



GGPS School Council Meeting

February 8th, 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, Marcos Chiriboga, Paula Casamassima, Angela Endrizzi, Joanne Rosano, Sabrina Lalji, Frieda Cutillo, Patricia Yeung, Namita Sahoo

In-Attendance (Virtually /Zoom): Joanne Arduini, Arun Kachroo, Nordia Notice, Lyn Katsivo, Nesilhan Timur

Minute Taker: Paula Casamassima Fiore

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Reading: Angela Rovella

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:

Attentive Listening · Appreciation/No put – downs · Right to Participate/Right to pass · Mutual Respect

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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 January 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 January minutes, copies of minutes distributed to everyone in attendance () ~motion to accept January Minutes from Sabrina Lalji, seconded by Marcos Chiriboga ~January 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 February meeting (in-person and virtually) ~PCF: will submit February minutes for approval to CB ~PCF: will share February Meeting Minutes and March Agenda Items with the Distribution List prior to the next meeting ~CB: will post January Minutes to the online repository on the school website</p>
<p>Treasurer's February Financial Report</p>	<p>Samhita Gera ~ Treasurer (absent) ~shared by Cory Barlow ~some money still needs to be deducted (e.g., pizza party, prizes, etc.) ~Lunch Box money has been deposited \$767.96 ~account is sitting at about \$6800</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: (See attached for Report in Full) ~focus on Arts-based Presentations: Musical Theatre Presentation called Math Jam (Education Arts Canada) for K-3 students ~End of February: Dance instructional presentation (Soca) for grades 3-5 students and drumming presentation for grades 5-8 students ~school has purchased new technology to facilitate the implementation of the coding curriculum (e.g., Micro Bits, Blue bots, Lego Robotics Kits, 30 additional chromebooks and 20 iPads to support the use of technology in the classroom) ~Staffing Update: Ms. Lindsay Kemble is the new</p>	<p>~CB and BJM: will share reports with PCF to include in February's minutes</p>

	<p>Gifted Grade 5 teacher</p> <p>~Spring Dance: March 9th, 2023 date scheduled; will not be a fundraiser but grade 8 students will be selling refreshments to support the grade 8 graduation. A playlist will be created and provided to the student DJ prior to the event.</p> <p>~Clubs: Mr. DiLecce started a Cursive Writing Club for junior students</p> <p>~Pro Grant has been approved so we will receive \$800 for the Family Math Night; future dates to be considered for late Spring to be able to plan. Mr. Meagher will meet with the Math Network Team tomorrow to continue planning. Will let the council know if they need our support with this initiative.</p> <p>Mr. Meagher shared the Vice-Principal's Report: (See attached for Report in Full)</p> <p>~Benny Bing Project: Affirming Black Identity through the Arts is happening this Friday; parents are invited to attend his presentation from 9:15am -9:45 am; intermediate students will be attending</p> <p>~some students and staff have been selected to be interviewed as part of Black History Month celebrations and awareness</p> <p>~Course Selection for High School: February 24th, 2023</p> <p>~SAFE Team had a successful Bell Let's Talk Day, will focus next on Anti-Bullying Awareness</p> <p>~Parent Survey (created by the school) extended in hopes to receive more responses; data is used to guide our school improvement planning (e.g., perception data)</p> <p>~Freida Cutillo raised the question about forms of communication, wondered if we could have different ways of receiving information (e.g., paper copies of newsletters)</p>	
<p><i>GGPS Principal Profile</i></p>	<p>Principal Profile 2023 ~ Review and Acceptance Trish Sankarsingh and Marcos Chiriboga (Co-Chairs)</p> <p>~MC shared a comprehensive overview of the Principal Profile</p> <p>~Purpose: identifying the areas that are a priority for our school and the specific characteristics of leadership that we desire in our Principal</p> <p>~a copy of the draft profile was shared with everyone in attendance at the meeting</p> <p>~the school council has an opportunity to put</p>	<p>~PCF: will share a soft copy of the draft copy to everyone in attendance both in-person and virtually in advance of next month's meeting</p> <p>~TS/MC: will set timelines; will be in</p>

