

GPS School Council Minutes: December 7th, 2020

Meeting Commenced: 7:02

Attendees: Heather Purcell, Lindsey Maclean, Anneesa Singh, Shanaaz Hasanali, Charles Herriot, Tina Sharma, Jaina Negandhi, Loretta lee, Manjit, Peter & Joyce Wong, Kevin White, Natalie Mascoll, Aminah Baig, Bettina, Carol Wong, Jenny, Jodie Kenzaki Jannah Khan, JP Wu, Ryan, Beverly Maybury, Carla L, Jaime, Queenie and Philip

1) Previous meetings (October and November) minutes approved by:

- Loretta lee, Jenny, Natalie Mascoll, Joyce and Peter Wong, Carol Wong, Kevin White, Jodie Kenzaki, and Charles Herriot

2) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (7:11-7:12)

- *"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 (7:12-7:20)

- Kindness quotes in the announcements
- Have completed all the fall fire drills, hold and secure, and lockdown
- Had an amazing remembrance day assembly, focused on minority contributions
- Parent/guardian interviews
- Lunch for staff provided by cornerstone, much appreciated by the staff
- Anti-bullying week, connecting back to kindness
- Safety around the school zone. Hoping to get a traffic light at the intersection of Bur Oak and Alfred Peterson dr,
- Not the school selected for COVID testing
- Have reached out with teachers (Ms. Bailey) of older grades to see if could connect with EVS students
- Opportunity to switch learning modules in January, form has been sent
- Had a virtual Grad which went very well.

4) Student council (7:20-7:25)

- Fundraiser for November, Raised over \$100
- Kindness drive, to collect nonperishable food items and new toys, asking students to bring food item or new unopened toys. Leave them in the front of the class
- 5 days of winter fun, students participate in different activities.
- Trying to recognize the national day of violence against women, lowered the school flag to half mast and on Friday (Dec 4th) had everyone wear purple/white

- Have been addressing the topic of first nations and clean water. Wrote a letter to the prime minister, and have been putting in daily announcements

5) Kindness/Food Drive (7:25 – 7:30)

- Donating food, toys and clothes, everything is welcome.
- There are families in need, trying to contribute to those families in need
- Covid has hit everyone hard, and there is a need more than before.
- EVS students can donate as well
- Manjit offered to donate from a drive being done in Scarborough
- Asking for gift cards for some of the older kids.

6) Treasurers Report (7:30)

- \$1820.95

8) Parent Engagement evening (7:30-7:44)

- Each school is given \$500 for a parent engagement evening
- Looking at a speaker discussing mental health, Screen time, digital footprints and privacy, strategies to improve relationships with our devices.
- Want to make sure kids are safe with digital learning and being on chat groups
- Would like to book the same speaker we had wanted to before the shutdown

9) Virtual Book Fair (7:44-)

- Scholastic has reached out, everything would go straight to the homes
- Fundraiser, whatever the students purchase some money will go back to the school. Could use the money towards the school library
- Ms. Taylor has volunteered to help
- Anytime after February would work
- Send an email out for subcommittees, for the virtual book fair, food drive, connecting EVS to onsite, staff recognition, Parent Engagement or any other ideas contact Anneesa and Shanaaz

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

Adjournment: 8:00PM