



GGPS School Council Meeting

March 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, Marcos Chiriboga, Angela Endrizzi, Andia Poretta, Sue Westmaas, Patricia, Namita, Frieda Cutillo, Sabrina Lalji

In-Attendance (Virtually /Zoom): Trish Sankarsingh, Patricia Rodriguez,

Minute Taker: *Marcos Chiriboga and Trish Sankarsingh; compiled by PCF*

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Reading: Marcos Chiriboga

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: Marcos Chiriboga</p>	
<p>Review and Acceptance of February 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 February minutes, copies of minutes distributed to everyone in attendance ~motion to accept February Minutes from Angela Revella, seconded by Sue Westmaas ~February 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 March meeting (in-person and virtually) ~PCF: will submit March minutes for approval to CB ~PCF: will share March Meeting Minutes and April Agenda Items with the Distribution List prior to the next meeting ~CB: will post February Minutes to the online repository on the school website</p>
<p>Treasurer's March Financial Report</p>	<p>Financial Update ~shared by Mr. Barlow</p>	<p>~Mr. Barlow to send out latest updated Financial report</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) Mr. Meagher shared the Vice-Principal's Report: (See attached for Report in Full) Notes taken: ~Wednesday May 24th, 6-8 (Math Night) ~Bingo Night - Grade 8 fundraiser April 12th. 6-6:30pm Pizza and drink boxes to be given out. 6:30 pm: Bingo Cards to be bought ~Benny Bing - event was a success - Video was in the gazette to give highlights of the day ~Safe Team: International Women's Day event - every female staff received a card that said "Happy International's Women's Day and was given a wristband with a variety diff colours with an uplifting message on it ~May 1-7 - Mental Health Awareness Week ~May 15 - author to meet with intermediate classes</p>	<p>~CB and BJM: will share reports with PCF to include in March's minutes</p>

	<p>~Robotic clubs - Tuesday and Thursdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Headed up by Mr. Alexandru in the library - Robotic kits (2) are used - Students to participate in a Spring Tournament - Grade 5-8 students - 12-14 have signed up <p>~Primary colouring club turns into lego club</p> <p>~Intermediate Basketball team came in 5th in the tourney</p> <p>~Girls Basketball team going to the tourney tomorrow</p> <p>~Junior Basketball Team to begin after March Break</p> <p>~Director of Education came to our building and was impressed at all the great things happening at the school</p> <p>~Your the chef is starting up again - Grade 7s who did not have the opportunity to participate the first time around will have another chance to participate at the end of March</p>	
<p><i>Council Updates</i></p>	<p>Council Updates:</p> <p>Turkey Donation Drive (MC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you to all parents who participated in the drive - All donations made it to the Turkish consulate <p>Hot Lunch Update (TS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Pizza ● Costa Verde <p>Fundraising Update (MC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big Box of Cards Update / Discussion ● Discussed both online and "Box to go home" options. ● Box going home option would yield about a 70% greater success rate ● Discussed with Mr. Barlow and Meagher if they could gauge the staff's willingness to help out with this option - they said that as long as we set clear expectations and dates that this would be a feasible option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trish to provide comments for the minutes regarding Hot Lunch Update - Marcos to check with Ashley to see which dates are available and how many boxes we should get

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I assured them that they would only be responsible for distribution and collecting the boxes - we would be responsible for sending out reminders to parents via social media, gazette and email blasts • Possibly send out a note to teachers about what's involved and dates set (for distribution and collection) • Need to pick a date that doesn't interfere with other activities in the year • Box could go to oldest child or only child and labelled by name for easier distribution • Payment to be made through School Cash online - to be worked out with Ms. Lombardo 	
<i>Teacher Appreciation Day</i>	<p>Teacher Appreciation Day Discussion (TS) ~May 2nd - Tuesday Donations - Fortino's, Starbucks, Contributions from different people</p>	~Trish to ask for parent volunteers to see what can be donated and done for the day
<i>Group Outing</i>	<p>Snow Valley Group Outing Update (Sabrina Lalji)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pierre Burton was organised really well...principal will help us to organise for next year - Details To be covered in next September's council meeting - possibly pick a date to book in the winter season - Well organised and some people even got lessons and skied as well - Good value 	
<i>School Council Forum Update</i>	<p>West Area School Council Forum Update and End of Year Fair Discussion (TS & AR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trish and Angela had a great session with other council's from different schools who are now starting to plan for their end of year fairs - Presented the option of doing a smaller type community get 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation notes attached below - Angela will head a subcommittee and send out a notice to all parents with Mr. Barlow's help in the weekly gazette to ask for volunteers

