



Gateway Drive School Council
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024 6:30pm

Attendance

Sheena Grinwis	Tiffany Hanna	Tasha Trebell
Natalie Leeming	Janna Roberts	Kristen Bustamante
Lisa Petryschuk	Catherine Thurston	Shannon Hause
Shannon McLean	Meghan Lewis	Karin Turluk
Nicole Carnegie	Natasha LeBlanc	Nadine Sims

Principal Update

- We currently have 125 Chromebooks (55 older, 70 newer)
- Teachers send their thanks to council for funds to purchase supplies for their classrooms. Receipts are still coming in and we will be able to see what has been bought so far
- Grade 7's and 8's Focus on Nature project was very successful. The pictures the students took have turned out very well, and will be displayed in the school as a gallery. Students will vote on their favourite photos to be used.
- Mental Health and Education week is May 6-10th. There will be a different theme highlighted each day of the week
- Wheelchair basketball will be happening in the gym on April 24th
- **Playground Update:**

-Sheena has been in touch with a contact from the Board who suggested submitting a grounds alteration request to help us get moving with our playground updates.

-ideas include a sandbox (which would be built by someone from the Board), musical panels, 2 sided mud kitchens (built by high school students), extending the path in the field.

We also have a quote for sensory panels for \$3000, which includes supplies and installation.

We have another quote for an obstacle course style play area for the primary area for \$11, 000.

-These smaller projects will create a more dynamic/engaging play space that would be installed by the board, and wouldn't require an outside contractor, making the turn around time much quicker.

-Meghan requested a market stand for the Community Garden

Treasurer Update

- Account Balance: \$21, 306.70

Chair Update

- Discussed how to break down our areas of spending to help us when budgeting in the future.

Gator Spirit

- Grad gift
- School spirit events
- Teacher appreciation breakfast

Education Supports

- Chromebooks
- library
- music program
- STEAM resources
- arts
- field trips
- equity
- inclusion

- Decided on a budget of \$380 for this year's grade 8 grad gifts (Tasha and Lisa to arrange)
- Motion to allocate \$15, 000 for Greening project. Catherine first to motion, second by Janna, all in agreement.

Teacher Spending

- classroom resources/materials

Special Projects

- Greening project

Environmental Stewardship

- Community Garden

Discussion Items

- Kristen is applying for a grant for signage at the Community Garden

Events & Fundraising

- Cookies for Chromebooks **April 10th - May 1st**
- Style Swap??
- Gatorfest **June 6th, 2024**

Adjourned at 7:55pm

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th, 2024.
New members are always welcome!**