School Council Meeting

Grand Valley & District Public School

Tuesday, Jan 15, 2018

Happy New Year

6:30pm - 7:30pm

1. Call to Order and Welcome

ATTENDANCE(In alphabetical order by last name):

Rakesh Dookoo (Parent Member)

Lisa Butler (Teacher Rep)

Marsha Ellis (Chair/Parent Member)

Tammy Reiner (Principal)

Dave Limbeek (Staff rep)

Dawn Lyons ( Fundraising Co-ordinator)

Joanne Stevenson (Community Rep)

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval/Acceptance of the minutes

* Minutes should be published and/or distributed and read by executive and all members prior to meetings and posted on school website
* New Minutes should be posted on the school website as promptly as possible to keep all parents informed of what takes place at meetings

4. Introductions

* Brief introductions should be conducted at the start of every meeting when new parent/staff members are in attendance
* Introduction of new Community Representative from Grand Valley Public Library Joanne Stevenson

- Education programs for loan at the library

- Play Away Launch Pads – small tablet, charger tablet, have 8 available for classroom, Science Videos JK-Gr. 2, Example of a copy “Number Wonder”, “Letter Lesson”, “Bingo for kids” Learning programs with no internet, interactive,

- Donation from local business Grand Valley Wind Farms

- Available for teachers to have in their classroom or the teacher’s can promote the program

- Parenting kids interactive technology-workshop, coming this Spring 2019

- Possibility of getting a 3D printer

- Dates for new programs will be school website

5. Principal’s Report

Mme Dooley- French qualifications

We NEED you- You are the voice of the school. Please encourage people to come in the community to come and talk to their teachers. We appreciate when parents call in and say “Do you know...?” Asking questions

Renovations- some renovations will happen over March break, some starting June 1 ( Library & Gym will likely be closing in late May, rather than having the library closed for the start of the year in September in 2019

-Perhaps library in classrooms using a library cart & Phys.Ed outside

Perhaps using the Grand Valley Public Library, class visits

Staffing: By the end of February teachers are putting in transfer forms. Staff numbers are based on the numbers that we receive right now. It’s important if you know of people that are registering for Sep 2019.

Currently we have approximately 23 registrations for JK for September 2019

Personal Best- Our Umbrella Focus on the classroom

“Did you make it a better place?” “Is this a better place because you are here?” Students have trouble preserving. Focus on - What do you bring to the table? We all bring something to the table. What makes you shine? Stars. How is everyone shining? The goal is to improve their confidence, mindset, perseverance

School Clubs/Teams/ Leadership- reflecting on events as they happen to make things better next time. Recess: bench ball for primary students, game club Mondays/Wednesdays, Hoops for intermediates

Mrs. Gatton CYC will lead the games – focus will be developing social skills

Please spread the word:

Thank you to parents re: Attridge fire, parents reacted so quickly, all students gone by 4pm. For a chaotic situation it went very smoothly. Information about bus fire announced class by class.

Yard Divisions: Keep age appropriate together, sheer numbers. We put more of the staff support outside, changed from inside the school to outside the yard. Staffs are encouraged to be there for the kids if they need support.

Technology funds available.- Some chromes books( no storage, only internet). Currently have approximately 35-40 (J. Stevenson- There are some Chrome books at the library. 5 at the GVPL) Teaching students electronic/technological skills. Teaching students about the Drive on UGCloud

6. Treasurer’s Report

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Total cost: $673.08

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$344.92 Profit for the school

Fundraised money available TBD earmarked for student’s wellness $1,223.10

7. Continued Budget Allocation Discussion

Family Transition Place-healthy relationships, workshops,

Teachers for money for technology, teacher request, be presented to us, school wide,

What would technological funds be used for?

Dawn Lyons makes a motion to put $500 for technology into the school council budget. Seconded Dave Limbeek. (5Y 0N)

School council as an advisor committee for school,

Teachers and Principals need to be transparent

$500 for Graduate Committee parameters, Grad students, ceremony parents per ticket,

Graduate Committee- Dilly bars,

Graduation

Dawn Lyons makes a motion to increase the budget for the Graduate Committee to $950, with an expense report. Seconded BY Joanne (5Y 0N) Motion passes.

8. Fundraiser Updates

Pizza kits- forms.

Marsha Ellis makes a motion to have a parental involvement night/game night with some of the fundraised money. Not seconded.

Discussion was made about whether the funds made for the pizza kit fundraiser should be made for the library.

Joanne Stevenson makes a motion that the money from the pizza kit fundraiser should be used by the Grand Valley School Library. Seconded Dawn Lyons. (5Y 0N)

Talking about having pizza kit order forms before March Break

9. PRO Grant Application Discussion

\* To look into for next year.

10. Other Business

* Other business items may be added by school council members at the start of meeting

and will be address on the day, time permitting.

11. Adjournment

7:50pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 7th- 6:30pm- 7:30pm