item	Decision / Action Taken	Actions / Responsibilities / Next Steps
<p>Land Acknowledgement Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>~Introduction of Executive Council ~LA: Angela Rovella</p>	
<p>Review and Acceptance of April 2023 Minutes</p>	<p>~a paper copy of Minutes will be place in a binder in the office (CB) ~a digital copy of the Minutes will be posted on the school website (CB) ~PCF shared a PDF copy of Minutes with last month's distribution list (those in attendance in-person and virtually) ~brief summary and overview given of April minutes, copies of minutes distributed to everyone in attendance ~motion to accept April Minutes from Trish Sankarsingh, seconded by Angela Rovella ~April 2023 Minutes accepted <i>*Please note: Motion to accept minutes can only be put forth by those in attendance at the previous meeting</i></p>	<p>~PCF: will update the Distribution List with those in attendance at this May meeting (in-person and virtually) ~PCF: will submit May minutes for approval to CB ~PCF: will share May Meeting Minutes and June Agenda Items with the Distribution List prior to the next meeting ~CB: will post April Minutes to the online repository on the school website</p>
<p>Treasurer's May Financial Report</p>	<p>Financial Update ~shared by Mr. Barlow ~waiting for Costa Verde to bill us for April and May ~pizza in May also has to be paid ~16 K in account but lots of payments still to be made ~TS: we should work out how much money is in the account that is available because we should know how much money we have to work with until year's end / for June Jam</p>	<p>~CB: to send out latest updated Financial report to PCF to include in May Minutes ~TS: to follow up with Costa Verde ~TS: to follow up with Ms. Lombardo about accounting</p>
<p>Administration Update: Principal / Vice-Principal's Report *see attached for full report sent by Mr. Barlow</p>	<p>Mr. Barlow shared the Principal's Report: <i>(See attached for Report in Full)</i> Notes Taken: ~FDK classes had an author visit ~more author visits next week, connections to Mental Health ~Grade 3 / 6 students participating in EQAO Assessments, approx. 4 hours of class time per grade, completed digitally ~new sound system has been ordered for the gym, should be installed in the next few weeks ~Staffing Updates: 3 staff leaving this month for personal reasons</p>	<p>~CB and BJM: will share reports with PCF to include in May's minutes</p>

	<p>~DJ, fire truck, face painting, balloon twisters</p> <p>~committee is being mindful not to overextend ourselves financially</p> <p>~hoping to have this event up on School Cash Online by Friday</p> <p>~Ms. Arduini suggested to place posters in every class, doors</p> <p>~\$13 for food, \$4 ice creams, face painting and balloon twisters are free</p> <p>~JA: has prepared an announcement to be read leading up to the event, has connected with Ms. Rowe regarding poster distribution</p> <p>~TS: Should council be wearing GGPS Spirit Wear to be easily identified</p> <p>~AR: will let council know where help is needed</p> <p>~CB: provided updates from Mr. Li and Ms. Chavez regarding Dance Club, Bands, and Choir</p> <p>~actual time is 4:30-7:30 and fire truck is 6-7</p> <p>~ticket pick up table at entry</p> <p>~School Cash Online will close May 31st, 2023</p> <p>~City of Vaughan to bring 8 tables, garbage bins and recycling bins</p> <p>~there needs to be a designated cleaning crew at the end of the event</p> <p>~SG: Denny's confirmed that they would provide 50 gift cards and 100 coupons, but would want a banner put up; game will be run by Samhita Gera (e.g., beanbag toss, corn hole game)</p> <p>~donations can be raffled off, we can list contributors in the Gazette as a Thank You</p>	<p>GGPS Logowear</p> <p>~TS and AG: to map out the set up for the event</p>
<p><i>Council Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Trish Sankarsingh</i></p>	<p>Distribution of Parent Council Account Funds and Close Out Discussion</p> <p>~at the end of the school year, we need to zero out the funds, close out the Parent</p>	

	<p>Council account ~all monies raised this year should be spent this year ~Ideas: Jungle Sport, Agendas, Payment for Team Jerseys, Speakers, Drummers, Dancing Groups, etc. ~TS: Can we look to spend funds collaboratively, and those discussions next year? ~CB: We need to have a fundraising plan and set fundraising goals early in the year so we know ahead of time where money will be allocated</p>	<p>CB: Jungle Sport pre-booking and deposit, dates of availability; can connect with PCF to coordinate if needed</p>
<i>New Business / Roundtable Discussion</i>	New Business / Roundtable Discussion:	
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<p>Meeting adjourned: Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023</p>	

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Principal and Vice Principal's Report

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Principal's Report

1. Bingo Night was a great success. We had a fantastic turnout and we were able to raise a significant amount of money to help pay for the Grade 8 graduation and reduce the cost of the grad dinners for students.
2. Teams: Our junior boys and girls basketball teams both completed their seasons last month with both teams making it to the semifinals in the Area Playoffs. Our Badminton team also completed their seasons last week with one of our mixed doubles teams placing 3rd in the Area. Our Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer teams are having tryouts this week. Thank you to all of our coaches for these teams - Mr. Raynor, Mr. Campoli, Ms. Luc, Ms. Papaleo, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Toong, Ms. Setton and Ms. Verri.
3. We will be having our school Track and Field Day for Gr. 4-8 on May 23rd while the Area Track and Field Meets will be in the 2nd week of June. Thank you to Ms. Rowe for organizing this event.
4. Our Lego Robotics team, led by Mr. Alexandru, competed for the first time in the Area Competition. Our students did very well with our Junior team placing 2nd and moving on to the Regional Finals tomorrow!
5. Ms. Setton also started to lead the Drama Club who are practicing during lunch hours. They are hoping to perform a short play at the end of the year assembly. Ms. Malfara is also leading another round of "You're the Chef" for a small group of Grade 7 students after school.
6. Our SAFE Team has continued to work on initiatives that support mental health, wellness and belonging for all students in the school. They created a video with the theme "You Matter" which will be accompanied by a "You Matter" bracelet for all students. We also had a variety of activities during Children's Mental Health Week including lessons, read alouds and Zumba for our younger classes. Our older classes participated in Dance sessions where they learned Afrobeats dancing (led by Dance N Culture).
7. Our Kindergarten classes had a visit from author, Sara Duck, who read her book The Tea Party Adventure. Later this month, we will be having visits from authors Ryan Wagman and Kristin Greco next week for the rest of the school.
8. Later this month, our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the EQAO assessments of Math and Language. The assessment is conducted online again this year and should take approximately 4 hours of class time.
9. We have ordered a new state of the art sound system for our gym. The sound system will include 4 large speakers mounted throughout the gym, wireless microphones and Bluetooth technology.
10. We wish the best of luck to Ms. Tourountzas, Ms. Groves and Ms. Potapova who are all temporarily leaving us this month. Ms. Tourountzas had surgery and will be off the rest of the year. She is being replaced by Ms. Amanda Soares. Ms. Groves will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of this week, replaced by Ms. Zarina Farahangyar. Ms. Potapova will be starting her maternity leave in a week and a half. She will be replaced by Ms. Pranali Shah.