



GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - 7 p.m.

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Shauna |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Oct/17 | All |
| 3. Principal and Vice Principal Report | Shannon and Sadhana |
| 4. Staff report | |
| 5. Chairperson's Report | Shauna |
| 6. Treasurer's Report | Kari |
| 7. OCASC | Christine |
| 8. Transition to High School night | Shannon/All |
| 9. Possible new lunch options | All |
| 10. Adjourn | Shauna |

Minutes

Present:

Shannon Smith – Principal	Shauna Spearman – Chair
Sadhana Lad – Vice-Principal	Denise Nap – Vice-Chair
	Kari Keays – Treasurer
Hawazen Badran	Christine Lyndsay – OCASC Representative
Debra Boissière	Stephanie Siddall – Secretary
	Jackie Bertrand – Member at Large
	Lisa Brownstein – Member at Large
	Wendy Clee – Member at Large
	Michelle Farquharson – Member at Large
	Catherine Scott – Member at Large
	Kathy Warnholtz – Member at Large
	Laurie Wells – Member at Large

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Lisa moved that we approve the minutes from the last meeting. Catherine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report: Shannon Smith

- There are staffing changes approaching. Tracy (Spear) Ouellet's last day will be November 24th. Her replacement has not been chosen yet, but all candidates are francophone.
- Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 23rd from 3:30-6:30pm and Friday, November 24th from 8:30-11:30am. Each session will be 20 minutes long and take place in the gym. A link to the online booking site will be sent out soon. Please book with your homeroom teacher first. If you would like to schedule an interview with your student's entire teaching team present, please book outside of the official interview schedule. Staff will contact you if there is a concern.
- After December 1st, all payments will be made via <https://ocdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>. Families will be notified via email of this change with links included to access the user manual and information video. The office is prepared to assist families finding the new system to be a hardship.
- We were able to book two back-to-back weeks at Camp Arrowhead; all grade 7 and 8 students can be accommodated. Week 1 will start on May 7th. Each week will host two groups: group 1 on Monday to Wednesday and group 2 on Wednesday to Friday. One group of grade 7 students and one group of grade 8 students will attend each week. Arrowhead is roughly \$50 to \$60 less expensive than other camps, with a final cost of approximately \$220 per student. It will be possible to donate \$5 to assist another student when making the initial deposit in December.

The Arrowhead Camp trip will be the only outdoor education trip of the year.

- The school website is currently out of date. In the process of updating school websites across the board, our archived materials were posted while freezing access. It will be sorted out soon.

Vice Principal's Report: Sadhana Lad

- Please find Sadhana's report at the end of the Minutes.

Staff Report: There was no staff report this meeting.

Chair's Report: Shauna Spearman

- There will be a Zone Meeting for Kanata South and North with Trustee Christine Bootheby from 7:00-10:00pm on either December 6th or 7th, 2017. If anyone has concerns they would like brought forward, please email Shauna.
- The Parent Conference & School Council Training Day will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Dr. Karyn Gordon is the keynote speaker. She will give a 1 hour presentation on emotional intelligence. Attendees can then take part in up to three workshops. A continental breakfast and free childcare is provided. All are invited and there is no fee charged for the event. Pre-registration is required. There are still spaces available.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017-2018_OCDSB_Parent_Conference_and_School_Council_Training_Day_November_18_2017

- As part of the OCDB Speaker Series, Susan Hopkins of The MEHRIT Centre will be presenting from 7:00pm-9:00pm on November 30th, 2017 in the auditorium at Sir Robert Borden High School. Parking is free and no preregistration is required. From the board web site:
 - *Parents will be introduced to Self-Regulation, a powerful method for understanding and responding to their children's (and their own) stress, energy, and tension.*<https://ocdsb.ss13.sharpschool.com/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=238219>

Treasurer's Report: Kari Keays

- Our balance is currently \$1767.58
- We have received the Parent Involvement Funding of \$500.00 to use towards the high school transition night on November 30, 2017.
- We raised \$257.55 at the Hallowe'en Cake Walk on October 31, 2017.

OCASC Representative Report: Christine Lyndsay (October 17th OCASC Meeting)

- There were some rumours/concerns that ProGrants were going to change. They are not.
- The Parent Conference & School Council Training Day is still accepting registrations. There will be 40 different workshops to choose from.
- The board's new website (<http://ocdsb.ca/>) was presented by Michelle Giroux.
 - Families can use the school cash on line component to pay expenses for multiple children

- attending different schools with one payment.
 - Permission forms can be filled out online.
 - It is accessible: the language can be changed and the site has text-to-voice capability
 - It will contain up to the minute news.
- The board has announced that it will dedicate \$15 million towards mobile technology by 2021.
 - Computer labs will be phased out, because technology changes too quickly. The focus will be on Chromebooks and other mobile technology.
 - While BYOD (bring your own device) will still be encouraged, they are looking at a 4:1 student to technology ratio in the classroom. Technology use is meant to be collaborative.
 - By the end of 2021, each student in the board will have 1 Megabyte per second of bandwidth. To achieve this target, the board will basically become its own internet provider by investing in server grade equipment.
 - Students who don't have internet at home will be able to sign out a key to access mobile data.
 - In five years time, every school will have a projector in every classroom.
- OCASC wants to move to an electronic “chalk it up” to give people a better chance to respond to questions and hopefully eliminate duplicate discussions.

