

GRIFFITH WOODS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday Nov 20th, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Staff Room at Griffith Woods School

Minutes

Attendees: Jennifer S., Shevaun P., Karina D., Cathy U., Ashima S., Rachel H., Bill S., Jenn S., Carolyn M., Jessica P., Arshiya J., J. Bataycky, N. Chorney and N. Barrie.

- Call to Order, Welcome
 - Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
- Approval of tonight's Agenda
 - Agenda approved by Jessica P., seconded by Shevaun P.
- Approval of last meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved by Jenn B. and Jen S.
- School updates - Principal Batycky and presentation by Ms. Chorney and Ms. Barrie
 - Teachers presented on Social Emotional learning and how they are integrating it into learning and the school. Dare to Care program as great online resources to access for the school and parents.
 - Review of School Development Plan
 - It is now a 3 year plan
 - There is a focus on kids having “voice”, investment and choice in learning and assessment
 - Academic achievement is high at the GWS
 - Ms. Olsen is retiring at the end of December
 - **Motion for \$250.00 for a WestJet gift card for Ms. Olsen made by Jessica P., seconded by Arshiya.- Passed**
 - Basketball is almost finished
 - The school is now overflowing all elementary and junior high kids to other schools. We are at capacity 964students.
- Executive Reports – Chair/Vice Chair, Treasurer, Communications
 - Chair
 - Made a decision to note send out an letter about volunteering and are going to continue with signups per event or when we need volunteers at the school (e.g. Library)

- Treasurer
 - Still reconciling revenue and expenses from the Halloween Dance.
 - Still waiting for insurance documents for the school council, likely delayed from the postal strike. Arshiya will call them.
 - **Motion for \$400.00 to cover the cost of the gym rental for the Craft Fair. Approved by Jen S. seconded by Arshiya J. – Passed**
- Secretary
 - Amber C. has resigned from the position in October. The executive of the GWSC appointed Ashima Sharma to the position effective December 2024
 - We thank Amber for all your help and support to the GWSC.
- Update from Friends of Griffith Woods School Fundraising Society.
 - Jamie unable to attend
 - Created a two year spending list with the school
 - Have two new board members
 - Raised \$3614.00 in the Purdy's Fundraiser for the band – funds goes directly to students who participated. Extra money will go to Ms. DiMarino for the band program
- School Council Committee reports
 - Fun Lunch – Sharon and Jen
 - Runs smoothly each week
 - Next year's orders will be posted soon
 - Garden – Angela C.
 - No report
 - Traffic Safety – Angela C.
 - No report
 - Social Committee—Sarah F (K-6) and (Open coordinator position) (7-9)
 - Will be looking to fill the position for grades 7 – 9
 - PJ's and popcorn on November 29
 - Teacher appreciation – Jenn
 - Cookie exchange happening on December 13
 - Library – Carolyn
 - Book fair with Owls Nest Books, December 2 – 6. Sign up will be posted soon for volunteers to help
 - Yearbook – Allison

- Contract with Lifetouch is signed
 - Lost and Found –Cherine
 - No report
- New Business
 - Grade 4 New Playground equipment
 - Would like a new piece of equipment in the playground and are asking questions on cost, installation etc.
 - They are going to come and present in 2025
 - Bottle depot: update from last meeting
 - Need to create an account, and find out if they can donate to the school and bring trailer for bottle drive.
 - Rachel and Karina will work on this.
- Date of next meeting – Wednesday Jan 15th, 2024 @6:30 pm at Griffith Woods School
- Motion to Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn made by Jen S. seconded by Carolyn M.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm