

MINUTES
Grafton P.S. School Council
Virtual Meeting March 31st @ 6:30 PM

Attendance

Kim Blair	Alicia Desroches	Taylor Nelson	Julie Perry
Renee Cameron	Danielle Keir	Jacqueline Pennington	
Miranda Connors	Sabrina Martorino	Sherrie Greig	

Regrets

Stephanie Johns	Yvonne Ferns	Keith Hotte
Laura Walters	Kim Niles	

Chair: Taylor Nelson

Secretary: Danielle Keir

Adoption of Agenda (1 min) *Approved by consensus*

Approval of Minutes (1 min) *Approved by consensus*

Principal's Report (15 mins) Renee Cameron

- Provincial Lockdown- We are waiting on announcement about impact on schools.
- Staff Shortages- The unfilled supply jobs continues for our custodians, teachers and ed. assistants.
- Staffing Process- The annual process is paused due to Media Reports that Ont. is considering full-time online learning for all grades for September 2021. This will impact our system as if the Virtual School is permanent then staff can apply for there and we will have a shuffle from in-person schools.
- Mental Health- Students and staff are pandemic exhausted. The thank-you signs on the fence were a welcome morale boost to all staff. Dancing with Jimmy Chapman has been a positive experience for our classes. We are all looking forward to Spring Break.
- Registration- We have 19 JKs registered for September. This will make 2 kindergarten classes and we will not be accepting any out-of-bounds registrations.
- School Public Health Nurse- Kristina Nairn offered at a staff meeting to come and support classes with learning about Covid and as well as Mental health lessons. Today she spoke with Mrs. Kerr's class about Covid and was able to answer any questions they have about it.

Teacher's Report (10 mins) Sherrie Greig

- This year Mrs. Greig's class tapped a maple tree in the year for the first time. They also planted seeds in Grace's garden.
- The class does not have many needs but could use some replacement magnifying glasses.

Motion put forward to purchase a new class set of magnifying glasses for Mrs. Greig at an approximate cost of \$150. *Approved by consensus.*

- Council members discussed ideas to provide more shade on school grounds. Sherrie Greig suggest council find a solution that would provide shade in more than one location. Council discussed writing a letter to Stahlwood Homes to inquire if they would donate a structure. Any structure would first need to be approved by the board.

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

Summary of accounts School council account balance: \$7,296
 Playground account: \$2,000

- Accrued expenses: \$540 for CrossFit sessions and two Jimmy Chapman sessions
- Estimated balance of the school council account expenses paid is \$5,900.

Fundraising (15 min)

- Fundraising activities are on hold due to the lockdown announcement by the Ontario Government.
- Spring fundraising ideas include The Shortbread Company cookie sale, Pappa John's pizza night, Mother's Day/Apple Blossom photoshoot, Taylor's Meat sale and Empire Cheese sale. The fundraising committee will continue to meet to discuss spring fundraising.

Nationwide Lacrosse Workshop (5 min)

Motion put forward to purchase lacrosse workshops for Grafton PS at a cost of \$600 plus tax. Approved by consensus.

Parents Reaching Out Initiatives (10 min)

- Due to uncertainty around the lockdown announcement by the Ontario Government, a date for the Paint Nite is put on hold until the next meeting.
- A subcommittee will discuss ideas for last year's grant and report back to council at the next meeting.

Other business: None

Next meeting date: Wednesday May 13th at 6.30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7.37 pm.