

GREENSVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 12th, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Location: School Library

Co-Chairs Greenville School: Kelley Bristow and Kathy Nuttall

Secretary & Communication: Caroline Wilson

Principal: Jennifer Miscas

Staff Representative: Tanya Sanders

Community Rep: Anne Campbell

Home & School Rep: Kristin Weber and Pam Crichton

School Council Parent Members: Ewa Poon, Katherine Hamstra, Amanda Andrews, Linda Van Pelt, Donna Gerritsen, Marissa Taylor, Cheryl-Lyn Milani, Rowena Pryce, Jen Brooker, Bronte McVea, Jennifer Ancona

The 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 Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. November Minutes Approved
3. December Minutes Approved
4. Principal's report – Jennifer Miscas
 - a. Funding received from rural schools grant - \$2,287.82. So far being used for Art Club accessible for all students, and sand for kindergarten area
 - b. Optimist Club - Will be preparing the bell from the old Greenville School, will be encased and displayed in the school. Still working on the placement within the school with the Facilities Department.
 - c. Lice Procedure - If a family discloses lice, a letter is sent home for the class, and then a form is submitted once the family completes treatment. It's an honour system.
 - d. Office Subsidies - International Children's Program, Hockey Sweater, Composer Visit, Pollyanna, Waterdown High School Visit, Crawford Lake (upcoming), McMaster Altitude Program (upcoming). More to come this year also.
 - e. Fundraising Purchases
 - i. Cafe Tables - \$1,813,65

- ii. Playground Blacktop Surface Painting - date will be provided once the weather is more consistent. It will be power-washed first and then can be painted.
- iii. Cover for Water Area - Looking into solutions, but no solution other than netting that wouldn't really solve the issue. Continuing to look for solutions.
- iv. Principal Exchange to Finland - Ms. Miscas will be travelling for a principal exchange to Finland. Finland has an excellent educational system, excited for the experience to shadow a school principal in Finland.
- v. Instructional Plan - Curriculum Focus
 - Some outdated text books have been removed, but there was not a budget for replacements, although Math Up has been selected. Several licenses have been purchased, and we'll work over time to fundraise/pay for more licences.
 - Social Studies PD: Supporting Indigenous Learning Resources – Miss Shannon & Mrs. Kolios attended in-service Jan. 29 and will be reviewing our texts through an anti-racist lens.
 - ICSAP (Indigenous Education Circle Strategic Action Plan) working with the pillars of Revitalize, Revitalize, Reclaim, Renew and Celebrate, teachers will be at the Woodland Cultural Centre for the PD Day - April 8th
 - Facilities - Dynamic speed sign is not working - sign being fixed by facilities
 - Pylons and Play Structures - have been re-opened to accommodate the muddy field and stop the mud coming into the school
 - Upcoming Events
 - February 15 – Chocolate Fundraiser Ends
 - February 16 – T1 Report Cards Go Home
 - February 19 – Family Day Holiday
 - February 20 – Dental Screening (JK/SK/Gr 2)
 - February 23 – Commencement Photos
 - February 26 – Golden Horseshoe Music Festival
 - March 4 – Lockdown Drill #2 (Final)
 - March 7 – Pizza Day
 - March 11-15 – March Break!
 - 5. Staff's Report – Tanya Sanders
 - a. Thanks for the potluck! A really wonderful community experience for the teachers.
 - b. Gr. 8 Student conducted at Hamilton Place - again a really amazing experience
 - c. Pollyanna - Students really enjoyed the performance, and we're hoping to make it a tradition
 - d. We also love the new score board!
 - e. Bring on the Snow! Musical performance from the junior choir and
 - f. Senior band is performing at Horseshoe Musical Festival, and they'll experience a guest conductor there.
 - g. Junior, Senior and Jazz band all have started up
 - 6. Millgrove Update - Donna Gerritson
 - a. Mr. DeLottinville has started up at Millgrove
 - b. Lunar New Year Celebration
 - c. JungleSport climbing wall at the school now
 - d. Book Swap - more details coming in the next week, but book donations will be welcome
 - 7. Rural School Update
 - a. Provided as part of Principals Update
 - 8. Fundraising Committee Update
 - a. Chocolate Sales - Last pick-up on 14th, money due on the 15th.
 - b. Future Planning - We can add another fundraiser to the annual plan if we have the time and capacity, an event like the Shed.

9. Pro-Grant Update - Movie Night - Kathy Nuttall/Kelley Bristow
 - a. Local movie provider selected, will pick a date soon, likely in mid-late May. Optimist Club will come out, and Home and School will run snacks - May 23rd possible
10. Home and School Update - Kristin Weber
 - a. Gift-wrap Fundraiser - booking for next year
 - b. Seeds Fundraisers - 12 different packets
 - c. Reception for the Graduation being taken care of
 - d. Spiritwear swap - looking at the logistics - possibly do it on the day of Open House or the Fun Fair
 - e. Possibly one more fundraiser, or a treat for the kids (last year was Positivity Popcorn)
 - f. Fun Fair on Thursday, June 6th
11. Graduation Update - Grad Committee is underway
12. Financials - Currently upside down on finances, with payout for chocolate, but we expect to make at least \$8,000 from the chocolate sale as we did last year.
13. New Business - None
14. Close

Final Meeting of the Year

→ Monday, May 13th 2024

**Reminder: As a Green initiative, we will no longer be printing the Agenda or Minutes. Please review prior to the meeting or print off your own copies for reference. Thank you!*