	<p>together geared to bring all families together for a fun eat and greet time - no focus on fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibly have bbq and ice cream truck as well as a few activities - Mr. Meagher said that the local fire department owed us so that could possibly be a highlight of the night - It was impressed upon all in attendance by Mr. Barlow and the executive council that we need a good number of parent participation in order for this endeavour to succeed - we could ask staff to help but it would primarily be parent led - Sub committees would meet and discuss options and formulate a game plan - all finalised plans to be shared at the next 2 Council meetings. - If we have enough volunteers for the subcommittee then they'll pick a date in early June and contact Vendors to organise the end of year event 	
<i>New Business / Roundtable Discussion</i>	New Business / Roundtable Discussion:	
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<p>Meeting adjourned: Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023</p>	

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Principal and Vice Principal's Report

1. Tomorrow is our Spring Dance. All classes will have an opportunity to take part in the dance with music by our own "DJ J-Boogie". Students are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item for the Vaughan Food Bank. There will be treats and glow sticks on sale for \$1 or \$2. Students who do not wish to participate may choose to play board games or read in the library.
2. We are planning a Family Math Night for Wed. May 24th from 6-8 pm. The evening will have an Amazing Race theme and will include games, challenges, prizes and take-aways.
3. Our Grade 8 classes will be hosting a Bingo Night grad fundraiser on Wednesday, April 12th. There will be pizza served from 6:00-6:30 and Bingo from 6:30-7:30. There will be prizes for the winners.
4. Our visit from artist, Benny Bing, to celebrate Black Excellence went very well. The Grade 7 and 8 students learned a lot and were inspired by Mr. Bing's art and story. Our school is currently featured on the YRDSB website with a video about the experience featuring several of our students.
5. Our SAFE team is continuing to promote various mental health and equity initiatives. For International Women's Day today, The students on the SAFE team delivered wristbands to our female staff.
6. The Lego Robotics club will be starting after March Break on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch in the library for Grades 5-8. We will also be starting a Lego Club for primary students (replacing the Primary Colouring Club) during morning recesses.
7. Our Intermediate Boys basketball team finished their season, placing 5th in the Area. Our Intermediate Girls team will be participating in the Area playoffs this Thursday. Junior Basketball tryouts for the boys have started, and the girls will be starting after the March Break. Thank you to Mr. Campoli, Mr. Raynor, Ms. Papaleo, Ms. Monsier and Ms. Orr for their time and efforts as coaches.
8. Last Friday, we had a visit from the Director of Education, Scott Yake. Mr. Yake came for a tour of the school and was pleased to see all of the great things happening at GGPS.
9. Ms. Malfara will be starting another session of "You're the Chef" for the Grade 7 students who were not able to participate in the January/February session due to lack of space. This will be starting at the end of March.

Treasurer's Financial Report

The current account balance is \$8915.30. Boston Pizza will still need to be paid for two weeks which will be about \$2700. Therefore, we have approximately \$6215 in our account.

Report: YRDSB West Area School Council Forum - February 13, 2023

This year's session was attended by Trisha Sankarsingh and Angela Endrizzi on behalf of the GGPS School Council.

The session kicked off with a review of the mental health approach strategy:

- The strategy was updated for 2022/2023 school year
- Focus is on the inter-related parts:
 - Within individuals
 - Examples: gifts/assets, emotion, self & spirit
 - Between individuals
 - Examples: relationships, friends, resources
 - Around individuals
 - Examples: environment, family, learning, faith, culture, background & community
- Focus is also on the fact that mental health is not a one size fits all approach, is to be viewed as a spectrum and considers:
 - Identities
 - Environment
 - Experiences
- Strategy in school...
 - Within - promoting mental health
 - Between - implementing identity affirming and culturally responsive approaches
- Learning Action launched in November 2022
- To learn more follow @MH_YRDSB and look for YRDSB Mental Health Family newsletter

Participants were then invited to attend 1 of 6 workshops; Angela and Trish chose to attend the Effective School Council workshop.

- Unfortunately, the presenter for the chosen workshop had to cancel at the last moment and the group was made aware of this after they had congregated
- The group decided to use the opportunity to leverage best practices and discuss topics of interest for most councils

- The group had an in depth conversation about year-end school fairs, where lots of tips, tricks and best practices were shared
- Those in attendance, decided to form a West Area WhatsApp group to continue our conversations virtually and to stay connected
- All in all, although the original purpose was not achieved, it was time well spent with many great connections made