



**GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 12th, 2021**  
**6:30p.m. Virtual**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Denis Nap - Chair	Marielena DiBartolo - Secretary
Amy Mayhew - Treasurer	Angela Chaplin - Principal
Julie Corrigan - Vice Principal	John Saschenbrecker - Teacher Rep
Ryan Jaceques - Member-at-large	Laurie Wells - Member-at-large
Janice Small - Member-at-large	Roxanne Driscoll
Lauren Barbieri - Parent	Brett Southern - Parent

1. Welcome and Call to Order Ryan on behalf Denise
2. Approval of Agenda All
  - Motion - Ryan; Second - Marielena
3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Sept 14<sup>th</sup> All
  - Motion - Ryan; Second - Roxanne
4. Principal's Report Angela
  - Maverick's donuts - interested in doing a fundraiser through the school; 25% of sales
  - Wacky Socks for Terry Fox - went well, donated \$364 to Terry Fox Foundation (raised \$250 then Student Council added in in order to total \$1/student)
  - Truth and Reconciliation week - went very well; particular thanks to **Shelley MacWhirter, Kathleen Macfarlane and Kami Francis** who put together a Truth and Reconciliation Google Classroom laying out learning and activities for each day of the week; all staff followed through so that each student received at least 40mins of instruction; culminated with creation of handprint pledges for

“Beyond 94” (ie. beyond the 94 Calls to Action) - looking to build a plexiglass frame to go beside front door to house these (among other initiatives that arise)

- Virtual Meet-the-Teacher event - finding it difficult for families to commit to a certain time if wanted to do a Google Meet, so chose the video format again this year - videos will stay up all year
- Student Council had first meeting - went well, engaged group of students; working on plans for October Spirit Day activities
- Fire drills - first occurred today; there will be 2 more over next week; are not doing school-wide drills - splitting school into 2 (ring bell for second)
- Safety Protocols - there will be a school-wide virtual assembly on safety protocols; found that this worked well last year, and also expect given levels of worry/anxiety amongst students this year, that will suit students better at this time; likely will do again in this format in second half of the year
- OSTA Safety - OSTA has created a Gr. 4-8 video re: school bus safety
- School clothing - Gaydar store will be posted in next week; for first 3 weeks, shipping will be free and delivered to school; store will remain open for full year, with shipping to home; will include shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc;
- Rideauwood - 3rd party addiction counseling service; coming this fall and again in spring; fall presentations: Gr 7 - “Tech and Responsibility”, Gr 8 - “Connecting the dots: emotions and substance use”; will do a Google Meet with individual classes
- COVID update - all protocols still the same; not required to ask students about morning screening anymore (did for the first 3 weeks), though staff still do need to confirm; there have been 2 cases (within same family); school is in regular contact with Ottawa Public Health nurse; there were a couple of calls recently asking if students could come back to school (one was a bus contact, other had just received the generic letter) -
  - NOTE: process for case and contact identification - school receives call from OPH identifying student; school then sends list of relevant teachers, class and buses; if on weekend, generic email goes to Principal (generic is just for transparency, families do NOT need to keep children home upon receipt of generic email); IF potentially high risk, will receive a separate email directing families to keep children home, until they can verify vaccination status, exposure, etc, and OPH will send follow-up email confirming final isolation directions

- for children who develop symptoms at school, office has PCR tests to perform when child gets picked up and can be dropped back to school (if by 2:30), or at Brewer
- also, for awareness, Brewer now offers DIY pickup PCR tests - book on regular Brewer booking website - pick up test at door, can do the test in the parking lot and drop back immediately, or later
- IEPs - teachers have until Oct 15th to complete the IEPs, then they will be reviewed, and distributed to families next year
- Learning Support Teacher - all teachers have met with LST to discuss how to formulate SMART goals, how to write an updated/meaningful IEP, reviewing and streamlining accommodations, etc

5. Staff Report

John

- TRC/Orange Shirt Day - students much more socially aware than 10 years ago, demonstrated a good understanding of issues
- many teachers getting their classes outside and hands on as much as possible

6. Chairperson's Report

Denise

- Trustee boundary review - electoral boundaries being reviewed by City Council, with new boundaries proposed - see link in parent update from OCDSB - there are changes relevant to Kanata and Stittsville
- Safe School consultation - review of documents has been ongoing through the summer; see parents update for further details
- Virtual tutoring - free, available for Gr 7-12; see parents update email for further details; registration available on school website

7. Financial Report

Amy

- not available

8. OCASC Report

- a. not available

9. Old Business

All

- a. Pizza night fundraiser- tomorrow night!
  - Jojo's - mention Glen Cairn (do not need to be school family)

10. New Business

Angela & All

- a. Board review of Appropriate Use of Technology Document
  - Council members to review, for discussion at November meeting; individual parents may also submit their personal feedback via the link available in the parent update

- b. Review of Principal Profile
  - council members to review by Oct 19 - if any changes to suggest, email Denise

11. Tour de Table

All

- Extracurriculars? - no news as of yet for sports teams for middle schools, despite high schools being allowed to proceed; clubs: staff looking to start up trivia club, and virtual talent show; still not allowed to cross-cohort
- OCDSB parent updates - if you are not receiving these emails, check with school to ensure email is up to date
- High School course selection - last year occurred around January; on school website, there is a section with details about high school information nights (typically Nov/Dec) for the usual schools; students/families will have support, particularly from Angela Burns; teachers no longer sign off on choices; Math is de-streamed, and English and Science likely to be as well; for students with an IEP, student/families will have the opportunity for meeting with LSTs from GCPS and high school to discuss plans; also have the opportunity to take a learning strategies course
- School photos - high schools have been allowed to do grad photos only, elementary schools will not be doing school photos; Angela Chaplin will take photos for medical sheets/etc when necessary

12. Adjourn

Denise

**Next meeting date - November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**