

GPS School Council Minutes: November 2nd, 2020

Meeting Commenced: 7:07

Attendees: Heather Purcell, Debbie Taylor, Beverly Maybury, Lindsey Maclean, Anneesa Singh, Shahnaz Hasanali, Tina Sharma, Charles Herriot, Barbra Peters, Jaina Negandhi, Loretta lee, Jaime Lee, jp wu Heydyn Liu, Peter & Joyce Wong, Kevin White, Lena Sievers, Natalie Mascoll, Aminah Baig, Jannah, Jasmine, Indy, Ryan, and Sunhy

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1) 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."*
- APTN – Great resource to learn more

2) Results of the Student Council Elections (7:08-7:11)

- Introduction of Student Council members (Jannah, Indy, Heydyn, Ryan, Sunny, Jasmine), elected in the recent elections.

3) Principal's Report (7:11-7:26)

- Thanks for the treats given to the teachers, was really appreciated.
- The students council nominees did an excellent job with the speeches, there were 48 nominations and those not elected will continue to be involved in different committees.
- Virtual assembly: last Friday organized by Ms. Maybury.
- Next assembly is Nov 11th: Remembrance Day
- Purple shirt day: done twice because wasn't fully advertised the first time
- Say your name campaign: every day on the announcements the students say 5 names of students who didn't survive the residential school system. Also telling the story of one residential survivor
- Islamic heritage month: doing announcements and Jannah wrote a blurb in the newsletter
- Staff meeting today: discuss mental health and how to support students in person and virtually. Meeting again as mental health committee in school. Want to include parents and students into the mental health group and equity committee. If interested in being in mental health committee and equity committee let Shahnaz and Aneesah know. Want to really connect parents in virtual school

- Take me outside day: day where students do outdoor learning. Kindergarten pen had cornstalk and hay bales, for kids to play
- Logo contest for the grade 8 students, whoever has the best design gets to have their logo on the grad sweater.

4) Connecting to virtual school (7:27-7:40)

- Trying to figure out a way to connect EVS with Greensborough f2f school
- Want to set up a google classroom and try to add students so they can connect with Greensborough students
- Trying not to make comparisons, what's going online vs. what's happening in person school
- Have an EVS section in the newsletter, have the students send in some pictures or work they have done
- Have activities for the kids to do and submit on google classroom, ie like a colouring page for remembrance day (you can hand in)
- Start with this week have EVS kids submit pics and put in the newsletter, get the word out to the parents.
- Trying to structure the time, but all the schedules are different.
- Also trying to bring staff together from EVS
- Could also have penpals, students from EVS connect with a student who is f2f. EVS students could fill out a google form and see who's interested in acquiring a penpal, and then make connections.

5) Playing soccer (7:40 - 7:45)

- Starting soccer for some of the grade (6/7/8)
- Trying to do the primaries (3/4/5) next.
- Need to disinfect the ball in between (takes about 20mins) and have proper supervisors

6) Parents night (7:45 - 7:48)

- Onsite lunch/dinner for teachers on parents' night
- Pizza with safe handling could work.
- Booking through EDSBY, but teachers choose the platform they want

7) Treasurers Report (7:48)

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8) Other Items (7:49-8:00)

- Just confirm timing of 7PM for meeting
- Discussing upcoming dates for meetings.

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

Adjournment: 8:00PM