

**GARTHWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Meeting Began: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Anna Carbone

Principal: Shari Nickle

Members: Lamar Boreland, Latasha McFarlane, Pauline Morgan

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Each member introduced themselves to each other at the table.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 9, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by Shari Nickle and Anna Carbone.
3. **PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS:**
 - Shari Nickle spoke about the various events happening at Garthwood Park.
 - The Move-A-Thon happened on October 31st. It was a huge success. Teachers volunteered to do something fun with the children. (e.g. "Principal for a Day"). This is Garthwood's main fundraising event for the year. This money goes back to the students for such enrichment events/activities such as: bringing in authors, musicians etc.
 - Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on Friday afternoon, November 9th, 2012. This is due to the fact that our choir will be performing at the Board office.
 - In December our School Choir will be singing at the Legislator building.
 - ARC update: 5 schools will be closing. Ashgrove is one of the schools which will be closing and their students will be joining Garthwood in September 2014. Since our number of students will be increasing, we will be getting a vice—principal. Also, in September 2014, we will have a full-day kindergarten program.

- In the spring, a steering committee (transition committee) will be getting together with Ashgrove parents and children to discuss changes.
- Garthwood has been approved for a grant to purchase I pads.
- UPP Profile: In January we will consult with Garthwood parents to fill out a form discussing the types of qualities we would like to see in our principal and vice-principals.
- November 6, 2012 – progress reports will be sent home.
- Bring kids to work day is on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Some of our teachers will be bringing their high school children to work with them.

5. UPDATE ON WORKSHOP GRANTS

- Garthwood was awarded some funds to hold 3 workshops this school year. The Council discussed various topics and we decided that the workshops will be held after our brief school council meetings which will be on the following dates:

Monday, January 7, 2013

Monday, March 4, 2013

Monday, May 6, 2013

The idea is to hold a brief council meeting first (6:00 p.m. – 6:30p.m), then present a workshop from 6:30 – 7:30p.m.

We hope to hold our first meeting in the party room of 3570 Colonial Drive. Pauline Morgan to try and secure this room for us.

Topic will be: “HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN”.

If this topic is not available, our second choice is: “PROBLEM SOLVING”.

Anna to call information number: (905) 452-0332 to make sure these topics are available and if they can be shorted to 1 – 1 1/2 hours.

6. FUNDRAISING:

- We discussed a possible “Movie Night”. However, we feel that there is too much going on right now and we will defer this idea until next Council meeting and hopefully we will be able to have a movie night in February 2013.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2013

Meeting Adjourned.