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GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday May 9, 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. OCASC | Christine |
| 7. New Business | All |
| 8. Adjourn | Shauna |

Minutes

Attendees

Shannon Smith-Principal	Christine Lindsay-OCASC
Shauna Spearman-Chair	Lisa Brownstein
Catherine Scott-Secretary	
Denise Nap	
Stephanie Siddall	

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

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

Principal's Report-Shannon

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

Chair's Report-Shauna

- Jean-Ann sent a report on the canteen which was held during the basketball tournament. It ran for 4 days and made a profit of \$400.00. Special thanks to Denise and Stephanie for all their help.
- Staff Appreciation day went well. There was a lot of support from parents. Staff enjoyed the day as well.
- Shauna met with Trustee Christine Boothby and Lillian Neitzel, chair of the AY School Council to discuss the issue of equity in funding schools. For instance, schools that don't have an auditorium must pay to book space offsite for Commencement. Of particular concern is student assistance costs. Christine will bring concerns forward to the Board.

OCASC Report-Christine

- There was a discussion as to what happens with funds raised by schools that are closing. Many schools will spend the money on a great year end party. Any money left over will follow students to their new schools proportionately
- There was a discussion around Alternative Schools. Some issues that were raised were the fact that there is no EFI option, that the program is undersubscribed and that some of the philosophies used in Alternative Schools are being picked up by regular schools.
- Scientists in the School did a presentation on their PRO program.
- The OCDSB volunteer appreciation event is May 31.
- OCASC is looking for a new chair.

New Business

- Shannon presented the teachers' wish list. Between School Generated Funds and School Council funds, we have enough money to pay for everything on the list and still have money left for our float for next year.
- Catherine moved that we use the School Generated Funds and Council funds to pay for the wish list items. The motion passed unanimously.

- There was a question as to whether funding was a barrier to kids going to camp. Shannon said that between the school and some money provided through the Education Foundation, money was not an issue. Shannon emphasized that money from the Education Foundation might not necessarily always be available.
- There was a suggestion that the June meeting be held offsite; we will discuss via email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting June 13th , place TBD

(see Principal's Report Following)

Principal's Report May 2017

Thank you!

- The staff truly enjoyed the staff appreciation day and all of the delicious food and the beautiful set up in the library.

Staffing Updates:

- Sadhana Lad has been appointed to serve as vice principal at Glen Cairn Public School beginning September 2017
- We gained an English homeroom for next year, so we are up to 13 homerooms: 6 English and 7 French.
 - Plan is to schedule all classes within the building - means some shared teaching spaces, similar to secondary school.
- John Saschenbrecker has joined the GCPS staff full time for 2017 - 2018.
- Trina Legault remains on leave and Ruth Lee has returned from a previous commitment. The leave at this point is extended until the end of May.

Academics:

- The Math team met with their counterparts at the three feeder schools for a productive morning of planning last Friday. This will continue in the future, similar to the network currently engaged with A.Y. Jackson SS
- All students will write a common math exam at the end of May. This has been done in the past and it provides teachers with insight into what has worked this year, as well as providing direction for A.Y. staff and our Grade 8 staff. It provides students with a low stress environment to practice exam taking skills for high school.
- EMCP camp took place last week and all reports are that it was a blast.
- Metis culture presentations will take place May 17th

Activities:

- Arrowhead Camp is underway and all is going very well. Many updates posted to social media
- Track and Field is on the horizon. School Track and Field Day is May 31st.
- Slam Poet - Week of June 12th?
- Gaelic Football - June 22, 23
- Scientists in the School - no date confirmed yet.

Transition to High School:

- Grade 8s will visit A.Y. on May 23rd for transition activities.
- IPRCs are scheduled for June 1 and 2 - invitations have been mailed

PA Days/Holidays:

- May 19th (PA Day), May 22nd (Holiday), June 9 (PA Day)

Leaving Ceremony:

- June 28th at 10 am in the gym.
- 2 guests per student to start, requests for more tickets will be through Google doc. Tickets for guests will be \$2.50 each.
- Will hold a raffle for 2 sets of VIP Tickets - 2 front row reserved seats and a reserved parking ticket. Tickets will be \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
- Leaving Ceremony will take place 10 - 12:00 approximately.
- Reception following for guests - outside if nice or upper hall and lobby if not.
- Lunch for Grade 8 students provided after, approximately 12:45 - 1:45 pm
- 2pm - 3 pm - Grade 8 Dance.

Current School Generated Funds, not including School Council funds:

- HST rebate, mirror netting, spirit wear sales, and hot lunches total approximately \$6500.00

Wish List Items:

- 10 Chromebooks, to provide 5 for new homeroom and begin cycle of replacement
 - 10 x \$300 = \$3000.00
- Scientists in the Schools:
 - \$2200.00
- Athletics, to purchase new jerseys, goggles, rackets, footballs, etc..
 - \$1000.00
- Slam Poet
 - \$1000.00
- Leaving Ceremony Lunch \$300.00
- Library for new materials, focus on building French collection
 - \$1000.00
- Music Program: to purchase instruments
 - \$500.00