

GPS School Council Minutes: January 22, 2018

Meeting Commenced: 7:02

Attendees: Jim Spiers, Heather Purcell, Tina Sharma, Shanaaz Hasanali, Natalie Mascoll, Kevin White, Jaime Lee, Rob Alexander, Janette Keene, Charles Herriot, Anneesa Singh, Olivia Chan, Mitali Goruji, John-Paul Wu, Colin Tieu, Manjit Parmer, Jaina Negandhi

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved by: Tina Sharma and Shanaaz Hasanali

1) Welcome/Ice Breaker (7:02-7:12)

2) Student Council Report (7:12-7:18)

- Green team (Grades 1-4) – GOOS paper notepads
- National Sweater Day on Feb 1
 - drop temperature 1 degree
 - Promote energy conservation
 - Collecting spirit points
 - Photo booth to take pictures of kids in sweater (photography club)
- Carnival – Feb 23
 - French and Olympic themed
 - Outdoors in the afternoon
 - Parent volunteers for hot chocolate station
- Five Days of Fun before the holiday
 - Dancing to Christmas carols
 - Winter wreath decorating contest
 - Helping hands – cut out hands and for people to write nice things on and decorate
 - Candy grams – gave one to everyone from student council
- Wellness week – applied for funding (\$2500) from Ministry of Education

3) Principal's Report (7:18-7:30)

- Choir went to Mark Haven Seniors Residence
- Primary concert at B.O.S.S.
- Music Fest with choir and band at GPS
- Gator Swamp tournament for basketball team
- Movie night
- Photography club working on yearbook
- January 23 – Kindergarten class was one of the first classes to have full class on Cash online, so won Mandarin lunch
- Feb 8 – Robotics competition
- Grade 8 going to Ottawa Feb 12-14
- TBSB younger student hit by car. Police ticketing those stopped or parked on Alfred Patterson.
- Feb 22 hosting basketball tournament. Closing parking lot that day.
- Math, Mental Health, Modern Learning

- Mental Health
 - Jan 8 – Mindfulness workshop with staff
 - Students learn better when they are calm and can self-regulate
 - Feb 1 at 7-8:30 -- Michelle Cassidy – 1 hour presentation with Q&A on reducing stress and anxiety
 - Feb 22 at 6:30 presentation by Shyamala Kiru on Fostering Confidence in our Children
- Math
 - enhanced teacher’s repertoire in math. EQAO results showed a jump in scores (compared single cohort from Grade 3 to Grade 6)
- Modern learning
 - Technology-based and engaging
 - Programming
 - Dot and Dash programmable robots
 - Coloring sheets become 3D with iPad application
 - In February, Ms. Strickland is teaching other YRDSB teachers
- Feb 14 – Report cards

4) Treasurer’s Report (7:30-7:32)

- Made \$344 at Movie Night before costs

5) Sub-committee Updates (7:32-7:46)

- Email to sign up for committees again
- Poinsettia fundraiser
 - \$2158 sold, \$1435 cost, \$723 profit
 - Funds used to purchase cameras for Camera Club
 - Thanks to Charles, Rob, Shanaaz, and Jeanette for volunteering
- June 20 – Fun Fair
 - Sponsors and community support
 - Police department and Fire department booked
 - Need to book bouncy castles, etc.
- March 22 -- Primary Wildlife Night in the Spring
- April 5 – Diversity Fair
- May 3 – Science Fair

6) Next meeting: February 12

7) Adjournment: 7:47