

GPS School Council Minutes: Sept 16, 2019

Meeting Commenced: 7:02

Attendees: JP Wu, Kevin White, Philip Cheung, Queenie Sheng, Anneesa Singh, Jaina Negandhi, Tina Sharma, Jennifa Ratahshi, Joyce Wong, Peter Wong, Aminah Baig, Charles Herriot, Kruti Maniar, Natalie Mascoll, Loretta Lee, Bettina Wong, Manjit Parmar, Shanaaz Hasanali, Kiri Sujeevan, Sophia Ladha-Khalfan, Tharsini Annalingam, Carol Wong

Previous Minutes Approved by: Queenie and Philip

1) Welcome and Introductions (7:02-7:14)

2) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (7:14-7:24)

- *"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."*

3) Principal's Report (7:25-7:53)

- Safe school start up assembly for Grades 1-3 and 4-8
 - PowerPoint from the board on anti-bullying and school safety
 - Emphasized exclusion as a form of bullying
 - Key message: "Kindness Changes Everything"
- Kindergarten students working on basic safety (where to go, where to line up). Will do safe school assembly later
- Intramural soccer – 110 students involved (as coaches, referees, and players)
- Choir – Junior Intermediate has started. Primary will start later in the year
- House colors and spirit days
 - K-8 assigned a color corresponding to their house group. Will allow students to form friendships between grades
- Student leadership opportunities
 - Lunch monitors – Grades 5-8
 - Grade 7-8 students do morning announcements
 - House Leaders – Intermediate students
 - Student parliament – elections are on Wednesday. Grade 6 students can observe elections this year.
 - All grades will have class representatives
- Parent Engagement Evening: The Coby Show – Magician that teaches anti-bullying
- Meeting with leadership team on Wednesday to plan the year's events and look at fundraising plan
- Restorative practices pilot project – 16 teachers trained in restorative approach asking children what happened when there is a conflict, who was affected, how did each student feel. Goal is to restore the friendship

- 12 student leaders selected to learn how to be peer mediators using restorative approach
- Further training available for teachers who have received the basic training
- Traffic safety
 - Police presence this week
 - Continuing to discuss with school trustee
 - Appreciate feedback from parents
 - Travelers program for Grade 5 students – students make signs and stand with police officers
- Modern learning – Sewing program starting tomorrow in the library
- Mental Health Committee
- Indigenous learning is a priority in the school
- Values, Influences, and Peers (VIP) program – community police officer runs program with Grades 6-8
- Healthy Schools – healthy school snacks and initiatives such as walking to school safely
- GPS is a platinum level school
- Waste reduction is a priority
- Outdoor learning will continue

6) Presentation on Cybersafety: Claudiu Popa (7:54-8:28)

- Why knowledge flow?
 - Why should you contribute to the ideal of empowering the next generation with digital literacy, technological innovation, social responsibility, and online safety?
- Who: Amalia Barthel, Stephen Thurlbeck, Paige Backman, Claudiu Popa
- KnowledgeFlow: Non-profit, cybersafety, foundation
 - For kids – cybersituational awareness
 - For parents – family cybersafety tips
 - For teachers – Educational programs
- “We need to provide teachers with the tools to help support their professional development. I think it is possible to do even better than any country has done so far.” – Bill Gates
- We are moved by the importance of this moment in history and are passionate about empowering the next generation to fully benefit from the opportunities offered by the safe and responsible use of modern technologies
- How: Find what kids like
 - Roblox, Prodigy, Geoguessr, Interland Game, etc
- First principles for kids:
 - DO learn to pick a good password
 - DON'T talk to strangers online
 - DO ask your parents to spend time with you online
 - DON'T click the clickbait. Tell your parents
 - DO pick a fun, made up name online. Not your own
- How knowledgeflow uses contributions:
 - 25% K-12 cybersafety and digital literacy curriculum development, customized collaborative learning programs
 - 25% school program presentation, facilitation, leadership
 - 10% school leadership and mentorship activities (cybersafety champion club, unhackable club, etc
 - 15% public education seminars for seniors and vulnerable sectors
 - 10% professional development seminars, family, and community engagement

- 10% certificates, stickers, shirts, giveaways, catered goods
 - 5% administrative
- Seniors and vulnerable sectors:
- Vigilance and awareness messaging
- Unhackable.ca club
- What:
 - School and safer school programs
 - Community workshops
 - Certificate courses
 - Professional education
 - Leadership and social responsibility
 - Public education initiatives
 - E-learning and distance education
- Content comes from Office of Privacy Commissioner of Canada
- Contact: <http://LinkedIn.ClaudiuPopa.com>

7) Treasurer's Report (8:28-8:29)

- As of beginning of June, balance is \$1820.95

8) Other Items (8:29-8:31)

- Pauline the office manager is retiring at the end of October
- Debbie Taylor is taking over as office manager and we will be getting a new secretary
- Welcome to Lindsey Maclean, our new Vice Principal!
- Will form council committees next meeting

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019

Adjournment: 8:32