



École Guelph Lake Public School Council Meeting DATE - January 11th, 2024

Attendance: Shelley Lorenz, Cathy Verity, Kate Kleovoulos, Jason Lafave, Stacey Periard, Lisa Mooser, Candice Barra, Adam Bodiam, Katherine Poray, Jaime Purves, Lila Atiyeh, Ryan Bevilacqua, Marilee Hill, Emma Kaufman, Jessica Curtis, Kate Kowacz, Christine Labelle

7:00 – Welcome from Lisa Mooser to the new year and new parents

Candice Barra was voted in to be the new co-chair for the remainder of the 2024 school year

Land Acknowledgement and Equity Statement

- Read by M. Bodiam

Principal Update

- Introduction and get to know Mme Labelle
- SPACE - Mission Patch Design Art Competition organized by M. Gallagher and M. Kaufman. As the next step in our participation in the UGDSB Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), we are holding a Mission Patch design art competition. The competition is open to Grades 1-8. Designs are due by Jan 26. Two designs will then be selected from across our school board and will be sent to the International Space Station (ISS)! The rules have been shared in Grades 1-8 Google Classrooms.
- **Upcoming events include:**
 - Sledge hockey for Junior and Intermediate students later in January
 - Term 1 Communication of Learning (FDK) and report cards (Grades 1-8) in mid February

Teacher Report

- Mme Kleovoulos shared that Mme Bell is organizing a Willy Wonka school play. This play will take place in the spring and rehearsals have already started with the dancers and other cast members

Treasurer Report

- Currently account has \$19,832.44
- Gluten free pizza is being offered and four families are in which means no funds need to come from the School Council
- Purchasing insurance should happen moving forward it is approximately \$150/for the year and would go until October 31st of next year
- Money will be given from council for new jerseys with more sizes/new logo
- In the spring money will be allocated for asphalt painting and shade coverings outdoor spaces

Other business items:

Snowed In event feedback

- Enjoyed that classrooms were open but next time could all showcase some winter art?
- Not enough communication about it – could help to have smaller emails/shorter emails
- Graphic was great would have loved to have had that shared on google classroom
- Is the facebook group advertised for more families to know about it?
- Can the school website be updated easily
- Helpful for teachers to also do reminders
- UGDSB UGConnect app blast is an options for communications
- Event was well attended
- Liked that there was no cost
- Awesome community feel
- Great that you got a family photo taken
- \$6500 brought in through Scholastic Book Fair = approx \$2000 goes to book dollars for the school
- Good that we spread out the timing for the book fair -much better than other years
- Good fun event
- Could the time of switch to January or November be an option moving forward

Parent survey regarding playground future and fundraising results:

- Top results were interested in “out of the box” ideas for the school to pursue a less expensive, non-traditional approach to upgrade the current play space. The timeframe to deliver on these solutions are anticipated to be less. Examples shared were as follows; gaga ball pit, games or mazes painted on existing asphalt, shade structures, etc. Score of 66% for kindergarten area and 53.9% for zone behind the school
- What other fundraising initiatives would you like to see in 2023/2024 ranked as follows:
89.6% for School-based enrichment programs (i.e. Dance-Ed, Guelph Grotto, Musical
69.6% Outdoor Playground Equipment (i.e balls, sidewalk chalk,scoops etc)
54.8% Field Trips (at reduced or no cost)
38.3% Chromebooks (replace as they go out of service)
32.2% Gaga Ball Pit (for outdoor recess use)
20% New School Jerseys
16.5% Ipads for Kindergarten to grade 2 Classrooms

Parent engagement night – could get a \$1000 grant

- unlearn workshop, community event - topic: mental health
- Future topic could be a Technology workshop

Fundraising initiatives:

- From January 15th to February 15th, 2024, as part of the “Raise-Some-Dough” Gino's Pizza fundraiser Program, there is the opportunity to order a “Voyageur Combo” for just \$25 (includes 2 large pizzas with 2 toppings). The best part is that \$5 from each “Voyageur Combo” ordered will be generously donated back to Ecole Guelph Lake
- Dance-a-thon happening in February

Next School Council meeting:

- Event Planning Meeting (Virtual) -- Thursday January 25th @ 7pm
Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/ajp-ocmq-ihb>
- Playground-Planning Subcommittee Meeting (Virtual) -- Thursday February 15th @ 7pm
Link to join: <https://meet.google.com/yim-cwdu-vob>
- Regular School Council Meeting (in person) Thursday March 7th @ 7pm in the school library