



GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 - 7 p.m.

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Shauna |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Sep/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. New Business | All |
| 9. Adjourn | Shauna |

Minutes

Present:

Shannon Smith – Principal	Shauna Spearman – Chair
Sadhana Lad – Vice-Principal	Denise Nap – Vice-Chair
John Saschenbrecker – Staff	Kari Keays – Treasurer
	Christine Lyndsay – OCASC Representative
Hawazen Badran	Stephanie Siddall – Secretary
Tina Barbera	Jackie Bertrand – Member at Large
Stacy Krahn	Lisa Brownstein – Member at Large
Amal Mohamed	Michelle Farquharson – Member at Large
	Laurie Wells – Member at Large

Regrets:

Wendy Clee – Member at Large	Catherine Scott – Member at Large
Cindy Dummitt	Kathy Warnholtz – Member at Large

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Jackie moved that we approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kari seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report: Shannon Smith

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

Vice Principal's Report: Sadhana Lad

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

Staff Report: John Saschenbrecker

- The dates for the touch football tournament have changed from October 23rd and 24th to October 16th (boys) and 17th (girls). The change has been updated on the school calendar.

Chair's Report: Shauna Spearman

- 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.

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

- The Speakers Award for Youth Writers is currently accepting applications of short stories and personal essays from students in graders 7-12. One winner from each of the following age categories will be chosen: grade 7/8, grade 9/10 and grade 11/12. The awards ceremony will be held at the Legislative Building in Toronto. The winning works will be published on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website. Applications are accepted online until November 8th, 2017.
<http://discoveryportal.ontla.on.ca/en/youth-programs/youth-arts/youth-arts-program/speakers-award-youth-writers>

Treasurer's Report: Kari Keays

- Our balance has not changed since the last meeting (\$1010.03).

OCASC Representative Report: Christine Lyndsay

- The minutes from the last OCASC meeting were not available for Christine to present to us.

New Business:

- Parent involvement funding of \$500.00 available. A transition night is proposed to aid students and families investigate their choices of various programs available at the high school level. Representatives from the different options will be present. This would take place in early December at the latest.
- A parent who will be involved at GCPS for the 2018/19 school year must apply for the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant before the spring deadline (it was May 25th in 2017) in order to obtain the funding (maximum amount of \$1000.00). GCPS has already booked Paul Davis to speak to students and parents on Social Networking & Online Safety at two different sessions in September 2018. The PRO Grant could potentially cover the fee for these presentations (\$900.00).
- Currently, GCPS runs two hot lunch programs: Quiznos and Pizza Pizza. Members are asked to bring forth recommendations for additional/alternate vendors. If there are problems or concerns regarding the meals provided, please call the office immediately so they can deal with the vendor directly.
- It is still possible to enrol students in the lunch programs. Call Karen in the office to discuss what options are available.
- Three fundraising goals were discussed: increasing the GCPS library's collection, installing an outdoor volleyball court, and creating a fund to subsidize students' field trips, etc. The Education Foundation prefers to meet schools half way when subsidizing students. The following fundraising options were brought forward:
 - Giving families the option to donate \$5.00 when paying the fee for outdoor education trips
 - Running a locally roasted coffee sale before Christmas (Lisa Brownstein agreed to investigate)

- Running a locally sourced maple syrup sale before Christmas
- Running two cake walks this year: Hallowe'en and Valentine's Day (Jean-Ann Reid-Flieler has agreed to run the Hallowe'en cake walk on October 31st)
- A GCPS Spirit Wear sale is in the works. It is coming soon, and the options and pricing will be very similar to last year. Sizing kits will be available in the office.
- Student requirements for the 15 minute nutrition breaks are as follows: there is no technology in the lunchroom, students must remain seated in the lunchroom, and students are seated with their Math groups. Math groups are formed from two sister classes (English and French), giving students the opportunity to meet as many people as possible.
- There will be a Hallowe'en Dance held during the last hour of the school day on the last Friday before Hallowe'en (Friday, October 27th). Students are invited to wear their costumes to school.
- Students are invited to wear orange and black to school on October 31st.
- The Scholastic Books Fair is scheduled to coincide with Interview Night. (Denise agreed to serve as GCPS Council Liason with Hazar Alkabra, our librarian.

Shauna moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting is 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 14th, GCPS library.

(see Principal's Report Following)

(see Vice-Principal's Report Following)

Principal's Report - October 2017

1. GCPS Staffing Updates:

1. Shane Wong was successful in increasing his status to 100% at Katimavik Elementary School. He is leaving GC as of Thursday of this week, but will continue to coach the boy's football team until the season is over. Shane will be replaced by a Long Term Occasional Teacher for the remainder of the year and that teacher will be in place by middle of next week.
2. Tracy Ouellet returned from her brief leave today.

2. **EQAO Update:** EQAO Individual Student Results forms went home with students today in sealed envelopes. We will send a synrevoice this evening.

3. PA Day activities:

1. team building for high performance teams with Jennifer Laale
2. Technology in the math classroom - Clark Day
3. Increasing independent work time - Keri Hillier
4. Kim Kramer- Social Worker - introduction to "Supporting Minds"
5. Students of Concern

4. **Free Online French Homework Help - Bonnes Nouvelles!!!** Visit voilalearning.com, click on 'My school board is registered and enter the code: OCDSB0. The Virtual Immersion Campus will be open Monday to Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for homework help and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for French practice. Learn more about [Homework Help](#).

5. OCDSB Speaker Series Fall 2017

[November 30, 2017 — Dr. Susan Hopkins of The MEHRIT Centre](#)

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.

Sir Robert Borden High School

[131 Greenbank Road](#)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy these [free information sessions](#) - sponsored by the District's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and supported through grant funding from the Ministry of Education.

Vice-Principal Report

1. Calendar: There are many events taking place here at Glen Cairn.
 - Cross Country will be taking place tomorrow @ Walter Baker
 - Boys and Girls Touch Football practices are taking place during recess and after school- Teams meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 - Brain Boosters is a club for extra help or support students with work completion that is held 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday
 - Coding/ Makers Club takes place Monday and Thursday at recess - our community volunteers are helping us out. Students are programming and creating 3 D designs to create an object with our 3D printer
 - Gaming Club takes place on Fridays - Board games and students creating characters for their game.
 - Volleyball Intramurals have starte
 - Baking Club, Dance Club, Improv club meet once a week as well.
 - October 26 - Glen Cairn students will participate in Bus Evacuation drills

2) Just a recap - OICC provided our school with a presentation about the meaning of Orange Shirt Day and provided information about orange shirt day. Dion, who is from the OICC instructed each class in Inuit games, which focused on strength, cooperation and respect. The following day, grade 7 students participated in creating the northern lights with chalk.

3) SAC - Committees have been set up for the Student Advisory Council. There is a huge participation of students and splitting them into committees allows students to focus and plan events for the school, which are student driven.

The Committees that were created are:

- Global Initiatives
- Food Drive
- School Events
- Career Day