



**GOSC Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
School Library**

**1. Approval of agenda and chair's remarks (Jessica Faure):**

- Thanks to all parents who have been attending meetings and helping out with council activities.
- Parents interested in becoming a "Parent Member" can still do so with a vote this evening.

Motion to approve the agenda by Rob Cosh, seconded by Charlotte McRae. Approved.

**2. Approval of September minutes (Lara MacDonald):**

Motion to approve the minutes by Jessica Faure, seconded by Rob Cosh. Approved.

**3. Treasurer's report (Jessica Hearty):**

- reviewed Sept. 30, 2014 Treasurer's report. Refer to report for details.
- current working balance is \$7,198.50, but will change within month of October.
- numbers to the right in the "Total Profit from fundraising activities" section reflect our budget.
- please pass in any receipts for purchased items
- still looking into laptop purchases.
- will prepare 2014-15 GOSC Budget for next month's meeting

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Heather Mawhinney, seconded by Sherri Piercey.

**4. Principal/Vice Principal's report**

**a. Pamela Bain:**

- New Glen O Logo/Motto – Council was shown the new dragon logo, with motto "Together we soar, unis on s'envole". The logo idea was generated by a student, and was professionally developed to the final version which tries to strike a balance of friendly and not too fierce. Each class will have a small one for each class, and larger ones for common areas. Logo will be painted on the school wall, perhaps after a progressive display in display case (starting with a nest, eggs, etc). Exploring the idea of school flag and/or pennants.

- Merchandise - Ready to progress with clothing with Pam/Lesley. Let Pam know if there are any other suggestions ie. mugs, key chains. May have a "Name the dragon" process as well.

- December holiday assemblies - Tues. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> (12-1pm) & Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (9:45-10:45am).

- Mathletes – held Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> for 187 students from Grade 3-5. Huge success, great feedback. The low ratio of students to ECMS coach at each table kept the process very engaging. Pamela felt it shouldn't be a yearly event, but that skipping a year would be the most effective way to keep up the excitement.

- Gym equipment funds – used to purchase yard equipment baskets for each classroom. Teachers very excited to receive this equipment, hopefully in October. Overspent the \$1000 and may have to go into Yard improvement funds.

- Basketball net on school grounds was stolen/vandalized over the summer. Looking into replacement, but with vandalism, there is sometimes a tendency not to replace in the short term to avoid a repeat.

- Teacher wish list - teachers identified 3 areas for fundraising:

1. Books for the library (largest proportion of funds). Sue Thurston proposed that some of the money would be in a circulating collection in classrooms. (ie. bookmobile, book bin).
2. Shade and seating for the yard
3. Arts (ie. supporting untrained teachers, instruments).

- Parent workshops: Suggested council consider inviting local expert(s) to come to the school library to discuss a topic (academic or otherwise) that has been identified by parents as being important. There are some grants available. Jessica F. recalled an interest in Anxiety. Pamela and Micheline could serve as resources. Jessica suggested survey to poll families on ideas.

- Epipen in-service: Every year Alison Trellert comes in on her own time to train teachers during 2 sessions on how to use an Epipen. Thanks extended from Pamela and staff to Alison for these effective sessions.

#### **b. Micheline Grondin:**

- Empty bus seats: Most of the students (approx. 20) who applied for empty seats made in onto the bus.

- Changes to school bus zones: Nora expressed concern about expecting kids to walk to school next year, when there are days where kids don't go out for recess because of the wind chill. She will try to track the number of days where wind chill kept temperature below the allowable threshold. (-20 to -25 wind chill prohibits outdoor recess). There is a school board policy which can be referred to.

- Important dates in October:

October 28 - photo retakes

October 27 - Glen O to serve as a polling station for municipal election

October 29 - Take me Outside Day

October 30 - Halloween Dance

#### **5. Teacher's report (Charlotte McRae):**

- Tent: last year council purchased a new tent which could be taken to events. It broke during the first or second use. It was exchanged at Costco, and we now have a replacement. Care is required when putting it up or taking it down.

- Terry Fox Day: \$3200 raised by Glen O

- Swim to survive: booked for Grade 3's

- Scientists in the School: booked for some classes

- Cross country: 16<sup>th</sup> October

- Dairy board: 3 dates (end Oct., early Nov.)

- Kids on the Block coming in to do a play on Oct. 22. Were here last year and were so well received they were invited back and the event has been opened up to the whole school

- Drumming workshops: Nov. 3-7; 1 hour workshops to each class. Covered by a grant.

- Math night – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Repeat of last spring's Math night.

- Thanks from staff for funding for classrooms.

- Chapter's "Adopt a School": Glen O was the "Adopt a school" for 5 participating locations and earned about 705 books (works out to \$12 per book; Chapters takes a small admin fee). Sue Thurston will choose the books. In the contest for \$10,000 in library funds, Glen O started in 56<sup>th</sup> place and finished 29th in the province. Thanks to Sue for organizing.

## **6. Reports:**

### **a. Fundraising (Nora Kennedy):**

- QSP: order forms have gone out. Re-orders can also be done through QSP and part of the order will come back to the school. Hoping families will Xmas shop with new subscriptions.
- Funscript Gift Card program to start up soon if passed by a vote tonight. For next meeting will have a better idea of how we will pitch and implement the program. It would start as a onetime order for Christmas shopping, grocery cards and gas cards etc. If successful, we could continue it over the winter/spring, & possibly on a monthly basis.
- Expected program revenues, fundraising goals & allocation:
- Once we see how much has come in from QSP can see how much more should be earmarked for the library. (expect no more than \$2000)
- Budget approx. \$200 for popcorn revenues
- May not make as much per pizza day or hot dog day because they are offered more often than last year
- Will drop fundraising goal to \$6000 because more effort is going into the food programs (ie. pizza price has increased to \$2/slice and delivery frequency has increased to all Wednesdays except Hot Dog days).
- On a school catering program as well which provide some funding as well.

### **b. Communications (Rob Cosh):**

- GOSC email list: Pamela sent out a synvoice last weekend to encourage parents to sign up for GOSC emails. Only 2 signed up since that time. Pamela offered to have a laptop set up at the dance to allow parents to sign up for the emails.

## **7. New Business:**

- a. "Parent Member" nominations: 3 parents are interested - Alison Trelert, Lisa Bornn & Vanessa Moar. Unanimous vote to accept as Parent Members
- b. New Monetary Policy – Created to ensure money is being spent appropriately. Jessica F. circulated School Council Funds Management Guide put out by the board.
- c. Walking School bus update: Walk-a-thon is currently underway this week and may be extended to carrying over the long weekend b/c weather has been poor. Prizes – Stephanie suggested \$1 "Trick or swim" coupons (available from City of Ottawa - 10 coupons for \$10). Good for one swim or skate.
- d. Halloween dance: Oct 30th, 6-8pm – Tanya M. to organize. Volunteer signup sheet circulated at meeting with electronic version to follow. DJ not yet booked. Last year's feedback from older students suggested it could be fun to have a different DJ to get some different talent. Yola may have a name to provide. Need to ensure playlist is appropriate. Rob Cosh might consider doing DJ'ing in spring, but needs lead up time to prepare.

## **8. Approval of monies to be spent:**

- Funscript: Motion for approval to proceed with Fundsript campaign– unanimously accepted.
- Library funds: \$3000 for initiation of library purchases – unanimous accepted

## **9. Adjournment at 8:30 p.m. – Motion approved.**

*Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, 7pm at Glen Ogilvie PS Library*