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GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 7 p.m.
Library

AGENDA

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

Minutes

Attendees

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

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and thanked everyone from braving the weather to make it out.

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

Principal's Report-Shannon

- The girls team won their volleyball tournament the boys tournament is tomorrow.
- There will be no school run ski program this year due to declining interest. Snowhawks will be running a program. Information emailed before holidays, more information is forthcoming. They hope to have a day on the canal. They are also looking into the possibility of cross-country skiing at the Old Quarry Trail
- Rideauwod is coming to do sessions with grade 8s next week.
- Public Health is coming to talk to grade 8s about healthy transitions as they get ready to do their grade 9 course selections.
- There will be an information night for Grade 6 parents scheduled for the end of the month. There are fewer grade 6 students at feeder schools this year than in previous years. It is not yet certain how this will affect staffing etc. but Shannon will let us know.
- A.Y. Jackson is having a grade 8 info. Night on January 17 at 6:45 PM
- Regarding professional learning, an Instructional coach from the board is coming to coach teachers in reading strategies students can use while reading informational texts.
- There will be a career day towards the end of March. Members of the community will come in to talk about their careers. Students will listen to a keynote speaker and then go to 2 or 3 sessions. Incoming grade 6 students will be visiting the school the same morning, stay for the keynote speaker and then go home.
- There is a PA Day January 30
- Yoga will be starting next week. There will be 2 sessions a week, Wednesday and Friday. One session is in the morning and one in the afternoon. Lots of boys have signed up so there may be a boys only class offered periodically. Council had agreed to pay up to \$500.00. If yoga end up costing more than that, school generated funds will be used to make up the difference.

Chair's Report-Shauna

- Shauna pointed out that the next meeting is scheduled for Valentine's Day. Most people felt they would still be able to attend.
- Board will be discussing the results of the Western Area Review at tonight's meeting. Feedback can be viewed online here: [Discover the Results](#)
- The Elementary Framework will be discussed at the January 17 meeting. Results of the consultation will also be posted online.

Treasurer's Report

- None.

OCASC Report-Denise

- Denise shared the highlights of the OCASC minutes. There was a lot of talk around the role of OCASC with respect to consultations and keeping parents informed.
- The Special Education Panel was supposed to be reviewing the Gifted program but that process has now been put on hold.

New Business

- There was a question regarding whether Council should do fundraising to help defray cost of Grade 8 band trip and grade 7 Leadership Camp. After discussion it was felt that since not all grade 8s participate in band, perhaps we could put money towards their Leaving Ceremony instead.
- There is no other year end activity planned for grade 8s who are not in the band. If there is to be an event, such as a scavenger hunt downtown, there would need to be help from parents to organize and run it. At the moment there are no grade 8 parents on Council. There was a suggestion that we should try and recruit some.
- There was a question regarding the proposed grade 7 trip to Camp Arrowhead. Only about half of grade 7 students indicated interest based on the survey that was sent out in December. Some parents felt that the information sent out in December was unclear. Teachers have made a push to promote the trip with students and that will be followed up with an email home.
- Jean-Ann offered to run a Valentine's Day cakewalk to raise money for year end activities. It will be held February 14th in the upper gym
- Jaspreet mentioned that Carleton University offers some computer programs to local schools. She will contact the appropriate teachers and pass on the information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting February 14th in the library

