



GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING **Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 – 6:30p.m. Virtual**

Minutes

Attendees

Angela Chaplin - Principal
Marielena DiBartolo - Secretary
John Saschenbrecker - Teacher Rep
Roxanne Driscoll - Parent Attendee
Tanya Southern - Parent Attendee

Denise Nap - Chair
Elizabeth Belliveau - Vice Principal
Ryan Jaecques - Parent Attendee
Kim Loenhart - Parent Attendee

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | Denise |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | All |
| 3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of March 22 nd | All |
| 4. Principal's Report | Angela |

- Annual Climate survey re: student's feelings about school & school safety

- not mandatory for students to participate; anticipate receiving results in the fall
- 2022-23 school year
 - estimate a slight increase in student population which will result in a request for another portable; looking at 8 english homerooms (4 in each of Gr 7 & 8), and 7 homerooms for french immersion, plus specialized program; increase of 0.66 of english teacher time and 0.7 of french teacher time
 - also discussing music program - want to have instrumental music in the

school, though also recognize opportunities that have arisen with COVID as far as being able to support the students' interests and do not want to lose that, so sorting out how to incorporate both -> looking at the possibility of doing a split program, dividing by grade, ie. Gr 7 would do music theory, culturally responsive pedagogy, etc, and at end of grade test our instruments, then Gr 8 would run more as a band program; have touched base with AYJ, and this will not put the students at a disadvantage in any way, some middle schools have no instrumental program and assumption in Gr 9 music is that students come with no previous experience; also considering running a band separately as well; will reassess music curriculum to plan out a 2-year program

- will be keeping same format for Gr 7 & 8 lunches and recesses, keeping them split, as has had a good impact on behaviour and opportunities
- Academics - data gathered has been very helpful
 - until this year, Glen Cairn never had data, because Gr 6 & Gr 9 EQAO data was not shared (as it belonged to student and the Gr 6/9 school) - this year, the Board has taken the Term 2 reports from last year, and Term 1 reports from this year and reported proportion of students not meeting provincial standard in mathematics, english, french and science - data will be used to create school learning/improvement plans for next year
 - Assessment for learning data - diagnostic assessment tool has been created for every grade for math skills -ie. assesses everything that should have been learned in previous year as foundation for the next term curriculum, with data provided in real time collated as a classroom, as well as Board-wide (though Board as a whole had a low response rate - GC actually accounted for almost half for Gr 7); Gr 7 strongest areas were spatial sense and financial literacy, weakest area was data; Gr 8 strongest was data and weakest was financial literacy
- Spirit Days
 - April - theme challenge - each homeroom will choose a theme, prizes for participation
 - May - will be fundraiser with funds towards leaving ceremony

5. Staff Report

John

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6. Chairperson's Report

Denise

- April 22 is due date for nominating a volunteer

7. Financial Report

Denise

- ~\$1200 left to be paid out for items from last year

8. OCASC Report

- none

9. Old Business

All

- Pizza fundraiser
 - current funds likely just sufficient for leaving ceremony
 - would be an easy fundraiser to create a bit of a buffer for funds
 - other options (burgers, Lone Star, etc) - less accessible, more complicated, etc
 - Roxanne will reach out to Jojo's to explore first week of May (so that after end of Ramadan)

10. New Business

Angela & All

- Leaving ceremony
 - the most recent information received from the Board is that Gr. 8s will not be going to the high school for orientation (or Gr. 6s come to GC)
 - Gr. 8s "may begin the planning process" - unclear how to go about that, as usually would need to book chairs a full year ahead
 - asked Gr 8's what are the important pieces to them - they want to dress up and have a dance, they also want to have a slideshow, and cap & gown pictures
 - no dress code (ie. does not require formal wear, etc.)
 - then perhaps meet the interests of the parents with a virtual ceremony, while improving access and inclusion (in person would be limited to 2 guests per student)
 - question: could it be live-streamed to improve access? - will explore
 - grad photos have been rescheduled to April 26

11. Tour de Table

All

- will a food day program be started?
 - not likely this year, but expect it for September
- school photo retakes?

- no retakes planned
- what venues exist for students to raise concerns about other students' disruptive behaviour
 - a number of options
 - website - make a report - can choose to remain anonymous or follow-up
 - can connect with Ms. Burns, directly or via questions boxes available in 2 locations
 - can also connect with Ms. Chaplin at any time by email or via Google Classroom

12. Adjourn

Denise

Next meeting date – May 10th, 2022