

MINUTES

George L. Armstrong Elementary School Council

Date | time Thursday April 18th, 2024 | 6PM *Meeting called to order by* S.Armstrong

In Attendance

Name	Email		Voting
Sharla Armstrong	hidingfromhubby@hotmail.com	Co-chair	Y
Nina Vallvé	nvallve@hotmail.com	Co-chair	Y
Carrie Gerdes	carriemschultz@gmail.com	Secretary	Y
Dianne Barlow		Principal	
Paula Wardle	pwardle@hwdsb.on.ca	Teacher Rep	
Leah Senior*	Leah.senior@gmail.com		Y
Michelle Noble*	Michelle.s.noble@gmail.com		Y
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Valerie Preston*	vpreston@mcmaster.ca		Y
Jolene Andrews			
Penny Andrews			
Aradhya Nair*			
Ahmed Ebrahim*			
Lynn Armstrong*			
Souleymane*			
Regrets:			
Carley Hepworth	Cjh316@icloud.com		Y
Laura Corson	Laura.corson@gmail.com	Treasurer	Y
Janet VanDuzen	jvanduze@hwdsb.on.ca		Y

Opening Land acknowledgement

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty. The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity. We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 15th were circulated prior to the meeting, but not ready for approval. Approval of minutes was deferred to the June meeting.

Principal's Report –

IEC Industry Education Council of Hamilton

- career exploration for grades 7 & 8
- exploring program opportunities within our board, organizing trips for grades 7 & 8.
- Presentation from a career animator to go over what the organization does.
- Career presentations of various speakers coming to the school

Indigenous Education Facilitator

will be supporting the school working with grade 3 educators and classes

Welcome to Kindergarten Session

Welcome to Kindergarten - Monday May 13th 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Renovations

Summer and September two phases

Spaces include the gym, Learning Commons, Music Room, Art room, Science room and washrooms

EQAO Dates

Week of May 13th. Students will be participating in a practice test beforehand

Safe Schools Emergency Drills

Lockdown drill communication will be shared with families

Fuel for Kids – June 10th Fundraiser

- 2:00 pm presentation for students at the school
- Need 1-2 volunteers to help with transporting things to the store and set up from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm need 4-8 volunteers to help with the BBQ at Fortinos on Mall Rd
- sponsors donate hotdogs, buns, condiments (will make a note about Hallal hot dogs)
- Any other fundraising events (face painting, cotton candy, plant sale... can be considered)
- all funds raised comes back to the school.
- Planning for this event will be completed at the May 23rd meeting

Grade 8 Graduates

School board will again be providing commencement signs

Teacher's Report – Paula Wardle

CLUBS/TEAMS/EVENTS

Swim team

Basketball team

Merlin's Dragon dramatic productions

- middle school age
- Production date not yet set, may just be midday as the facilities limit the number of people who can attend

Positive Space Club

Chess & Checkers

Neville's Cooking Club is new this year. Meeting on Mondays after school

CURRICULUM

Looking at the land acknowledgement and creating something more personal to each class

Council Updates

UPCOMING

May 7 Teacher Appreciation breakfast

May 9 Open House & Carnival

- Need from the school
 - o Map of school required
 - o Class list
 - o Organization of games
- Food
 - o Leadership Club
 - Popcorn and drink sales
 - o School Council
 - Pizza & water
- Games
 - o Many rentals are paid for from last year when the carnival was rained out
 - o Create a passport
 - Printing (who?)
 - Getting stamps from each location they visit
 - X stamps required to enter for prizes
- Purchases required
 - o Prizes (some have been purchased – check with Elaine)
 - o Temporary tattoos in lieu of face painting

May 19 (Sunday evening, online) Mental Health Event

COMPLETE

April XX Mental Health Event

- 4 attendees only
- Event cancelled
- From grant food purchased was donated to the breakfast club

Spring Flower Fundraiser

		Qty			Total	Profit per	Final cost fundraised
Easter Lilies 6 inch pot	\$13	11			11	\$1.33	\$14.63
Daffodils 6 inch pot	\$11	13			13	\$1.97	\$25.61
Tulips 6 inch pot	\$11	Qty Yellow	Qty Red	Qty Pink			
		6	9	14	29	\$1.97	\$57.13
Hyacinths 6 inch pot	\$11	Qty Blue	Qty White	Qty Purple			

		10	2	15	27	\$1.97	\$53.19
Hydrangeas 6 inch pot	\$25	Qty Pink	Qty White	Qty Blue			
		6	1	4	11	\$6.93	\$76.23
		Total Plants			91		\$226.79
		Total Dollars				Minus delivery (\$75)	\$151.79
		Payment Method			Cash/Cheque		
					School Cash Online		

Community News

Nothing new to report

Budget/Treasurer's Report

Fundraising plan?

Budget report?

Other Business

There will be an informal council meeting to finalize the Teach appreciation and Carnival Events on May 2 at 6PM at Townhall.

Sharla will send out a list of items needed for the carnival games ahead of the May 2 meeting.

Next Meeting

May 23rd | **6-7:30 PM**, Staff Room

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:05 PM by Paula, seconded by Nina