

**MINUTES**  
**Grafton P.S. School Council**  
**Virtual Meeting March 4th @ 6:30 PM**

**Attendance**

Kim Blair	Alicia Desroches	Sabrina Martorino	Julie Perry
Renee Cameron	Stephanie Johns	Kim Niles	Laura Walters
Miranda Connors	Danielle Keir	Jacqueline Pennington	

**Regrets**

Taylor Nelson	Yvonne Ferns	Keith Hotte
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**Chair:** Jacqueline Pennington

**Secretary:** Danielle Keir

**Adoption of Agenda** (2 min) *Approved by consensus*

**Approval of Minutes** (2 min) *Approved by consensus*

**Principal's Report** (30 mins) Renee Cameron

- Breakfast program – Additional \$250 Pres. Choice Children's Charity, Metro Green Apple \$1000 coming soon & we are to share on announcements about the benefits fresh fruit and vegetables that we are serving, Egg Grant \$300
- Updates Screening Tool, asymptomatic testing at GPS- updated screening tool where students may be absent from 3-10 days depending on testing/isolating. Questions can get directed to local Public Health Nurse. Asymptomatic testing for our school is March 13<sup>th</sup> at CCI 10:00am-3:00pm. Details will get sent from the school to register an appointment.
- February & March events- Black History Month-shared about one black Canadian each day on the announcements, Red & Pink Day, Pink Shirt Day; March-Celebrating Grafton PS-On our announcements sharing each day about what students like about our school. This month beach day, 17<sup>th</sup> Wear green/dress as a leprechaun day and more events to come.
- Staff request: Jimmy Chapman- 3 visits was \$1559.40 last year. He has availability for April and can do in-person, outside withstand up only moves or virtual. Staff would like in-person. Hip Hop Instructor is also available for virtual or in-person outside later in the spring. Mrs. Ferguson uses this instructor each year. Cost would be \$1080 for 3 visits per class.

**Motion put forward to purchase a break-dancing session for all students with Jimmy Chapman.** *Approved by consensus.*

- Staff shortages- Continue to have staff shortages for all job roles.
- Mental wellness, staff & students- Staff are supporting students and continue to help each other come up with new ideas to support. Parents have been communicating with teachers about the stress so that we can adjust things in class. The staff are burnt out. Renee is supporting staff with ways to help each other get through March.

### **Treasurer's Report** (10 min) *Kim Blair*

Summary of accounts: School council account balance is approximately \$6000.

- Correction to January 14, 2021 minutes: One CrossFit session has been paid. \$540 is still to be paid for the remainder of the sessions.
- The Shortbread Company expenses have been paid.
- The expenses for the winter play equipment have not yet been removed for the school council account.

### **Fundraising** (20 min)

- Spring fundraising ideas including an additional sweet and savory sale, Easter photo shoot and seed sale will be discussed by the fundraising committee. The committee will also determine dates for each fundraising event.
- Long-term fundraising goals including additional playground equipment and yard improvements will also be discussed by the fundraising committee. Due to the current computer shortage, Renee Cameron suggested putting off fundraising for new school technology until next year.

### **Parents Reaching Out Initiatives** (20 min)

- This year's PRO grant will be used towards a virtual paint night with Grafton P.S. families. Based on quotes from potential instructors, the cost will be approximately \$10 per person/screen. Families may also need paint supplies to participate. The approximate cost of a set of paint is \$75 for 36 kids. Council will determine a date and time during the last week of March or first week of April and send out an email to families.

***Motion put forward to purchase paint kids for family's participating in Paint Night. Approved by consensus.***

- An additional grant of \$1000 not used in the 2019/2020 school year is still available. It can be used to connect with Grafton P.S. parents and must be used within two years. Council will discuss ideas for using this grant at the next meeting.

**Other business:** None

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

***Meeting adjourned at 7.55 pm.***