



GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 – 6:30p.m. Virtual

Minutes

Attendees

Angela Chaplin - Principal
Marielena DiBartolo - Secretary
Elizabeth Belliveau - Vice Principal
Janice Small - Member-at-Large
Roxanne Driscoll - Parent Attendee
Kim Loenhardt - Parent Attendee

Denise Nap - Chair
Amy Hiltz - Treasurer
Laurie Wells - Member-at-Large
Ryan Jaecques - Parent Attendee
Hey-Liang Chang - Parent Attendee
Tanya Southern - Parent Attendee

1. Welcome and Call to Order Denise
2. Approval of Agenda All
 - motion to approve - and conditionally approve minutes once read - Denise, no opposition
3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 11th All
4. Principal's Report Angela
 - COVID - standstill, no movement in terms of cohorting, conversations ongoing between middle school administration re; wellbeing, social connections, etc; masking remain mandated, but faceshields/goggles only required if will be within 2m of unmasked student, can take mask off outdoors if can maintain 2m distance; students are permitted to take masks off outside, though has not been explicitly announced to students, as only can do if can maintain 2m; no information yet as to when masks requirements will be lifted
 - Peers Program - will be starting after March Break, one for each grade

- Book Club - faded with second book, new book will be starting after March Break
- End of year celebrations - nothing has yet changed, can start to discuss, though plan as if will not be in person - have to have a cutoff date at some point simply because of numbers, and also consider plans moving forward, considering that in person celebrations end up reducing access - how to keep positive pieces that have been borne of virtual celebration
- immunizations - March 28 & 29 - if child distressed, nurses will not proceed
- Rideau Wood - second group coming through end of April
- High School forms - deadline has passed
 - questions:
 - re: online selection platform (Xello) was confusing - where to provide feedback?
 - Angela will take that back; agree cumbersome with the groups
 - when listening to AYJ presentation, it ended abruptly with no opportunity for questions - would have been helpful to be able to ask questions
 - Angela will share with Principal
 - online learning piece not explained well - is it similar to virtual that has been happening, or is it a specific course
 - Board/teachers learned of it at same time as families; continue to have conversation at secondary level; must be fully online, asynchronous learning; can opt out, with no academic consequence, and can opt back in at any point
- Finances - teachers have asked to hold off on looking at more Chromebooks, looking into more hands on learning environments; have purchased french novels for library; have purchased globes for Social Studies; Science Department is finalizing their requests (looking at more microscopes, etc); looking into getting coding tool
 - budget still healthy
 - for novels, looking at purchasing variety of books in lower volume so that students can work in smaller groups on books that meet their level and interest, and purchasing audio versions as well
- Planning for next year - will begin quickly after March Break - Gr 6 info night March 24

5. Staff Report

Angela on behalf of John

- athletics calendar is back on
- intramurals have started - currently volleyball, all teachers have signed up for supervision blocks
- looking into opening up the upper hall - example for yoga (have had lots of requests)
- Gauss Math (Waterloo math contest) - cost will be covered for those students who want to participate
 - question - will there be some sort of club to work through past examples ahead of time

- details not yet determined, was discussed at staff meeting tonight, student will start to be asked if interested and will be advertised; likely to have prep club
- looking into having tennis back for Phys Ed
- Angela Burns is looking to book a dance group for Phys Ed
- have not had a school learning plan from the Board for a few years, so school is doing their own informally - math teachers looking at how much time the students are *thinking* about math, vs. copying what teacher is doing, surveying students' attitudes towards math, and then trying out some new strategies and reassessing; there will also be an assessment of what was meant to have been learned in Gr 6 so that teaching staff gets a picture of which areas need reinforcement before going into next unit, tabulated at class and board level
- Question: any news re: teams
 - there has been no discussion re: inter-school teams at this point

6. Chairperson's Report

Denise

- OSTA - make sure you know that you have to opt in this year (vs. in past was opt out) - if do not respond by deadline, you may not have busing for school next year

7. Financial Report

Denise

- ~\$1700 in account
- will get an accounting of what of planned expenditures have been spent to date

8. OCASC Report

- done

9. Old Business

All

- none

10. New Business

Angela & All

- Pro Grant speaker
 - last year had Paul Davis
 - are we interested - will get list
- Fundraising
 - had discussed another pizza night
 - we usually spend ~ \$500 for leaving ceremony
 - kids would love to have some picnic tables - can connect with AYJ as they bilt benches out front

11. Tour de Table

All

- Angela - class lists usually started mid-April - if there are specific learning considerations that are relevant to placement, can email Angela to relay the information

12. Adjourn

Denise

Next meeting date – April 12th, 2022