

## MINUTES

### Grafton P.S. School Council Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

#### Attendance

Kim Blair	Laura Walters	Greg Sumi	Erin Dolan
Alicia Desroches	Sara Venema	Julie Perry	Payton Easson
Lindsey Frizzell	Danielle Keir	Maeghan Rohwer	Cadance Crawford

#### Regrets

Miranda Connors	Jacqueline Pennington	Taylor Nelson	Mark Nelson
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**Co-Chairs:** Sara Venema and Laura Walters

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved by E. Dolan, seconded by J. Perry

#### Principal's Report: Greg Sumi

- Scholastic Book Fair sales were \$4,000, resulting in \$2,300 of reading materials for the school
- The Terry Fox Run was enjoyed by the students, and the total donation amount is to be announced
- On Orange Shirt Day, students had conversations in the classroom about truth and reconciliation
- Three boxes of coats were donated to Coats for Kids by Mrs. Burnham
- School bus safety videos have been viewed by the student body
- Volunteers can now enter the school with a valid vaccine passport
- School intermural sports and athletic teams have started back this year
- Fall cleanup of Grace's garden is needed. Mr. Sumi will speak with Mrs. Greig to arrange volunteers
- A lockdown drill with the OPP is on October 15<sup>th</sup>
- The KPR parent conference is being held virtually on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- School photos are on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, retakes are on November 17<sup>th</sup>
- IEPs will be sent home on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and progress reports will be sent home on November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher laptops are being refreshed
- The Director of Education and Facility Services visited GPS to look at future refreshes for the school

#### Treasurer's Report: Kim Blair

<i>Summary of accounts:</i>	School council account balance:	\$5,463
	Playground account:	\$1,400

The annual playground maintenance expense was \$600. No issues were found with the equipment.

#### Student Report: Cadance Crawford and Payton Easson

Students would like spirit days, sports days, hot lunches, student-led fundraising events, door decorating contests, and academic competitions. A student group will meet to develop ideas on items needed for the school council to review. Students noted that the school's gazebo is dilapidated and needs to be repaired or replaced.

Reflecting on the first six weeks of school, students have had a positive experience. They feel there is a good relationship with teachers based on trust. COVID rules are generally being followed, and few students require mask reminders.

**Fundraising: Julie Perry**

The fundraising subcommittee met to discuss fundraising events for this year. School Council will participate in the Christmas Market Grafton-wide event on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. School Council will host the following events that day:

- Pictures with Santa in Grace's Garden
- Stationary Tractor Parade in the bus loop: Tractors can be decorated by students and tickets purchased to vote for the best-decorated tractor
- Parents pick-up of pre-ordered fundraising items in front of gym doors
- The Goose Chase virtual scavenger hunt

Fundraising sales item ideas include:

- The Shortbread company: Jacqueline Pennington is contacting the vendor
- The Cobourg Candy Company: Erin Dolan is contacting the vendor
- Carmichael's Meats: The vendor isn't available for drop off until December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Big Box of Cards: Erin Dolan needs to confirm participation with this vendor

***Motion to approve participation in the Big Box of Cards school fundraising program – approved by consensus.***

**Hot Lunches: Kim Blair**

Hot lunch will be every Friday, and all orders/payments will be processed through Schoolcashonline. The Lass and Ladles will supply lunch on weeks one, two, and three. Menu items will include chicken or cheese quesadillas, two or three-piece chicken strips with potatoes and corn/vegetables or rice and corn or vegetables, and hamburgers (3 or 5 ounces). Gluten-free options are available for buns and tortillas. Profit to the school council will be \$1 per lunch item. Pizza will be offered on week 4. Papa John's is unable to provide pizza for hot lunch due to staffing shortages. Kim Blair is contacting local businesses to find a new vendor. Menu items will be reviewed and changed based on demand after the first month.

**Breakfast Club:**

The breakfast club can resume with some changes to COVID protocols. It may be challenging to maintain spacing if the program is held in the gym. Breakfast bins prepared by volunteers with breakfast food items and distributed to each class may be more appropriate to start. Volunteers are needed from 8.30am to approximately 9.30am for preparation and cleanup. Students representatives from each class will provide Mr. Sumi with breakfast food items wanted by each classroom.

**Parents Reaching Out Grant:**

Julie Perry will complete the PRO grant for the 2021/2022 school year. Students will brainstorm ideas on events to engage parents and present their ideas to the school council. School Council will discuss ideas on how to use the PRO grant at the next meeting

**Leader-in-Me leadership program: Greg Sumi**

Applications for a student advisory committee have been provided to grade 4 – 8 students. Two students from each class will be chosen for the committee. Representatives will collect and share information between their class and Mr. Sumi during two meetings held each month during lunch break.

**Other business:**

The KPR Eastern Regional School Council meeting was held virtually on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee was introduced to the trustees, held elections for chair and vice-chair, and brainstormed educational topics for this year.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, November 10th at 6.30pm, Grafton Public School gymnasium

***Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Approved by J. Perry. Seconded by D. Keir***