**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wed Oct 11th, 2023**

**6:00pm start**

**Present:** Gary Schmid, Lisa Couch-Blackburn, Emma Arnot, Kyla Harry, Jen Lytle, Julia Baker, Paul LeRoy, Sarah Dougherty, Amanda Baird, Ashley Falardeau

**Regards**: Ashley Tedford, Melany Swinwood, Scott McNamara

**Agenda:** Passed

**Council Elections were held:**

Chair – Emma Arnot

Vice chair – Sarah Dougherty

Treasurer – Ashley Falardeau

Secretary – Kyla Harry & Jen Lytle

(Jen will take notes if/when Kyla is unable to attend meetings.)

**Current voting members**: Gary Schmid, Sarah Dougherty, Emma Arnot, Kyla Harry, Jen Lytle, Julia Baker, Melany Swinwood, Amanda Baird

**Current non-voting members**: Ashley Falardeau, Scott McNamara

* New non-voting members signed up which is great.
* Can School Board members, not working at Glen Tay, be voting members of School Council?
  + Paul to look into and advise.
* Mr. LeRoy looking into if School Council members require VSC’s or if this is something for volunteers only, who will be working with/around the students.
  + Mr. LeRoy to find out how long VSC’s are valid for.
    - Do they expire, or need updating and if so, how do we go about doing this.
  + Anyone wanting the VSC can email Natasha [natasha.mcilquham@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:natasha.mcilquham@ucdsb.on.ca) for the request letter.
* If required, subcommittee events can be held outside of the pre-determined meeting dates and can be attended by anyone that can make it.
  + These would be to organize upcoming events/fundraisers etc.

**Principal Updates/Report:**

Terry fox - took place on Sept 22, 2023 - raised around $350.

Fire drills – These must happen 3 times per semester.

* 3 have been completed and 3 will take place in the spring.

Lock down practice – taking place next week on Oct 17th

* Mr. LeRay will warn students prior to completing the practice to make sure they are feeling comfortable and put their minds at ease.
* Notices will be sent to parents/guardians afterwards, letting them know what this has taken place, in case the students come home and want to discuss.
* Main objective = Students to hide out of line of site
* There is a procedure guideline for this – Reach out to Mr. LeRoy if you’d like further information.

MacDonalds corner fair – Bee theme

* Glen Tay was a HUGE contributor.
* Mr. LeRoy will announce the winners sometime soon.

Orange shirt day & Picture Day – took place on Sept 29th

* Lots of participants with orange shirt day
* Next year, the school will try to organize photos on a separate day so that these two events do not coincide.

**Upcoming Events:**

Cross country – Thurs Oct 12th

* Rain date – Fri Oct 13th

IEP – Oct 17th

Photo retake day: Nov 2nd

* Class photos will be completed during retake day.

Halloween – costumes / orange & black being held on Oct 31st

* Classes would like to host a door to door “Trick of Treat”
  + Can SC cover the cost of candy?
  + SC to vote on this via email

**Teacher reports:**

Room breakdowns:

JK/SK

SK/Gr. 1

Gr. 2/3

Gr. 3/4 (16 students)

Gr. 5/6 (27 Students)

Teacher supply lists:

Lots of excitement from the teachers. See their requests below.

Mrs Taylor (Mrs. Couch-Blackburn will share funds if needed) - $365.00

Expanding Expressions literacy took kit.

Visit <https://expandingexpression.com/> for more information

* Site license - $269 USD / $365 CAD
  + Tactile objects and online (cousin to Lexia) – can build different ways of learning.
  + Kit (one set) valuable for all students (specifically with literacy needs)
* **Council feels this should be for entire school, not a specific teacher request**.
  + Proposed purchasing 1 kit to start and will see how things go. If it’s successful, purchasing a 2nd may be something to consider and addressed during the next meeting
    - This will be voted upon via email in the upcoming weeks
    - If approved, Mrs. Taylor & Mrs. Couch Blackburn will reassess their needs and advise.

Mr. Barr – $129.00

* Brain pop (has an expiration but no limitations)

Mrs. Price - $110.78

* Art supplies
  + Watercolour pallets and paper
  + Lamination materials
  + Sharpies

Mrs. Mason – $142.49

* Tough tray and stand (found in the scholars choice, which means its already board approved)

Mrs. McTavish – total costs TBC

* Butterflies & school supplies

OR

* Bookshelf (cube version) $109.00 + tax – this could possibly be covered by the board – TBD

Mrs. Gorgerat – total cost TBC

* Chair bands (pack of 15)
* Dry erase boards
* Laminating sheets

Mme Kelly (all students) – Total cost TBC

* Ordered bracelets to track animals to help save wildlife.
* Each class/grade gets their own bracelet.

