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GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 7 p.m.
Library

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Shauna |
| 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Nov/16 | All |
| 3. Principal's Report | Shannon |
| 4. Staff Report | GCPS staff |
| 5. Chairperson's Report | Shauna |
| 6. Financial Report | Cindy |
| 7. OCASC | Christine |
| 8. Fitness initiative and fundraising | All |
| 9. New Business | All |
| 10. Adjourn | Shauna |

Attendees

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

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

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

Principal's Report-Shannon

- Volleyball is well under way. There are 4 teams (2 boys, 2 girls, 2 tiers). The tier 1 girls team won a recent friendly held at Earl of March.
- Holiday Band Concerts will be held Thursday, December 15 at 1:30 and 6:30 PM. The concerts are expected to last about an hour.
- The Talent/Variety show will be held on December 23rd, periods 3 & 4 (10:55 AM) parents are welcome.
- Staff at Glen Cairn, WOM and AYJ have been looking at literacy across the panel. They looked at responses to a text for all students including grade 9s in order to identify strengths, weaknesses and next steps. They looked at research conducted by John Hattie on what practices have positive effects on achievements.

Articulating high expectations has the greatest effect. Reciprocal teaching ranked 3rd and will be a focus at Glen Cairn. This builds on skills/strategies learned in earlier grades wherein students are in a group with a leader and read non-fiction texts for meaning. The process includes making predictions, clarifying, questioning and summarizing. These are critical skills involved in studying.

There was a question regarding standardizing the English classes at Glen Cairn the way it has been done with math. For instance not all students do novel studies. Shannon said (paraphrasing) that the skills learned reading shorter texts can be applied to longer ones. No plans to standardize right now.

- The deadline for completing the Elementary School Framework survey was today. Parents can still provide feedback by emailing Board, Trustees etc.

- The Province is going to develop a “Well-Being Strategy for Education” in order to promote student well-being. You can read a fact sheet for parents here:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/WBFactSheet.pdf>

Chair’s Report-Shauna

- The final report on the Elementary Framework will be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 17
- Shauna spoke with her contact at Castlefrank regarding their fruit/veggie box fundraiser. They partnered with “Good Food 2 U” to offer 2 sizes of boxes at \$35 and \$65 price points. They ran the fundraiser for 2 weeks and raised \$1000.00. The consensus was that we should revisit this idea in the spring.

Treasurer’s Report-Cindy

- Our balance is \$2700 and change. Jean-Ann has been paid for the canteen supplies. We made \$233 at canteen.

OCASC Report-Christine

- Discussion at this month’s meeting was mainly about the Elementary School Framework.
- In future if anything comes up that requires a timely response from parents/Council Christine will email a head’s up.

Fitness Initiative and Fundraising

- Shannon will contact the Yoga teacher that Jaspreet reach out to. The proposal is that she come in twice a week for 8 weeks. If we start the 2nd week of January, that will take us to March Break.
- Catherine moved that Council agree to pay a maximum of \$500 for up to 2 sessions of yoga per week for up to 8 weeks. Denise seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion of further fundraising initiatives tabled until January meeting. Honey and/or coffee sales mentioned as possibilities.

New Business

- Christine asked if anyone can go to the next OCASC meeting as she can’t. Denise volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting January 10th in the library