Transition to High School Night:

- The information session will run from 6:00-8:00pm on November 30th, 2017
- We are partnering with W. O. Mitchell Elementary School
- This is our first attempt to concentrate the presentations in one location. The goal is to share the special program information equitably and in good time for families to take action.
- Parents are the target audience. Students have the option of attending information sessions at school, both during regular class time and at smaller sessions as announced during nutrition breaks. Sessions are listed during the announcements and posted on the information board outside the office. They will also be listed on the school calender found on the website:
<http://glencairnps.ocdsb.ca/>
- 4 or 5 staff members will be present to answer questions
- As our home school, A.Y. Jackson will present first at the general session. It will be possible to attend 2 or 3 subsequent breakout sessions including:
 - Various program offerings at A. Y. Jackson Secondary School
 - Canterbury Arts Program
 - Adaptive Program at Sir Guy Carleton
 - Specialist High Skills Major Programs
 - Advanced Placement Course Options
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Course Types and Course Selections
 - Special Education in High School
 - Secondary Gifted Programs
 - English as Second Language Programs in High School

- Shannon has already sent out an invitation, asking parents to preselect their top three choices of break out session.
- Parent Council is looking after refreshments.
- Laura at our local Independent Grocer might be willing to help sponsor us
- Student volunteers from A.Y Jackson will be on hand to help

New Lunch Options:

- **Booster Juice** already supplies schools and meets board nutritional guidelines. Shauna will inquire whether we could invite Booster Juice to run a one day trial to determine if students enjoy the product and would like to sign up for a longer term.
 - 240mL smoothie = \$2.50+tax
 - 355mL smoothie = \$3.55+tax
 - they also sell wraps, smoothie and wrap combo = \$5.75+tax
- **L'Entreprise Mazzola:** We would not make very much money per meal (\$0.25-0.50), but we would have very few responsibilities. Parents would order online, and the company handles distribution. The ordering seems flexible with a wide range of options.
- All new lunch programs will run on a trial basis from mid January to March Break. If they are successful, we can renew them at that point.

New Business:

- Lisa Brownstein presented her research regarding locally roasted coffee fundraiser with Equator coffee. If we hand in our order forms on Friday, they will roast the beans on the following Monday and Tuesday for delivery that week. The coffee is roughly \$15/bag. Our profit would be \$3-5 per bag. They have a minimum order of \$100.00. Council proposed to run the fundraiser for two weeks in December.
- Wendy Clee proposed that we investigate utilizing <https://www.gofundme.com/> to raise money in support of those students unable to take part in opportunities, such as Camp Arrowhead, for financial reasons.

Shauna moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.

Next meeting is 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 12th, GCPS library.

(see Vice-Principal's Report Following)

Vice Principal's Report:

Activities	
Cake Walk	<p>Cake Walk took place on October 31st. SAC sold tickets with the help of parent volunteers on the day of the event.</p> <p>We raised:</p>
School Dance Oct. 27	<p>Students were encouraged to wear orange and black on this day. We had Glen Cairn's first school dance, which was held in the last hour of the day. Students had the choice of going to the dance or going to the library and playing games.</p> <p>We raised:</p> <p>Money went to support the snowsuit fund.</p>
October 31st	<p>Students wore their costumes for Halloween and it was a choice and students and staff participated.</p>
November 10	<p>Remembrance day was recognized at a ceremony in the gym. Students who participate in cadets were encouraged to wear their uniform and handed out poppies to fellow students.</p>
November 22nd	<p>Some students in grade 7 and a few art classes will be submitting entries to the Royal Canadian Legion for their Art and essays that are focused on the Theme of Remembrance.</p>
November 10	<p>Food drive came to end and the food bank collected Glen Cairn's generous donation of food and health care products. Between two other schools we raised 2000 lbs of food.</p>
We Day November 15	<p>18 students from Glen Cairn will attend WE Day at the CTcentre. This event is a springboard for our global initiative and wellness initiative that they will be working on in the upcoming months.</p>
Clubs	<p>Participation in Baking, Book, Brain Boosters, Makers, Dance, Improv, Open Gym, and intermurals are taking place during recess. Practices for team sports are taking place in the mornings and sometimes after school.</p>