



**GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:30p.m. Virtual**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Angela Chaplin – Principal  
Denise Nap – Past-Chair  
Roxanne Driscoll – Past- Treasurer  
Tanya Southern - parent  
Laurie Wells - parent  
Janice Small - parent  
Amy & Derrick Mayhew - parent

Julie Corrigan – Vice Principal  
Marielena DiBartolo – Past-Secretary  
John Sacschenbrecker – Teacher Rep  
Lauren Barbieri - parent  
Hey-Liang & Paula Chang - parents  
Ryan & Amy Jaecques - parents  
Williams Ugiagbe - parent

1. Welcome and Call to Order Denise
2. Approval of Agenda All
  - Approved (Denise, Roxanne)
3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup> All
  - Approved (Denise, Roxanne)
4. Principal's Report Angela
  - 7 of each English and French classes, 1 specialized program class – all classrooms (including 2 portables) full
  - Fully staffed - ~25FTE teachers, 1.5FTE EA in Specialized program, 1FTE EA for 1:1, and 1.5FTE EA in mainstream; no virtual teachers on-site; Julie is 0.5FTE VP + 0.5FTE Student Success; one Designated Occasional Teacher (DOT) position; 2 staff to help w/ lunch & recess supervision; also fully staffed custodial team
  - Staff meeting today:
    - o Spec Ed – Learning Resource teacher (Kris Storah) has moved on, Kerri Hillier has taken on role – IEP writing in progress, will go home 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October – parents will receive electronic form to provide input

- Tech – not in a position this year to allocate a device for every student; have allocated equipment to those who require per IEP, have asked students who has access to personal tech, next step will be to allocate to classes – are aiming for 1:4, hoping to 1:2 ratio device:student  
NOTE: no cell phones allowed out in classroom - must stay in backpacks, if need to call home must go to office to use (when changed made, found large decrease in students being sent to office, and increase in student engagement)
- Website: see website for news/info/athletics & calendar updates – there will not be weekly emails with news; tend to use FB/Twitter/Instagram only for “fun stuff” rather than information
- Meal programs – lunch program still on hold; there will be a breakfast program (not traditional, not hot breakfast, but there is a bowl in every class with individually-wrapped items for anyone to access)
- School learning plans – have not yet heard update from board, but do feel they are now positioned to take on new learning projects
- Budget – typically rolls over in January, usually allowed to carry-over any surplus – prior year carried forward \$6000, but was clawed back because of COVID measures, for this year, have \$11,000 surplus and as yet unclear if will be allowed to carry-forward; has been 3 years since last large purchase of 10, so that is a priority consideration for this year particularly as ~20% were called back as out-of-date (downside is that must go through tendered vendor which is at higher than typical retail cost); past couple of years have provided resources for phys ed and books for English studies
- Third Path – relationship-based approach to teaching; began last year and will restart again this year – first theme is Safety; ahead of curve as Board is rolling out to select schools this year
- Culturally-response schools – assessing resources (novels, texts, visual aids, speakers, etc) to better address cultural responsiveness
- School visioning – current motto: WE can all do better when we work together; work will be done with student council to look at Vision and may amend
- Student Voice – place lot of emphasis on student voice; applications will go out this week for Student Council reps (2/class); Council decides on fundraising, plan dances, plan speakers, etc;  
Denise: to add further information – Student Council at GCPS manages much of the business that School Councils do in other schools

## 5. Staff Report

John

- Students are engaged, happy to be back and socializing; teachers as well
- Inuit culture virtual presentation – coming up this week, several classes are participating
- Election – several teachers have signed up to do a student vote
- Recess sports equipment – each class has their own equipment to respect COVID precautions

## 6. Chairperson’s Report

Denise

- September 30 – Day of Truth and Reconciliation, wear orange shirt

7. Financial Report Roxanne
  - ~\$500 left over from last year
8. OCASC Report
  - Nil to report
9. Old Business
  - a) Pizza night fundraiser- how did it go? Roxanne
  - b) How were the fundraised funds spent? All  
(from June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting: Motion: \$1000 to library for French books, \$500 for each t-shirts, phys ed equipment and staff appreciation (including breakfast in September and other initiatives)
10. Motion to dissolve 2020-2021 Council All
  - Motion to dissolve (Denise), seconded (Marielena), Roxanne in favour
11. 2021-2022 Council Election/Appointments All
  - 3 positions are mandated in order to have a Council: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer  
The following voting positions are available (meeting open to all parents to attend):
    - Chair (or co-chair)
    - Vice Chair (optional)
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - OCASC representative (optional)
    - Member-at-Large (voting, non-executive member)
  - Chair – Denise put forward her name, Roxanne put forward her name as Vice Chair - confirmed
  - Secretary – Marielena put forward her name - confirmed
  - Treasurer – Roxanne, Ryan and Amy put forward their names – Amy confirmed
  - Members-at-large:
    - o Ryan, Laurie, Hey-Liang/Paula, Janice
12. New Business/Tour de Table All
  - Is there a school mascot/team name? (Denise)
    - o At time school changed from K-8, phoenix was chosen to represent rebirth of new school; feedback from staff meeting was to keep the phoenix, but have more discussion about it and strengthen ties to current group of students; there is also a traditional logo; a few years ago, held a student competition for an athletics logo incorporating the phoenix; there is no athletics team name
  - JoJo's fundraiser (Denise)
    - o Roxanne will look into
  - Clubs – will they start/continue? (Ryan)
    - o Currently not allowed to mix cohorts; last year did run some clubs virtually and will do so again this year (ex. Student Council – monthly Spirit Days; Cubing Club); are looking at starting Dungeons and Dragons as that can be done virtually

- o Decisions re: which clubs are offered are driven by student requests and so often change year to year
- o Other typical ones would have been Chess Club, Musical and Band
- o Note: high schools are allowed to have sports, GCPS is considered elementary – have advocated to be allowed to follow high school given age of students allows most to have been vaccinated – awaiting decision
- o Currently, cannot cross-cohort, even outdoors (so not allowed to do outdoor yoga, Eco Club, etc)
- Vaccination status – does the school have information as to proportion of students currently vaccinated? (Marielena)
  - o Not yet; current focus is gathering attestations of vaccination/exemption from staff, then expect that there will be a dashboard posted on Board website with breakdown of % vaccinated staff and students

13. Adjourn

New Council Chair

Proposed Dates for School Council Meeting 2021-2022:

- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (elections to be held)
- October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (holidays start December 20<sup>th</sup>)
- January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (March Break is March 14 to 18)
- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Easter Holiday is April 15 to 18)
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Last day of school is June 30)

\*All based on the OCDSB proposed schedule awaiting Ministry Approval