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GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Library

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Shauna |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Feb/17 | All |
| 3. Principal's Report | Shannon |
| 4. Staff Report | GCPS staff |
| 5. Chairperson's Report | Shauna |
| 6. Treasurer's Report | Cindy |
| 7. OCASC | Christine |
| 8. New Business | All |
| 9. Adjourn | Shauna |

Minutes

Attendees

Shannon Smith-Principal	Christine Lindsay-OCASC
Shauna Spearman-Chair	
Catherine Scott-Secretary	
Cindy Dummitt	
Denise Nap	
Jean-Ann Reed-Flieler	

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Denise moved that we accept the minutes from last meeting, Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report-Shannon

- Councilor Allan Hubley has arranged for Paul Davis, a respected speaker on social media and youth, to present to students and families at Glen Cairn. He will present to students during the day and parents in the evening. This is generous of Councilor Hubley as talks like this normally cost hundreds of dollars.
- Career Day will be held on April 27th. Students will sign up for 3 sessions. This is the same day grade 6 students from feeder schools will be visiting. They will stay for the guest speaker and then return to their schools.
- Students will be asked to complete the Our School Survey (formerly known as "Tell Them from Me") during class time.
- The Grade 7 camp is full with 4 students on the waiting list. There are 54 students from Grade 8 signed up for camp which is fewer than had been hoped. Those that don't go to camp will be expected to attend school as usual
- Staff had a guest speaker from the National Council of Canadian Muslims who spoke about how to be inclusive and welcoming.
- Glen Cairn will be hosting basketball tournaments for 4 days in April. Council was asked to run a canteen. Jean-Ann will organize.
- Mr. Maloley's class is raising money for Partners for Mental Health. Activities so far have included freezie sales and a spring dance. A 5k run is planned for the KRC on May 27th.
- Some students from Glen Cairn are part of a hockey team that is in the running for the Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup. They are trying to raise money for the DEBRA Foundation in support of Jonathan Petrie. Vote online.
- Planning is under way for next year. Glen Cairn's numbers are approximately the same as this year with 12 homerooms projected.

Glen Cairn will be getting a Vice Principal next year.

Margaret Robertson is retiring at the end of the year.

- There is a badminton tournament coming up on April 26th and 28th at Earl of March. Glen Cairn will be sending Tier 1 and Tier 2 boys and girls teams.

Chair's Report-Shauna

- Sauna attended the most recent Trustee meeting where the following items were discussed.
 - The OSTA is now in charge of empty bus seats. Previously this was done by schools
 - The hard caps on JK/SK class sizes are 30 for 2017-18 and 29 after that.
 - Merivale High School is still awaiting approval as an IB site. The earliest it will happen is 2019. Students who start at Colonel By will not be able to transfer to Merivale.
 - The IEP review will be starting soon and will include surveys and focus groups. They are looking at a new online IEP that is more user friendly.
 - A full review of Kanata area schools won't happen before 2020-2021 but there may be small boundary adjustments in the meantime.
 - There was a discussion of equity across the Board in terms of facilities at different schools as well as school budgets. Trustee Boothby will be setting up a meeting to discuss the issue of equity and bring it forward to the Board. Date TBA.
 - AY prom is non-sanctioned this year. That means the organizing is being done by an outside company.
 - OCASC is looking for executive for next year: secretary, treasurer and co-chairs
 - Katimivik hosted a screening of the documentary Screenagers. They have also partnered with BMO in an entrepreneurship venture.
 - Castlefrank raised money to buy Walmart gift cards for needy families in their community.
 - Nominations are now being accepted for Community Recognition Awards. Glen Cairn is nominating the retired engineers who run the Maker Club.
 - Parents' Lifelines of Eastern Ontario (PLEO) is launching a new monthly support group for parents and caregivers of children, youth and young adults who are dealing with mental health and/or addiction issues. Meetings will be held monthly (2nd Tuesday) in the boardroom of the WOCRC from 6:30-8:30 PM

Treasurer's Report

- Balance is \$2600.00
- School generated funds are sitting at about \$5,450 (4,000 from lunches, 400 HST credit, 200 from pictures, 490 from spirit wear and 360 from yearbook). Council also has about 1,600 to spend. We will discuss next meeting how council money should be allocated and provide input on school generated funds.

OCASC Report-Christine

- The Eastern Area Secondary review debates will be available on YouTube

New Business

- It was suggested that we host a staff breakfast/lunch. The date is TBD. Jean-Ann will work with Shannon on dates.

- There was a discussion of how signup for Arrowhead camp was handled. There were concerns about process and ensuring fairness that all kids were able to get in who brought in forms/money on due date. Shannon acknowledged it was a new experience but that all students who brought forms and money on day it was due were able to sign up. Students on wait list (4) didn't sign up until a week later. Hoping to be able to accommodate those on wait list – issue is not space at camp but space on bus.
- Concerns were raised regarding accessibility of Chromebooks in class as well as fairness of students using own devices in class. Shannon stated that GC follows board policy on BYOD and that each class has about 6-7 Chromebooks for shared usage although some students bring their own and some students have Chromebooks due to educational requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting May 9th in the library