Emma to review total costs and cross reference against School Council’s current $3630.97, as we need to be sure we can accommodate this plus other future school requests.

* Suggestions made to provide $100.00 now and review next semester, after we have had the chance to fundraise, to see if we can provide another $100.00 at that time.
* Email will be sent to vote on how much we can allocate to each teacher/how to proceed within the next few weeks.

Student Council (5/6 class) – run by Couch-Blackburn & Mrs Price

Students have the opportunity to suggest/arrange spirit days, below are what they have come up with so far:

* Croc, slippers & socks day – took place on Oct 6th
* Wear Plaid today – happening on Fri Oct 20th
* Halloween Costume/Orange & Black day – happening on Oct 31st

**Council discussions/Requests:**

Was asked if SC be able to provide funds towards a “reading nook” in the Learning Commons room?

* Mr. LeRoy advised that the Learning commons gets financial support from the School Board, so this may be a project to look into and discussed at a future meeting.

Does GT have a LCI

* Yes, someone was just hired, time being shared with other Perth schools
* Glen Tay PS will have them for 1 day/week
* SC will follow up with LCI at a later date to see how we can help. We could bring up the reading nook then.

Art projects for students – To be discussed

* Ideas of painting ceiling tiles – declined as this would deem them unsafe/not fire retardant.
* Mural idea – all students can participate by adding/painting something.

Swimming – will take place in April & May (8 lessons total)

$36.40/student lessons (106 students)

* Would SC be able to cover the cost of lessons?
  + Will review current SC funds and discuss/vote upon either via email or during one of our upcoming meetings (sometime prior to April)
* Bussing costs – TBD
  + Ashley F to look into the cost for “Martins bussing” as she has an potential in for a discounted rate

Lice checks

Mr. LeRay reviewed and confirmed we can proceed - We will address at the next meeting and schedule in for the year.

* School Council volunteers offering Lice Checks are asked to make a year plan for checking the students at school. The plan needs to include:
  + - * The names of parents volunteering to check student’s hair
      * The methods to be used in screening students to detect or confirm the presence or absence of head lice
      * The dates of each screening for the year
      * An outline of the communication with a student’s parent/guardian designed to ensure that it recognizes the dignity and self-worth of each student
      * An outline of the follow-up steps to be taken to support the student for the purpose of attending to head lice treatment and the steps to be followed after addressing the head lice
* Mr. LeRoy will send a notice to parents for the year and give them the option to opt out.
* Only 1 confirmed case since Sept – Unknown if it has been resolved.
* At least x2 volunteers will be required

Milk program – **GTSC has decided NOT to proceed with this**

Checked with other schools to see who is running this program.

* Mountain Groove – Yes / Queen E - No / Drummond – No (based on too much waste produced)
* Mr. LeRay said he would review with Mike McNeely on costing if we’d like.
* Do we want to proceed with this??

Clothing

Ashley taking on school clothing – Goal is to have this organized to purchase before Xmas (hoping to have order ready for Oct/Nov)

**Fundraisers**

Mr. LeRoy wants to pay attention to when we ask for fund/donations to ensure we are not overwhelming families – Suggestion was to buckle down to x3 events.

Discussed with SC and we found this difficult to meet. For now, we have confirmed the following:

1. Movie nights – x1 before X-mas & x1 before March break
   * **Pending licencing info**
   * Will be discussed at next meeting
2. Little Ceasars (as brought in about $1300.00) – no date as of yet
3. Paint night - possibly in the spring

Other Fundraisers SC would like to host:

* Holiday workshop – brought in $525.00 last year
* Book fair – brought in anywhere from $800.00 -$2000.00 in previous years
  + Will discuss at out next meeting
  + Discussed about running it throughout the school day & during Xmas concert to generate more funds. – Volunteers will be required.
  + Requested that students come with a predetermined list of what they want to purchase to eliminate students purchasing for friends.
* Fun fair – brought in approx. $1400.00 last year
* Xmas cards – **SC decided for forgo this year** as we broke even last year.
* Raffles - Mr. LeRoy looking into raffle license as SC would like to offer fundraising opportunities outside of the school families/community.

**Planning our next meetings:**

These will be the first Thursday of every month – 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Childcare will be provided

Nov 2nd

Dec 7th

Jan 4th

Feb 1st

March 7th

April 11th

May 2nd

June 6th

Meeting adjourned shortly after 7:30pm