



GOSC Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
School Library

1. Approval of agenda & Chair's remarks (Jessica Faure):

- Thank you card will be given to Sue Thurston for her work in the Chapter's Adopt-a-school event.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Charlotte McRae, seconded by Naaz Nathoo. Approved.*

2. Approval of October minutes (Lara MacDonald):

- In section 3, change J. Hardy to read J. Hearty
- Motion to approve the amended minutes by Vanessa Moar, seconded by Sherri Piercey. Approved.*

3. Treasurer's report (Jessica Faure for Jessica Hearty):

- reviewed October 2014 Treasurer's report. Refer to report for details.
- \$3000 paid out to the library for book purchases.
- over \$8000 has been paid to the school so far this year.
- brief update from Pamela on how these funds have been spent:
 - Gym and yard improvement – classrooms have their equipment now. The gym equipment fund of \$1000 has been totally spent, and they also used \$200-300 from the Yard Equipment fund to equip classes with baskets of equipment. In spring, may paint targets on outdoor walls.
 - Principal's fund – some of the funds have already been spent on families in needs.
 - The \$3000 in library funding has already been spent.
 - future Math events can be run by the school to save money.
- currently operating in a deficit (ie. spent more this year than we've taken in this year) because the term 2 and 3 food program revenues have not yet been deposit.
- The current working balance is approx. \$8000 because of a healthy carry over from last year.
- Budget – see report for details. If we meet revenue targets, we should have approx. \$10,000 to give to the school. The net operating income should increase total contributions to the school to \$15,950. Popcorn days should be added.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Lisa Bornn, seconded by Sherri Piercey.

4. Principal/Vice Principal's report

a. Pamela Bain:

- looked for feedback from parents re. how they felt the "Wednesday event" communication was handled. The school left it to parents to communicate with their children as they deemed appropriate.
- The new school crest was rolled out on Tuesday in 2 separate assemblies & is on display in front foyer.
- Pam Laurin has sent home the order form for school clothing. The exact crest is too dense to replicate exactly, but clothing will have the dragon and school name.
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- "Supporting Minds" document is available on the ministry website. This is an amazing resource document that supports a lot of mental health and anxiety issues. Pamela strongly recommends parents download it & suggested that a board rep could come to talk to parents about it from a parent perspective.

b. Micheline Grondin:

- The OFIP tutoring grant was received again this year. The funding allows the school to organize "clubs" for children to re-learn/enhance whatever they've learned in class. They found 7 experienced university student tutors and can offer 10 clubs (during lunch for younger students & after school for older students). Teachers make the recommendations re. which students should be invited. M. Levesque and Mlle Main have trained the tutors. Clubs start next week. Trying to help students by using Success Criteria to guide students as they problem solve.
- there will also be a homework club for students in grade 4 and 5.
- we also have a Language Arts club with a bilingual tutor.
- SIM ("Schools in the Middle") funding was also received. Some of the funding is used to organize specific activities/centres for OFIP club.

5. Teacher's report (Charlotte McRae):

- Throw ball underway for grade 2/3
- choir continues
- Sue Thurston – has spent \$3000 GOSC funding on the purchase of 215 books including: French primary early readers, a series of "permabound" books, and grade 3-5 curriculum support docs. She was able to get some bulk discounts for buying in groups of 8. The Chapter's fundraiser brought in \$8400, however the books she can purchase with these funds will not be "curriculum support" material.

6. OCASC report (Stephanie Ettinger):

- issues covered at the meeting included:
 - volunteers cannot get a cut of the profits generated by school council fundraising activities.
 - minutes and financial records have to be available for 7 years.
 - many concerns re. bussing radius.
 - discussed what school council and board should be funding.
 - discussed getting councils together so that projects don't always have to start from scratch.
 - "Accommodation" planning ie. where do we need & provide new schools.
 - The role of school alumni – How can we promote alumni making donations to elementary schools.
 - The Ontario leadership framework – can help with communication/relation building with principals, VP etc.
- Jessica F. will attend tomorrow's meeting tomorrow b/c Stephanie has parent-teacher interviews.
- Pamela wanted to know if the challenges to replace absent teachers has reached the parent level yet. This is a systemic issue that Jessica or Stephanie will raise at future meeting.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Fundraising (Nora Kennedy):

- revenue is on budget. She estimates \$50 per popcorn day x 14 days = \$700.
- QSP – only \$100 short of what we made last year, so very pleased. This doesn't include upcoming online orders.
- Funscrip – good feedback from several parents. Pamela to do a synervice reminder on the weekend and Rob to do an email reminder.

- Pamela suggested we put together a ½ page type doc to introduce GOSC and ongoing fundraisers programs etc.

b. Communications (Rob Cosh):

- 30 new families signed up at the dance. 126 families signed up for e-communication

8. Old Business:

a. Halloween Dance –

- There was an issue with the DJ, so in January will need to begin looking at different options for future dances. Rob Cosh may be prepared to do in future.

- Overall dance went well, kids had fun; bake sale was a success.

- thanks to Tanya and Nora for organizing.

b. Library update – thanks to Sue.

9. New Business:

a. Parental topics of interest for seminars in New Year

- Tanya will send along a short survey to parents re. topics. ie. nutrition (lunch ideas, recipe exchange), anxiety in children, work life balance, yoga, social evening to connect with other Glen O families. Jessica F. thinks Google Forum would be helpful. Vanessa M. offered to teach yoga.

b. Gift of giving – December 11

- Karly Hunter will organize.

- Feedback from last year was to skip gift wrapping because it slowed down the process.

10. Approval of monies to be spent:

- Up to \$25 gift for Sue Thurston. *Approved.*

11. Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Lara MacDonald, seconded by Uzo Onochie-Roy. Motion approved.

Next meeting: *Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, 7pm at Glen Ogilvie PS Library*