

GPS School Council Minutes: October 5, 2020

Meeting Commenced: 7:09

Attendees: Heather Purcell, Lorette Lee, JP Wu, Debbie Taylor, Tina Sharma, Kevin White, Queenie Shang, Philip Cheung, Peter Wong, Joyce Wong, Jaime Lee, Bev Maybury, Maxine Budhu, Rajesh Budhu, Barbara Peters, Jodie Kenazi, Shanaaz Hasanali, Charles Herriot, Aminah Khan, Carol Wong

1) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (7:09-7:10)

- *"Let us begin our meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat Peoples. We also pause to take a moment to acknowledge the historic treaty claim settlement that was signed last September between our federal and provincial governments, in agreement with the seven First Nations affected by the treaty which includes: Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. In the spirit of meaningful reconciliation, the settlement was a major step towards helping to rectify some of the historic injustices found within the original Williams Treaty of 1923."*
- APTN – Great resource to learn more

2) Principal's Report (7:10-7:20)

- Reorganized for the second time
- 26 homerooms to 21 homerooms and now at 15 homerooms
- 13 teachers and 2 LTOs teaching virtually
- Enrolment from 629 to 282 students
- Thank you to Cornerstone Church for providing food and snacks for teachers
- Sept 30 – orange shirt day
- Sept 30 – first virtual assembly
- Terry Fox Run – Each class did it individually instead of schoolwide. Donations are still being collected online
- Outdoor education trips have been happening on site.
- Mental health and wellbeing initiatives planned for this year
- Ms. Maybury doing equity portfolio – schoolwide focus and individual classes
- New math curriculum
- Oct 21 – curriculum night virtually
- Schoolwide focus on kindness
- Staff and parents are being made aware of all COVID-19 policies and procedures
- Public health screening form included in weekly newsletter

3) Elections (7:20-7:39)

- Chair and Co-Chair: Anneesa Singh and Shanaaz Hasanali
- Treasurer: Queenie Shang
- Secretary: Aminah Khan and Charles Herriot

- Community Representative: Kevin White

4) Treasurer's Report (7:40)

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5) Other Items (7:41-8:20)

- Considering ideas to connect virtual students with their Greensborough friends
- Parent nights will be offered to in person and virtual families
- Suggestion: Online groups for students by grade
- COVID-19 flyer postings around the neighbourhood – looking for volunteers
- Newsletter suggestion: Monthly photo challenges
- Fundraising suggestion: Virtual talent show

Upcoming Meeting Dates: November 2, December 7, January 18, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, June 7

Adjournment: 8:20