	<p>together a Character Profile for a Principal ~Principal Profile was prepared by TS and MC ~resources were provided to put together this profile ~TS and MC narrowed down the traits ~broken down into key areas (e.g., Communications, Community Partnerships). ~the submitted version can be changed or tweaked in the future; working document ~council will share a draft copy with the email distribution list for review and opportunity to give feedback</p>	<p>advance of next meeting</p>
<p><i>Council Updates</i></p>	<p>Fundraising Updates:</p> <p>Spiritwear Update (TS) ~Pink Shirt Day T-Shirts: we should still have a small profit; XS shirts were unavailable so S sizing was ordered instead</p> <p>Hot Lunch Update (TS) ~Boston Pizza (Pasta Mondays 66 orders and 166 Pizza orders on Friday) ~Boston Pizza will label the pizza boxes and provide a class list to teachers to help distribution go smoothly</p> <p>Costa Verde Update (TS) ~Chicken with rice and steam vegetables or Chicken with potatoes and steamed vegetables as available options that could be charged to families for around \$7:50 - \$8; chicken will be boneless on skewers (precut chunks) ~available on T, W, Th ~can be labelled and packaged ~offered to provide samples ~JR: suggested a trial week where families would not have to commit to a long term order before trying it out ~CB: suggested we commit for the month as many people are already familiar with CV</p> <p>Joanna Rosano - Pizza Option ~Pizza slices from Ital Vera ~pizzas are not individual; would require volunteers to distribute; would offer cutlery and plates</p> <p>Big Box of Cards (MC) ~possible Spring Campaign ~if not, we have to proceed with Terra Cotta right away</p>	<p>~Joanne Rosano and Trish will connect to see when it can be implemented</p> <p>~PCF: will reach out to Big Box of Cards to see if a spring campaign is possible</p>

	<p>JungleSport Update (PCF) ~email response from Ryan Nippard of Junglesport ~Junglesport has been fully booked for this school year since late Fall; Junglesport is currently taking tentative bookings for 2023-24 ~email with Rate Card for 2023-24 was shared ~booking for the next school year will require a \$1000 deposit to secure a week for all bookings</p>	<p>~PCF: will forward a copy of the Rate Card to CB for review</p>
Fit 2 Learn Discussion	<p>Discussion: Fit 2 Learn (AR) Possible School-Wide Experience ~AR shared an overview of the program ~it can be a community event or an in-school event ~gym is set up with life-size math games, stations. ~target is K-6 but intermediate student involvement to help facilitate the experience ~community math night \$1000 ~full day / multi- day options for in-school experiences as well</p>	
New Business / Roundtable Discussion	<p>New Business / Roundtable Discussion: ~Sabrina Lalji: Snow Valley Ski Resort (group rate for a family event for a Friends and Family Night) ~Sabrina has offered to inquire and find out more information; no liability on the school; payment made through School Cash Online ~Winter Electives option ~Dance (SL) offered to provide lights for the dance; equipment and lights; speakers ~SL had some questions regarding specifics of the dance (music choices, divisions, length of time)</p>	<p>~SL: will inquire for pricing and more information and share will council at the next meeting</p>
Closing Remarks	<p>Meeting adjourned: 8:01pm Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023</p>	

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Principal and Vice Principal's Report

GGPS School Council - February Principal's / Vice-Principal's Report

1. We are working on bringing more arts-based presentations into the school this year. Two weeks ago, we had Education Arts Canada come in to present a musical play called "Math Jam" for our K-3 students. The show incorporated math concepts along with music and dancing. On February 28, our Grade 3-5 classes will be learning how to Soca dance along with learning the cultural significance of this Caribbean dance. On March 1, we will be having a presentation by Babarinde Williams who incorporates traditional African drumming and music along with teaching about Black Canadian Heroes.
2. We have purchased various new pieces of technology to support the teaching of Coding, which is now a part of the Math and Science curricula. We have purchased Microbits, Climate Action kits to go along with the Microbits, Blue Bots, Lego Robotics, along with 30 additional Chromebooks and 20 iPads to support the use of technology in the classrooms.
3. Ms. Lindsay Kemble is our new Gifted Grade 5/6 teacher, replacing Ms. Gaspar who had to go on a medical/maternity leave for the rest of the school year.
4. We plan to hold a spring dance on Thursday, March 9, just before the March Break. We will collect food for the Food Bank and the Grade 8 classes will sell refreshments as a fundraiser for their graduation. A playlist will be created and supplied to the student DJ before the dance.
5. Mr. DiLecce has started a Cursive Writing club for Junior students.
6. Our PRO grant request has been approved so we will have \$800 to support a Family Math Night. We are looking at late April, early May. Our School Math team will be meeting to plan the event.
7. Our Affirming Black Identity through Visual Arts project with special guest Benny Bing, is happening this Friday for Grade 7 and 8 classes. Parents are invited to attend Mr. Bing's initial presentation from 9:15-9:45, before he goes and works with the students in their classrooms. Corporate Communications for the Board will also be attending on Friday and will be interviewing students and staff about Celebrating Black Excellence.
8. Our school SAFE team had a very successful Bell Let's Talk Day, with several initiatives around positive mental health for all of our students. Our next focus will be Pink Shirt Day and Anti-Bullying messages to go along with that on February 22nd.
9. A Parent Engagement Survey has been sent to all parents. We have extended the deadline in hopes of having more parents complete the survey. The information that is gathered from the survey will be used to help us develop our School Improvement Plan.