

# Minutes

GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING May 31 2023 6:30PM

**Attendance:** Greg Sumi, Kim Blair, Alicia Desroches , Noelyn Mononen, Miranda Connors, Julie Perry, Maeghan Rohwer, Mike Ainsworth, Mary Catherine O'Neill

**Regrets:** Lindsey Frizzell, Lisa Hayman, Sarah Brisbin, Stephanie Schurr, Laura Cody

**Adoption Agenda** –Kim / Julie

**Approval of Minutes** – Julie / Kim

## **Town Council Update (Mike Ainsworth and Mary Catherine O'Neill)**

- The Town Council shares several areas of focus for upcoming work
- Improving communication of news and events is a priority
- The offer from the town to promote School Council activities and the reciprocation of the school sharing town news through newsletters and the SC Facebook group
- Canada Day festivities will be shared with the school – events including a parade, bicycle decoration competition and unveiling of outdoor exercise equipment
- There is the opportunity for the school to have a display at the event
- Civic Award nominations are due at the end of the week

## **Principal's Report**

- Athletics: Basketball, Badminton, T & F, Classroom Trips Skating
- Choir performed at Palisade Gardens
- Scientists in Schools
- Spring Book Fair
- Volunteer Tea and Mac and Cheese Day
- Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa
- EQAO completed during the 2nd week of May
- Upcoming Athletics: Area T & F, Ultimate Frisbee, 3-Pitch
- Library Update: Construction will begin on July 4 and is expected to be complete prior to the start of school
- Yard Update: The first draft of the Master Plan has been shared back to the school. Will be sharing with community in upcoming newsletter
- Upcoming:
  - PA Day on June 9
  - Graduation - June 26 (we will transfer the \$500 from SC this week)
  - Last day - Wed. June 28
- School Staffing Allocations
  - We are anticipating a school population of about 270
  - We have been allocated an additional kindergarten classroom
    - Total homerooms 11->12
    - Will be using Room 8B as the third kindergarten room

- Burnham to upper hallway
  - Music room will be used as a classroom
- Allocated 3 support staff
- Ms. Brisbin will be moving into a support role for Grade 1 literacy and social emotional learning, and intermediate literacy and transition to grade 9 de-streaming
- Ms. Wilson is looking forward to retirement. Ms. Mononen will be moving into her role next year
- We are welcoming Ms. Armstrong (kindergarten) , Ms. Bonnar (planning) , and one additional teacher yet to be hired
- School Councils Ministry Funding
  - Photocopying costs and communication between school and home
  - Currently at \$973
  - Can carry over \$500
  - Propose that we use \$500 to pay for paper agendas and Family Handbook
  - Approved

### **School Yard Update**

- The first draft of the Master Plan shared
- Highlighted various aspects on the plan
- School to share the plan and feedback link with school community. Students are being introduced to the plan this week
- Discussion about how the work will be funded
- School board still unable to connect with developers to timetable grading of surface and handover
- Greg to inquire, once the plan has been finalized, what contribution the school board will make, and what needs to be fundraised

### **Staff Report**

- Pam Brown has started the school Art Supply Cupboard
- Will revisit School Council in September with supplies to fund
- No further discussion about yoga instruction for classes – will wait until next year to see if there is interest from staff

### **Treasures Report**

- Reviewed outstanding payments, including final hot lunch bills, Scientist in Schools, Agendas
- Karen to zero categories and move balances from individual categories into Playground and School Council in July
- Kim to share final records to share with community and for final report in late June
- After commitments, the School Council Budget is at \$25428.57

### **Hot Lunches**

- Discussion for covering the upcoming hot lunches adult volunteer
- Maeghan to cover Fridays. Others to look at Tuesdays
- Proposal to move \$545 from School Cash Donations to School Council Hot Lunch - approved

**Breakfast Club**

- Going well
- Will need to find additional volunteers for next year
- Pancake breakfast put on hold

**Fundraising**

- Julie to contact Sommerville's for fall clothing order
- Open House food sales – BBQ instead of Lass and Ladle (greater fundraising potential)

**Other Business**

- No new business

**Meeting over – 8:30 pm**

**NEXT MEETING:**

- First meeting Thursday September 14, 2023
- Open House Thursday September 28