

MINUTES
Grafton P.S. School Council
Virtual Meeting January 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Attendance

Kim Blair	Alicia Desroches	Patricia Flynn-Press	Jacqueline Pennington
Renee Cameron	Stacey Donovan	Taylor Nelson	Julie Perry

Regrets

Miranda Connors	Danielle Keir	Stephanie Johns
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Chair: Taylor Nelson

Secretary: Julie Perry

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

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

Principal's Report (20 mins)

Registration-Only a few families that were to start Jan. 4th joined us all others are staying virtual. We continue to have more families register for the Virtual School February start date. We no longer need to consider reorganizing due to lowering numbers. The Opt-Out for in-person school ends Jan. 22nd. For grade 8s that are moving to the Virtual School, we are supporting them getting included in the grade 8 grad photo so that they can be on our new graduate wall outside the new office.

Pivot to Virtual- In the fall teachers were given direction from the Ministry that we could pivot at any moment to online. At that time, all staff were to ensure that students could login to online board approved programs such as Edsby, Google Classroom and other online programs for subjects they are learning. Teachers were given more specific messages during the holidays about how the board would like each day to look and messages were sent to parents at the same time. At this time, the board expects teachers to take attendance of those working on what they have assigned each day. All classes have high participation through online and paper packages. We are waiting for messaging on Jan. 20th about whether we will move back to in-person. Our staff has also been taking training for Edsby and Google classroom that the board started offering last week.

Upcoming events- Pam Brown (Ed. Assistant) is organizing Spirit Days. We started whole school announcements on Tuesdays at 1:00pm, we are working on Jan. 28th Bell Let's Talk day activities, Ministry refresher videos are to come about Health & Safety, new information coming about the mandatory mask wearing for grades 1-3 and wearing masks outside the school (recess).

In December, the YMCA Grafton Daycare Media Message shared that a staff member was positive with Covid 19 at our school. We are aware that Covid can happen anywhere. When we return all staff will be wearing facemasks & eye protection (shields). We will be asking for parent support with keeping students distanced at drop off and pick –up times.

Teacher's Report (10 mins) *Stacey Donovan*

- Teachers have been cautious about keeping with cohorts
- Mrs. Donovan's program: class is outside from 9:20am-11:20am, inside for eating, quick language lesson and then return outside. In the morning, do gratefulness circle and mindfulness exercises. Kids have been very receptive to these programs. Have done shelter building, the effects of wind, planning a bridge, pirate ship building. Have own class set of tools. Have bought kids their own adventure backpacks which are washable and include supplies (magnifying glasses, first aid kit).

Middle block is exploring the community- have gone to the library, charted cars going by (number, colour, honks).

Treasurer's Report (5 min) *Kim Blair*

Summary of accounts: \$1000 in playground account, \$7677 in school council account (after invoice from the Shortbread Co. is paid).

- Fundscript money received
- Have paid for 1 CrossFit session \$60. Another \$540 is remaining for classes to use.

Summary of Winter Fundraising:

- Santa photos \$1350, Carmichaels \$1076, Shortbread Co. \$1169, Fundscript

Future fundraising plans: Shortbread Co. again in the spring, possible pictures with the Easter bunny at Red Tractor farm in spring.

- Great feedback from community about the Santa pictures, was a good thing to bring families together

Parents Reaching Out Grant (5 min)

- Grant submitted
- Need council's input on direction of grant: facilitated by an artist or by Maureen Pollard to be a more expressive art event (uses symbolism of a garden to draw out discussion).
- Members of council felt that younger kids may already in bed, but older kids would be interested. Feeling that perhaps a light and fun night would be best.
- Jacqueline Pennington has reached out to a few paint facilitators but hasn't heard back.
- We will wait to hear if we get the grant and find an artist

Community needs during pandemic (5 min)

- Offer of funds from school council to support food gift card programs?
- Renee is able to facilitate through President Choice gift card account, gift cards are mailed straight to families, will reach out to community through email tomorrow for connection.
- Amount of donations already this year is approximately \$500 in grocery gift cards.
- Funds from President's Choice grant funds available are still \$750. Renee will get back to us if support from Council is needed.
- Information on Food access in the community has been sent home to all area schools.

Wish list update from Staff:

Quote from Flag House Catalogue Each Class Classroom Outdoor/Gym Bag (does not include tax)

Badminton Set-racquets, shuttlecocks, (4 class set) \$259 so approx.\$ 65 a class

Frisbees- Ultimate Frisbee \$16 each & 4 per class so approx. \$64 or Super-set of 18 Frisbees (smaller for \$54) need 2 sets so approx. \$12 a class

Tennis Balls-4 per class (Polybag) \$16.75 dozen (need 3 dozen) so \$5 a class

Recruit Starter Pickle Ball Set (2 paddles 2 balls) \$44.75 X 2 per class = \$89.50

Rubber Soccer Ball Super Sets (24 balls) at 4 per class \$241 + cost 12 more balls \$140 approx. \$95.50 a class

Snow scoops/buckets.....Dollarama? Hardware stores- \$5-10.00 each approx.. \$40 per class

Snow Shovels...Dollarama? Hardware stores- \$5-10.00 each X 4 approx. \$40 per class

Pool Noodles (tag games)Dollarama? \$2-\$5 if available

Scoop ball set-6 class sets \$ 43.00 X 2 \$86 so approx. \$9.50
Above is approx.. \$400 per class X 9 classes =\$3600

Binoculars for Mrs. Donovan's class available from Walmart for \$7.49/each (\$200 for the class

Additional Request-Junior/Intermediate Outdoor Gym

Cross-net (imagine a Volleyball four-square) for grass or sand set-up. \$210 (4 students)
Portable Tennis Stands (One court set) \$167 or Height Adjustable Portable Nets
(Tennis/Badminton/Volleyball) \$203

- List above is approximately \$400/class x 9 classes = \$3600

Motion put forward to commit \$2000 to wish list if we return to in person learning *Approved by consensus*

Other business: none

Next meeting date: March 4th

Meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm