School Council Meeting

Grand Valley & District Public School

Thursday, April 30, 2019

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Location: 120 Main St N, Grand Valley, ON

School Library

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda - Approved
3. Approval/Acceptance of the minutes

a) March 7th GVDPS School Council Minutes

* Minutes from the last meeting have been published and/or distributed and read by executive and all members prior to meetings and posted on school website
* A copy of the previous meetings minutes will be brought to each meeting by the Chair, in case anyone did not have a chance to read them beforehand

1. Introductions

ATTENDANCE:

Marsha Ellis (Chair/Parent Member)

Jean Omuruli (Secretary/Parent Member)

Tammy Reiner (Principal)

Heather Smith (Treasurer/Parent Member)

Joanne Stevenson (GVPL CEO & Community Representative)

Kathleen Hill (Teacher Representative)

Heather (Guest Speaker) – Food and Friends (Organization funds breakfast/snack food programs)

School Council Activity: Name one quality that makes a good school leader. Activity is created to help us think about our school leadership and our school needs

* Awareness
* Friendly/Listener
* Caring
* Problem solver
* Understanding
* Honest/integrity

1. Principal’s Report

* Volunteer tea was a success, thank you to staff for arranging it
* Gator community clean up was a success
  + The entire school participated
  + Initiative on how to make GV a better place
* Grad. committee has begun planning (first meeting was on April 29th 2019)
* Empowerment day
  + Students volunteer to give back to school
  + They have been invited to Upper Grand District version of WE Day
* Basketball team tournament
* Wellness day
  + Teach kids how to care for themselves
  + Variety of activities
* School Renovations underway
  + Last month to get things sorted for the start of library renovations
* EQAO
  + Begins on May 21st (3 days long)
  + Following week is grade 6
* Scientist in the school
  + 2 Days booked
* School Trips
  + Grade 4 – Island lake
  + Grade 3 - Swim to survive, Medieval Times, Science Centre, Kitchener Museum (JUNE)
* Track and field meet
  + Extracurricular
* Report cards coming up at the end of June
* June 27 is the last day of class
* June 28 PD day
  + Preparations for school renovations
* School website is up to date
  + Calendar is up to date with all upcoming events

6. Guest Speaker: Food & Friends

* Program that provides morning meals (served after first bell), breakfast and snack program to schools in Dufferin County / East Wellington / Rockwood
* They receive funding from the ministry and other vendors and they send it out to all schools and programs
* Currently in process of cutting back in response to current government but have set aside funds from other partnership programs so to not to effected current programs too badly
* Part of Food and Friends is teaching healthy meals to students
* Food programs are very regulated, so every snack has to be fruit or vegetable alongside grain and meat
* Most programs are volunteer based, so to maintain the program we must increase volunteer staff
* Parents/ grandparents/ seniors are encouraged to volunteer to help maintain program
* GV&DPS has volunteers everyday
  + We are currently looking for someone to coordinator the program as well as additional volunteers to serve
  + There is interest in introducing salad program in the future
  + Program training for coordinator and volunteers is provided twice a year

*- Live Free Fundraiser raised – $369.40 – all profit made stay within the school to help fund Breakfast Club*

7. Chair’s Report

* Dufferin Joint Council : Apr 1st 2019
  + Meeting at Mono-Amaranth Public School
  + Topic of Discussion: “Going for Gold” OPHEA/ECO Gold Certification
  + Next Meeting: Mon. May 6th, 2019 at Primrose ES (GVDPS Chair to attend & Report back to Council)
* PIC Meeting : March 25
  + Report Keynote: Colinda Clyne “Indigenous Education and Awareness)
  + Board & Ministry Reports & Overview of BIPSA- Board Improvement Plan
  + NEXT: PIC Meeting- May 27, 7-9pm at the Grant Evans Educational Centre in Orangeville in the Dufferin Room
    - PIC website [www.ugdsb.ca/pic](http://www.ugdsb.ca/pic)
* SCHOOL COUNCIL GROUP ACTIVITY- UGDSB Request for feedback on Principal Leadership

8. Community Update: Grand Valley Public Library CEO Joanne Stevenson

* Tech Day begins
  + Sat May 4th - 11-3 - Open to community (1st of many)
* TD summer reading program

9. Treasurer’s Report

* *Motion made by Marsha Ellis to move $500 out of Breakfast Club (which was deemed to be in healthy shape) to fund Teacher’s Request for outdoor yard activities. Seconded by Heather Smith. Carried*

10. Fundraiser Co-ordinator Report

* No updated report at this time

11. Grad Committee Update

12. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING Proposed Date: June 11th 2019 at 6:30