

GPS School Council Minutes: February 8th, 2021

Meeting Commenced: 7:07

Attendees: Heather Purcell, Deb Taylor, Anneesa Singh, Shanaaz Hasanali, Beverley Maybury, JP Wu, Adrienne Poulsen, Carla Leonardo, Melissa Nieuwenhuijs, Peter & Joyce Wong, Kevin White, Barbra Peters, Mark Rose, Aminah Baig, JP Wu, Queenie and Sukanja Senthil

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 (7:07-7:08)

- *"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 (7:09-7:18)

- Student Council did activities and set them up individual
- 5 days of fun leading up to December break
- Great virtual assembly for the holidays. Also preparing for another one this week
- Season of giving, collected an unbelievable amount of food and toys and given to cornerstone.
- Created kindness packages with kindness quotes
- Jan and February, Tamil heritage month and holocaust awareness
- This month is black history month, focusing on celebrating black excellence
- Anti-black racism at the focus, want to focus on excellence and try to continue beyond February
- Lunar new year this Friday, the year of the ox
- Indigenous education continue with the announcements
- Mental health presentation on march the 4th (parent presentation @ 6:45 5 schools participating), social media and mental health. Understanding the meaning of social media and the online landscape. Paid through pro-grant. Will get another \$500
- Contacted city of markham, to remind them that there needs to be a light there and they have committed to it. Sign added saying slow down/caution
- Survey closed today for those wishing to switch, switch effective march 3rd
- Report cards sent out the 18th -24th, by email

4) Treasurers Report (7:19)

- \$1820.95

5) Connecting virtual and f2f

- Trying to connect EVS and f2f
- Lots of chats where kids from Greensborough are using chats inappropriately. Need to partner with admin and parents need to get involved

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: March 8, April 12, May 3, June 7

Adjournment: 8:00PM