

Glen Cairn School Council Meeting
November 10, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Angela Chaplin - Principal

Marielena DiBartolo - Secretary

Kristine Storah - Teacher Rep

Jean-Ann Reed-Flieler - Parent attendee

Brett & Tanya Southern - Parent attendee

Denise Nap - Chair

Roxanne Driscoll - Treasurer

Kerry Humphrys - Member at Large

Ryan Jaecques - Parent attendee

Jean-Ann Reid-Flieler - Parent attendee

Agenda:

Welcome and Call to Order (Denise)

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 20

- Motion - Denise
 - Second - Marielena
 - All in favour - motion carried

Principal's Report (Angela):

- Progress Reports
 - finished, to be reviewed tomorrow
 - Reminder sent to staff to write through positive lens, parent-student, reflective
- Requirements to create fundraising plan for school
 - Not much change, 5 items - see chart
 - Phys Ed freezie sales in spring, etc - funds towards extra PE equipment, uniforms, etc
 - Student council - just completed Halloween spirit day - raised \$200, donated to CHEO, 300lbs of food for Kanata Food Bank
 - Expect a "toonie and a tin" every couple of months
 - School clothing
 - Lunch program - potentially in term 2
 - Whole school/school council - ideas?
- COVID
 - Single case to date, non-contact
 - Phys Ed equipment opened up, one set per class, plus options for signing out other equipment for a week at a time
 - Gym now allowed to be opened with strict regulations - includes requirement to have wall and separate doors if more than one class, which we do - will look to move everyone to 2 indoor and 2 outdoor classes

- Students will not be changing
- Lockers
 - Currently will not be opening lockers - some schools are able to open because of cohorting and distancing ability, which is not the case for GCPS
 - Have ordered more mats to put outside of homerooms to track from entry door for boots, with indoor shoes in buckets within the classroom
- School Highlights:
 - Halloween activity day - good feedback from students on Instagram posts of pictures
 - Upcoming Spirit Day - end of November, theme TBD
 - Virtual Meet-the-Teacher
 - From principal's perspective, very positive feedback from staff; every teacher participated - plan to continue in future in addition to in-person
 - Parent-Teacher interviews
 - November 26
 - Because PD Days were moved, there isn't one attached to PT interview day
 - Everyone in class will receive email indicating whether an interview will be set up for the individual student - likely soon after report cards available
 - Will use Google meet
 - Any parent at any time is able to reach out to the teacher to request time to meet, whether receive specific interview time
 - Remembrance Day
 - Virtual ceremony
 - M. Lajoie has created video which will be simulcast into all classrooms
 - Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services
 - Provide services each year - typically 2 sessions/yr around addictions of all types
 - First sessions booked - Gr 7 (tech and responsibility), Gr 8 (connecting the dots - emotional connections to substance use) - Nov 30-Dec 2
 - Learning Plan
 - Have not yet received any information from the board
 - Wellness Plan
 - 2 yrs ago ran "Kids Have Stress Too" through psychology Foundation of Canada - 7 lessons, specific to Gr 7 & 8 - will begin Nov 23, 1hr/wk x 10 weeks
 - Continue to work on the Third Path staff training
 - Relationship-based philosophy
 - 8 conditions, 4 have been covered to date (safety, regulation belonging, positivity) - ex. Fixed vs. growth mindset, positive feedback to empower improvements - will continue through to April

Staff Report (Kris):

- No additions

Chairperson's Report (Denise):

- Report Cards
 - Available Nov 20 through eCompass Portal
 - When you register, if more than one child, must follow steps very carefully - if something happens, phone school and Angela Lacroix will sort
- OCDSB
 - Report - last was focused on Secondary
- Return to School Survey
 - Generally positive, variable concerns between elementary and secondary
- School Council email address
- Music classes
 - Have not received any further direction re: instruments, but do not expect will be able to use instruments other than portable percussion (though logistical challenges to ensure safety)
 - 7/8 split class is based in Music Room because of size
 - Question re: whether could be an option to pursue string instruments (ukelele, guitar, etc) - would depend on number needed, how to roll out
 - Had previously asked if could have guitar club for students who have their own instruments - not allowed because crossing cohorts
 - Early intervention program with ROH is up and running, but even then keeping cohorts separate
 - Angela will take question back to board

Financial Report (Roxanne):

- No additions/changes
- Account balance \$1715.93

OCAS Report:

- None at this time

New business:

- a) Review of Principal Profile
 - i) Kept on file, update annually, used by board when need to recruit new principal arises
 - ii) Last year added experience with Behaviour Program is an asset
 - iii) Request for additions/changes - none
 - iv) Motion to approve (Denise) - all in favour - motion carried
- b) Ideas for this year
 - i) Fundraiser?

- 1) Past events: hot lunch days (2d/wk, pizza and sandwich); Cake Walks; Coffee catalogue; Book Fair; Chocolate (in past for band)
- 2) Angela will take Scholastic Book Fair back to Librarian (Hazar) for feedback (Roxanne provided info of virtual Scholastic Book Fair benign run at another school); and speak with Karl re: ukeleles
- 3) Did not ask for voluntary student fees this year because of financial impacts of COVID, and diverse economic spectrum in school
- 4) If we fundraise, must have target for purchase
- 5) In past, generally only done one or 2 things; typically used for \$500 for leaving ceremony, some to support library, phys ed program, music program
- 6) Roxanne will look into pizza options, Marielena will look into grocery card and other gift card options

Roundtable

- Question re: Online (Ryan) - re: Gr 8 grad - at home school? A consideration for some families in decisions whether to return to in-person schooling
 - Angela - have not yet heard any information, would be happy to include in our leaving ceremony - will follow-up with board
- High school transition
 - Student Success Teacher (Angela) will be starting to visit Gr 8 classrooms to discuss; virtual school have their own SST allocation
 - Anticipate presentations in December, decisions in December (specialized programs) and January
 - Presentation dates will be available on school website, under Parent Resources tab
- OCAS
 - Running some special meetings, open attendance - can follow FaceBook page - if interested can also email Denise for information

8:04 - motion to adjourn - Denise, all in favour, motion carried

Next meeting: December 8, 2020, 6:30pm