



Gateway Drive School Council
Meeting Minutes
November 15th, 2023 6:30pm

Attendance

Sheena Grinwis	Shannon McLean	Tasha Trebell
Natalie Leeming	Nadine Sims	Kristen Bustamante
Lisa Petryschuk	Catherine Thurston	Shannon Hause
Ashley Schadenberg	Natalie Schlee	Meghan Lewis
Nicole Carnegie	Natasha LeBlanc	Siobhan Delaney

- Introductions around the table
- Approval of Minutes
 - No changes to minutes
 - Minutes posted to school website each month for review

Principal Update

- Remembrance Day - beautiful ceremony with student presenters. Our ERT who plays trumpet did a great job with The Last Post
- Primary Arts Day coming up next week
- Music Update - Number of instruments have been fixed (trumpets, trombones, saxophones, 5 clarinets, and flutes. We are going to order a set of recorders as well
- We have ordered equipment for primary classes, and Mr. Jackson's classes are teaching younger students some playground games and facilitating recess (was a huge hit). Older grade 6 students are able to facilitate on their own.
- Next week is anti-bullying week. We will have daily announcements, with a daily theme and challenge.
- Our new office coordinator Stephanie Sambells has started. Alison Bakelaar has accepted a position at another school, Danielle Dennis will be with the grade 3's 5 days a week now. Kris Kenny is off on parental leave and Beth Rose will be covering for him.
- Grade 7 and 8 student leaders are in the office during second nutrition breaks to help answer the phones and get ice. During first nutrition break they have been running the nutrition program and being office helpers. Nicole volunteered to help out with the nutrition program as well.
- Report cards are available online. Family/teacher interviews happening Nov. 23rd and on the PD Day Nov. 24th. Booking system opens Nov.16th. Plans are to have lost and found out for parents to have a look through. If anyone wants to help put this out on Wednesday or Thursday that would be great.
- Equity Audit - staff and students will use this to inform school equity goals and plans
- WHY Survey for grade 4-8. The Well-being and Health Youth Surveys (WHY Surveys) will run in November 2023 and February 2024. The WHY surveys are collected in partnership with Public Health and will replace our School Climate Surveys and Public Health's Youth Survey. Information from the surveys will be used to assess our progress on such things as our anti-bullying efforts, our school climate work, and on our

mental health and well-initiatives. The WHY Surveys are for students in grades 4-12, staff, and parents.

Treasurer Update

- Account Balance - \$ 20, 315.91 (could be slightly higher, as TLF balance was received before the Halloween dance)

Chair Update

- Greening Project Phase 2
 - we are going to have another look at the plans and discuss whether or not we still want to go ahead with the climbing dome. Costs have increased, school community has changed, do we still want this?
 - looking into the details of our contract
 - Is there an option to include more than one climbing structure?
 - January SC meeting will take on a Town Hall Format (January 17th, 2024) to further discuss. Package to be sent out with more details, as well as a survey (paper and digital form) to allow school community to give input and share ideas.
- Communication Committee update - Meghan has access to our Facebook School Council page, and will post events there.
- Eco Committee update
 - New community garden co-ordinator Kristen Bustamante
 - Kristen is focused on food security within the school community, and will set up a meeting with Sheena to further discuss ideas.
 - Parkwood Gardens has had a lot of staff turnover lately, and haven't been very active with our garden.
 - We have \$2100 from a grant to use for fencing for the garden. Looking at different options that would be approved.

Events & Fundraising

- Halloween Dance-a-thon - Thank you to Lisa and Dinara for the amazing decorations.
 - We raised \$5509.35!!
 - Kids all had an amazing time and were very appreciative
 - Lisa and Dinara to make records/debrief to assist with planning future events
- Spiritwear - will be here very soon, and we will co-ordinate pick up with Krispy Kreme orders on the 29th.
 - Not a lot of orders (around 23)
 - Looking into using a new company in the future. Feedback received -not enough choices (no hats, not enough colour options)
 - Meghan and Nicole to sort out details for pick up. Gym is booked, pick up window will likely be 2:30-6:30pm
- Winter Market (December 19th)
 - Tables have been ordered and gym is booked
 - communication to come out to school community to ask for donations of crafts, wrapping supplies
 - Jen is able to collect donations
 - Sheena to communicate with staff about students contributing to the sale

- Need to think about how we will decide how many items children are allowed to buy each
- No baked goods. Sealed, non-perishable items are ok
- There will be a number of items available to any children who come the day of the sale without cash. We will also have a small float of cash to use if children don't have enough/any \$ the day of the sale.
- Winter Sing Along
 - December 20th 6:30-7:30
 - Natasha will inquire at Tim Hortons about donation of hot chocolate.

Adjourned 7:59pm

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.
New members are always welcome!**