



**GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - 6:30pm - Virtual**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Julia Zuliani (Co-Chair), Patricia Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Jaime Routliffe (Secretary), John Saschenbrecker (Vice Principal), Tracy Spear (Teacher Rep), Chris Pouliot, Andrea Wills

**Absent:**

Crystal Boutilier (Co-Chair), Angela Chaplin (Principal)

1. Welcome - Julia Zuliani
2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2023 - Julia Zuliani
  - a. Approved.
3. Approval of Agenda - Julia Zuliani
  - a. Approved.
4. Vice Principal's Report - John Saschenbrecker
  - a. This week staff will be working on the school learning plan. Admin will be meeting with teachers to review different data regarding numeracy and literacy such as EQAO results.
  - b. Wellness Plan - staff looked at surveys last month. Parents want to be more involved which is harder in middle school. One thing GCPS is doing is a career day. A Google Form was sent and families and so far there are 11 responses. 10 of those are university educated careers so they are looking for more varied careers to show students some other options. Papa Johns is going to be the 12th presenter.
  - c. Pizza orders for the second block (January to March) are due next Thursday. Lunch Lady is ongoing.
  - d. Mr. Powers has started a math group that has 25 students doing an extra challenge. The first challenge is Bungee Barbie where they will create a bungee drop for Barbie using problem solving and other math skills.

- e. The school gym is having the roof repaired which should be completed this week. ½ of the gym has been closed during those repairs.
  - f. Next Friday is PJ Day as well as Movie Day with details to be determined - it is a Student Council Spirit Day.
  - g. The School Clothing Order came in and was sent home with students.
  - h. Grade 8's are going to AY Jackson on December 13th to have a high school experience.
5. Staff Report - Tracy Spear
- a. Volleyball Season is underway. There are 2 girls teams and one large boys team. There were some other schools join at GCPS last week and teams are going to Earl of March this week before the tournament in the new year.
  - b. After the Holidays, Basketball will begin.
  - c. Mr. Lajoie started a dodgeball club which students are loving but it is on hold until the gym is fully open.
  - d. Some more Phys Ed equipment has been purchased by Mr. Lajoie, Mr. Peacock and Mr. Edgeworth. They are looking ahead to spring and got some items for track and field, such as javelins.
  - e. Clubs and groups are well under way, every recess has something happening and there are athletics every day.
  - f. Baking Club (Mr. B-T and Ms. Francis) has been very popular and they have been asking students to bring a donation to help pay for supplies if possible. This would be a good opportunity to support the school.
  - g. Mr. Lajoie is looking at science equipment to enhance that program.
  - h. Staff has started talking to Grade 8's regarding high school choices. Some students are showing interest in the IB Program at Merivale H.S. and the High Performance Athlete Program at John McRae.
  - i. The SST room is in full operation and students who need a quiet space or need some more support are using that space. It has been a great alternate space for students and staff have done a great job at making sure it's very inviting and always staffed.
6. Financial Report - Patricia Fitzgerald
- a. There is currently \$280 in one category and \$1000 in another.
7. Chair Report - Julia Zuliani
- a. PRO Grant - School Council is looking for ideas from staff regarding what might be well attended or appreciated at the school. Patricia suggested "Understanding Adolescence from the Inside-Out" by Hannah Beach, an online workshop that is \$39 plus tax each that talks about adolescence and what to expect. An online option might be more accessible and get more involvement. Patricia also suggested the unlearn workshops. John

will take it back to staff to get some feedback for that and then we will discuss it in January.

- b. School Council Liability Insurance - confirmed by the OCDSB that we still have that option for our events.
  - c. Website Updating - would the school like us to do our own website updating such as adding minutes? Staff is to confirm.
  - d. Food Drop - Apple/Fruit Donations - School Council asked if this is something the school would be interested in. John said there are always hungry kids so that would likely be well received. Cheese strings were suggested as a good option. Council and staff may need to look at the best way to run it so that it is to have the best impact. We discussed having families sign up to donate apples each week so that it creates some involvement and doesn't use group funds. Julia will create a Google Form to send to families for donations for the new year.
  - e. Need for Funds/Fundraising - Council is happy to help with fundraising and is thinking of direct fundraising for specific items. Phys Ed and Science equipment were suggested as well as recess equipment. Food/Pizza nights have been successful in the past. If Council was to do an event during the day it is believed that staff would welcome that and maybe there could be collaboration with Student Council. Community Use is limited at this point for evening events but the school will check to see if there are any dates available.
8. Round Table
- a. No new business.
9. Adjournment - 7:37pm

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:30pm**