

GLEN CAIRN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 6:30p.m.

Virtual

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Angela Chaplin - Principal

Julie Corrigan - Vice Principal

Denise Nap - Chair

Marielena DiBartolo - Secretary

Roxanne

Driscoll - Treasurer

Kerry Humphrys - Member-at-large

John Saschenbrecker - Teacher Rep

Ryan Jaecques - Parent attendee

Tanya Southern - Parent attendee

1. Welcome and Call to Order Denise

2. Approval of Agenda All
● motion to approve - Denise, Roxanne 2nd, all in favour

3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Dec 8 All
● motion to approve - Denise, Roxanne 2nd, all in favour

4. Principal's Report Angela

- heavy sense of uncertainty; compassion for kids, parents, teachers; big adjustment; be reassured that will meet students where they are when they return to in school learning; if parents have any concerns re: volume of work/etc, please email Ms. Chaplin or Ms. Corrigan
- Student Success Teacher (Angela Burns) - working closely with high school partners; AY Jackson students started meeting with Gr 8 students today; each class has 2 sessions; has also put out message to staff looking for opportunities for students during recess time, particularly if school at home extended, to facilitate some social time between students (ex. teacher hosting yoga session, art project, etc); book club has started (when return in person, students will stay in their classrooms and meet via Google Meet)
- leadership have been dropping in on Google Meets for all classes; have seen some really interesting ideas teachers are implementing for student engagement (ex. breakout groups, jam board questions, etc)
- today's announcement had greater sense of weight than previous, anticipate heightened worry, but from OCDSB perspective messaging at this point is that as far as we know things are proceeding as currently schedules (special programs, certain staff on site; tentative return date Jan 25); at GCPS 5 students coming for BIP plus 3 teachers and 3 EAs

- budget: received allocation as anticipated based on student numbers; have not spent anything at this point; focus was on additional Chromebooks given have purchased equipment in past few years across subjects and anticipated growth in student numbers over next few years

5. Staff Report John

- teaching online is different now than in March - students more engaged, more comfortable with using apps, solving problems online, etc; breakout groups work well so that students can work in groups (which is an advantage to school-at-home as they can't do that well when working in person in school given distancing); teachers finding interactive apps students can use together to increase engagement
- forming a cubing club for 2nd recess, starting next Thurs - will be posted by Miss Burns on each classroom's feed
- kudos from Ryan highlighting openness of school and teachers for supporting clubs in general, and in transition to virtual

6. Chairperson's Report Denise

- ODCSB emails
- highlight kids 13+ now eligible for Support for Parents; even if applied previously in the spring, need to apply again; application closes Feb 8
- mental health resources in emails, also Youth Services Bureau; check in with family and friends; its okay to not be feeling okay and to find help
- can also email Angela Burns if have questions, looking for help to find resources
- also, if you are or know of a family in catchment area that is struggling financially, let Ms. Chaplin know - there are resources that can be accessed to assist
- 2 speaker series
- Indigenous speaker series - during the day for staff and students; Autumn Pelletier Jan 19, 11:30
- Dr. Michael Chen - cofounded eMentalhealth.ca - seminar on Jan 21st re: screen time during COVID-19 - need to register, but will also be posted on YouTube
- High school virtual info sessions - AY Jackson is Feb 11, will also be recorded

7. Financial Report Roxanne

- no updates

8. OCASC Report Arron

- none

9. Old Business

a) Pizza night fundraiser Roxanne

- Jojo's; will look at doing in Feb

b) gift card fundraiser Marielena

- <https://www.giftofchoice.ca/en/bulk-terms-conditions/>
- buy bulk order of gift cards; get a discount based on total dollar value (2% for \$2-5k, 3% for \$5-10K); cards can be for any amount; must pay for order in full with MC, Visa or e-transfer

c) Virtual Scholastic Book Fair

- mid-February
- can share link widely

d) school clothing fundraiser

- had 50 orders, raised \$100 - did not expect to make much, fun to see people wearing their GCPS gear

10. New Business

All

a) fundraising

- further efforts on hold
- any needs identified by staff?
- will take question back to staff
- leaving ceremony - anticipating if no dance, what else might be done to mark the occasion

11. Tour de Table

Everyone

- Tanya: find more difficult to manage school day for the younger kids, particularly given the school breaks do not align with parents' work breaks, particularly in winter - would find easier if had proper lunch break and shorter am/pm recess; also thank you to teachers
- Angela: school admin directed that virtual schedule must mimic in school schedule, only had control of where synchronous vs asynchronous time fell, and each school has done that differently; will raise concern to superintendent
- Kerry: thank you to teachers for everything they are doing
- Welcome back to Julie - feeling well, healed up, Angela disappointed that the doctors managed to do skull surgery leaving all her hair intact
- Denise:
 - highlight that while Angela noted kids and parents need to treat themselves with compassion and not have too high expectations of themselves, so too do teachers
 - would be great to see some active clubs as well
- Ryan suggested BINGO card fitness challenge kids could do during breaks as they are doing in OCV

12. Adjourn

Denise

Next meeting February 9, 6:30