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GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – 7 p.m.

Library

AGENDA

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

Minutes

Attendance

Shauna Spearman-Chair	Stephanie Siddall
Shannon Smith-Principal	Denise Nap
Catherine Scott-Secretary	
Cindy Dummitt-Treasurer	
Jaspreet Harit	

Shauna called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

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

Principal's Report-Shannon Smith

- Shannon thanked Council for running the canteen at the touch football tournament. A good time was had by all players despite the weather on the second day
- The school participated in the X-Country meet. Aneesha H placed 7th which earned her a spot in the Board finals.
- 2 boys and 2 girls volleyball teams have been formed.
- Progress reports will be sent home Thursday. Online booking for interviews with up to 3 teachers opens at 4:00PM on Report Card Day. Parents can set up an account beforehand but can't actually book until that time. Parents have the option of requesting a call-back
- The Inuit storyteller comes tomorrow. There will be 3 sessions for grade 8s.
- Ottawa Public Health will be coming to talk to grade 8s about the pressures students face on going to high school. They will be shown the Jackelope video on resilience.
- Discussions are underway regarding possible Winter Outdoor Education activities. Possibilities could include a day trip to Pakenham or a trip to the canal.
- The Board is looking at the Elementary School Program Framework, which follows on from the Secondary Program Framework. They are looking at school configuration. More information is available on the OCDSB website. Parents are encouraged to complete the online survey and voice their opinions during the consultation phase.
- Shannon recommended the book *Well Aware - Developing Resilient, Active, and Flourishing Students* by Patrick Carney. Every school has been given a copy.
- The school has been awarded a \$1000 PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant. The plan is to get in a guest speaker to talk about anxiety in this age group.

Chair Report-Shauna

- James has stepped down as vice-chair
- Shauna thanked Jean-Ann, Denise, Stephanie and Christine for running the canteen at football.
- Trustee Boothby's meeting was held at the WOCRC. Attendees learned about the various services offered including counselling, an Alzheimer's group, Chrysalis house and many others. They now have a dedicated child and youth counsellor.

Trustee Boothby spoke about the Western Area Review. Some items of interest to our parents are:

IB program-60% are from the west end. Merivale High School is the proposed site for the western IB program but there are concerns about transportation. The earliest it would start would be September 2019. Students who start at Colonel By will NOT be able to transfer to Merivale

Bell High School is slated to change to a grade 7-12 configuration but there will be no additions to the building and there won't be any separate common areas.

Kanata schools are not up for review before 2020

- There was a discussion around the expense of providing places to sit during recess, but then the discussion shifted to why students, particularly girls, are standing around at recess at all and how can we get them moving. We discussed various activities from Zumba to yoga to other sports. Council members will reach out to our contacts to find out what is possible. The activity can be a maximum of 45 minutes. Recess times are 10:20-10:55 and 12:35-1:20.
- Shauna shared that Castlefrank School raised money by selling boxes of organic vegetables to families. It was a one off purchase, without the long term commitment many farm share programs have. Shauna will get the details. Honey was another item mentioned as a possible fundraiser.

Treasurer Report- Cindy

- The canteen and Halloween dance brought in \$607 and \$160 (gross) respectively.

OCASC-Denise

- OCASC now has co-chairs.
- Saturday, November 19 is the Parent Conference and School Council Training Day at the Confederation Education Centre. Jennifer Adams, Director of Education, is the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome, please register online.
- The following committees are looking for parent members: Arts Advisory, School Year Advisory, Parental Involvement, Special Education and Extended Day/Childcare Advisory.
- Susan Baker, a policy analyst, is helping to devise a complaint resolution mechanism for the Board. The guiding principles are that it should be fair, open, timely and polite. The proposed

plan will be posted on the website for feedback. It should be easy to read and understand and free from jargon.

- There are changes proposed to the Gifted Program. The idea is that money should be spent equitably and that students should be treated fairly whether they are in the regular classroom or not.

New Business

- Thanks to Shauna for preparing the Principal's Profile

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting December 13 in the Library.