

GPS School Council Minutes: November 20, 2017

Meeting Commenced: 7:03pm

Attendees: Jim Spiers, Heather Purcell, Rob Alexander, Anneesa Singh, Debbie Singh, Tina Sharma, Shanaaz Hasanali, Janette Keene, Jean-Paul Liu, Charles Herriot, Rajan Gosain, Barbara Peters, Jaime Lee, Colin Tieu, Winston Stewart, Natalie Mascoll

Previous Meeting Minutes Approved by: Barbara and Rob (7:11)

1) Welcome/Ice Breaker (7:03-7:11)

2) Student Council Report (7:11-7:26)

- Door decorating contest
- Halloween/Fall festival dance
 - 101 cans collected
 - How Many in a Jar
 - Primary parade
 - Fun house
- Winter festival
 - Candy cane grams
 - Suggestion: candy canes donated by School Council for every child
 - Caroling at recess, before/after school, assembly
- Grant application
- Promoting confidence in art by making a play
- Student council structure
 - 2 reps from each classroom
- Suggestion: Shoebox Project
 - Shoebox for mothers in need
 - Socks, toiletries, gift cards, coffee, etc.

3) Principal's Report (7:26-7:52)

- Oct 17, 20, 25 – supply teachers used for Math PD
- Oct 20 – PA Day – Climate Survey
- Nov 1 – take your kid to work day
- Nov 1 – transition day. Grade 8s visit high school
- Exhibition volleyball games and tournaments
 - Girls won a tournament
 - Boys came in 4th place
- Gator Swamp Tournaments – 2 hosted at GPS
- Nov 8 and 9 – Bus Evacuation Safety
 - Kids learn how to get off bus safely
- Nov 15 – primary division went to festival theatre
- Nov 17 – Spirit Day

- Student led conferences Nov 23, 24
- Holiday Concert Dec 7
 - Canned food donation
- Dec 21 – Music Fest with choir and band
- School Plan on Math
 - Supply teachers and consultant came in to focus on math by division
 - Broke down EQAO questions and looked at areas of difficulty
- School Plan on Mental Health
 - Michelle Cassidy speaking Feb 1
 - Complex need psychologist will meet with staff
 - Student School Climate Survey
- School Plan on Modern Learning
 - Ms. Strickland – Coding, lock boxes
 - Breakout.edu used in some classes
- Tina Sharma – Award
- Superintendent and school trustee visiting Nov 21
- Early December – school improvement plan with superintendent

4) Sub-committee Updates (7:52-8:10)

- Poinsettia fundraiser due Nov 22
- Movie Night– January 18
 - Committee will meet to decide on movie
 - Suggestion: Ask student council representatives
- Staff dinner on Thursday, Nov 23
 - About 50 staff members
- Fun Fair – June 20
 - Committee meeting January

Next meeting: January 22, 2018

Adjournment: 8:10