

MINUTES

Grafton P.S. School Council Meeting Nov. 10, 2021, @ 6:30 pm

Attendance

Kim Blair	Laura Walters	Greg Sumi	Erin Dolan
Alicia Desroches	Sara Venema	Julie Perry	Shaan Halaith
Lindsay Frizell	Danielle Keir	Maeghan Rohwer	Antoni Pideaynyi
Miranda Connors	Shelley Ferguson	Jacqueline Pennington	

Co-Chairs: Sara Venema and Laura Walters

Approval of Agenda: Approved by E. Dolan, seconded by K. Blair

Principal's Report: *Greg Sumi*

- Grafton athletes participated in soccer and cross country running last month. Thanks to Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Kerr, Ms. Cook, Ms. Burnham, Mme Brnjac, and Ms. Donovan for volunteering their time for practices and coaching students
- School photos were taken on Oct. 18, and retakes are next week on Wed. Nov. 17
- The school completed a LockDown drill in collaboration with the OPP on Oct. 15 and had an unplanned Fire Drill when a detector faulted. The sensor has since been replaced.
- Remembrance Day – two classes attended the ceremony at the cenotaph.
- Technology - Teaching staff had laptops updated recently, and parts of our network were also updated in October
- Progress Reports are being written by staff, and copies will be published on Nov. 19 on Edsby
- The Grade 7 & 8 Immunization clinic has been pushed back to Dec. 1
- November 26 is a PA Day

Equity and Diversity

- KPR and the Grafton staff have been engaged in professional learning related to Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy
- Equity and diversity learning started several years, and this year the focus on CRRP has been more involved. Pillars of the CRRP include:
 - Examine our socio-cultural consciousness, particularly the social, political, and historical influences on our attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours - for example, examining our biases and privilege.
 - Having high expectations for all and examining our practices and beliefs that promote opportunities for everyone to achieve
 - Acknowledging and being agents of change
 - Ensuring that we know our students, their stories, and how their lived experiences can influence their learning
 - Utilizing culturally responsive teaching practices, for example, auditing learning materials for representation of our local and our global communities

Operating Budget

- The school board will be sharing our school's annual operating budget later in the month

- In September, it was estimated at approximately \$25000. It will likely be slightly higher than this due to larger than expected enrollment (possibly another \$2000)
- The school technology budget has yet to be released. My best guess is that it may be between \$5000 - \$8000
- The majority of the school budget will be going towards:
 - Classroom supplies and photocopying
 - Supply teachers for staff during extra-curricular activities
 - The replacement cycle for technology
- We know that we need to replace:
 - 30 Chromebooks that are at the end of life this year - approximately \$13000
 - 9 overhead projectors - approximately \$13000 (won't happen until supply chain opens up) - needed upon bulb failure

Treasurer's Report: *Kim Blair*

<i>Summary of accounts:</i>	School council account balance:	\$5,463.56
	Playground account:	\$1,400

Student Report: *Shaan Halaith and Antoni Pideaynyi*

- Students are excited about the return of hot lunch. They are happy with the quantity and variety of food being offered.
- The student advisory committee has fundraising ideas for this year, including a bake sale and a "guess how many jelly beans in the jar" contest.
- The grades 4-8 class bags of athletic equipment are four years old, and the equipment is becoming worn out. Students would like new equipment and have started adding equipment wanted to an Edsby list to share with the school council in the future.

Staff Report: *Shelley Ferguson*

- The staff has noted that this year is starting to feel more normal. However, staff has seen increased anxiety levels in students. As a result, staff are focusing on strategies to help students get back to regular school activities while balancing their expectations.
- Athletic teams and intramurals were able to restart outside this fall. Staff is looking into the limitations of running indoor athletic teams and intramurals. High Schools are not available for tournaments. Cobourg Community Centre is available; however, fees are too high to make this a feasible option. It has been decided not to run volleyball this year, but it may be possible to run this activity in the new year.

Fundraising:

The fundraising subcommittee met to discuss details for the upcoming Christmas Market on Dec. 4. The township has agreed to close down the north end of Old Danforth Road for the event. Along with other community organizations and businesses, Grafton Public School will be hosting several events. These include "artisan's alley" where local vendors will be set up, pictures with Santa in Grace's Garden, a stationary tractor parade. Families will also pick up their gift cards, cookies, and candy at the school that day. Grafton school council will charge fees to vendors as well as fees for photos as fundraising activities. A donation bin will be set up to collect food donations for the food bank and monetary donations for the school council at the start of the stationary tractor parade. Erin Dolan is organizing a

scavenger hunt activity for everyone attending the Christmas Market. Students will create decorations for the tractors that will be decorated the morning of the event.

Gift card, cookie, and candy sales through school cash online are going well. To date, sales have been \$1,400. Staff are eligible to sign up for schoolcashonline and participate in the fundraiser and hot lunches.

KPRDSB requires projections for expected fundraising revenue. Board members estimated hot lunch revenues will be \$5,500. Fundraising from the winter fair and gift card/cookie/candy sales is projected to bring \$6,000 in revenue. A revenue projection for spring fundraising efforts was not determined. KPRDSB also requests that school council boards define where fundraising money is likely to be spent.

Hot Lunches:

There has been a better than expected response for hot lunches in November. December order forms will be available next week. January order forms will be available before the Christmas break on schoolcashonline. Macaroni and Cheese may be added to the hot lunch items from Lass and Ladle in January. In addition, a button to "donate a hot meal" will be added to school cash online for parents to donate funds towards hot meals for students.

Breakfast Club:

The breakfast program will start the week of Nov. 15 with parent volunteers preparing the snack bins and breakfast trays, including warm food such as muffins, toast, and bagels. Parents will prepare and deliver the bins and trays to classrooms before the morning bell at 9:15.

Weekend Snack Bag:

The School Council will provide a weekend snack bag to families who express an interest. Greg Sumi has not had any requests yet for the bags but will let the council know if needed.

Parents Reaching Out Grant:

Julie Perry will complete the PRO grant for the 2021/2022 school year. The deadline is Dec. 6, 2021. Council discussed ideas for using the PRO grant this year, including holding an outdoor event where families can paint construction materials to build outdoor natural play equipment. Erin Dolan will assist Julie.

School Leadership Survey: *Greg Sumi*

The School Leadership Survey will be sent to board members by email to be completed online.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 6.30pm, Grafton Public School gymnasium

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. *Approved by M. Connors. Seconded by D. Keir*