



# GARTHWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

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**January 11, 2016    LIBRARY    6:30PM**

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- 1. Attendance – Katherine Headley, Kelly Twomey, Peggy Bell, Shari Nickle, Katherine Hampton, Kim Moennick, Sarah Barkwill, Simi Dyal and Jenn Luxmore-Begin**
- 2. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 3. The Role Council**
  - A. School Council is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal and teachers to discuss school issues, events, volunteer opportunities and extracurricular activities.
  - B. School Council also supports the school through fundraising. All funds raised by Council can only be spent on students. This can include equipment, field trips, supplies and performances.
  - C. There are three official roles – Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
    - All parents who indicated an interest in Council were contacted by Garthwood.
  - D. All Council minutes, agendas and finance updates are available on the school website.
- 4. Confirmation of New Council**
  - A. This year's council will be:
    - Chair – Katherine Headley
    - Treasurer – Peggy Bell
    - Secretary – Katherine Hampton
- 5. 2015-16 Annual Report and Expenditures**
  - A. Peggy presented the updated budget for 2015-16
    - There is \$947 left from last year.
    - Projected funds for 2015-2016 are \$4015.88.
    - Projected to spend \$2690.88. This includes:
      - Budgeting for 65 Grade 5 students for their graduation. We will only spend the exact amount of Grade 5 students.
      - Field Trip fund will be \$200. We can increase this if necessary.

- Budget \$150 for popcorn. This is a popular treat for students.
- Principal Nickel will ask teachers for ideas on how to spend remaining funds. All funds must be spent on students. We would like to spend funds on activities for whole school including performers and speakers. Other options include supplies for school concerts and other items teachers need.

- B. Pizza Days have increased revenue this year.
- Last year Pizza Days made \$80 per week.
  - This year Pizza Days are making \$120 per week.

## 6. Principal's Corner

### A. School Update

- Garthwood's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is next year. All students helped to create murals which will be hung throughout the school.
- All constructions is complete at Garthwood. We are working on courtyard renewal.

### B. Kindergarten Registration is the first week of February.

### C. Community Police Officer

- Garthwood has 2 Community Police Officers who will be part of the school and taking an active role in the school.
- They will be making formal presentations to students.

### D. Upcoming Events

- Several School Clubs are continuing. This includes:
  - Bench ball
  - Bell Choir
  - Choir
  - Indoor Soccer
  - Zen Club
- Garthwood students once again have the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at a Steelheads Games on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Families can attend and purchase tickets to the game. This is very popular with Garthwood students and families.

## 7. New Business

### A. PRO Grant

- Garthwood has again received the PRO Grant of \$1000.
- It will be used for the 2016 Math Night.

### B. Math Night

- Math Night will again take place in 2016.
- The tentative date is March 31.
- Volunteers are welcome to help plan.
- Volunteers will also be needed at Math Night.

### C. Move-a-thon

- The Move-a-thon is a fundraiser created by the Garthwood staff to raised funds for the school. It raises funds for performances at the school and field trips.
- It is a really fun day for students.

- Scheduled for Friday, February 12.
- Staff are putting packages together for students to take home.
- There will be a Kick-Off Assembly with a special teacher performance.
- Same format as 2015
  - Every \$5 dollars raised will give students an opportunity to sign up for a teacher experience. Instead of prizes, students are given the opportunity to participate in special teacher experiences. This can include a Wii party, Silent Ball or making cookies.
  - Staff will collect funds.
- Parent Council and Volunteers can help with popcorn, water and glow bracelet orders and delivery. There will be an email sent to parents outlining volunteer opportunities at the Move-a-thon.

D. Pizza Day

- Pre-ordering for the whole year is not possible at Garthwood as it is difficult financial obligation for some families.
- Pizza Day is not offered to Kindergarten classes as it is very difficult and complex to organize and requires a lot more volunteers.

E. Other Business

- Bus driver is amazing this year.
- Busing is at the max for this year. If any new students require busing, courtesy seating will be altered.

**8. Next Meeting Dates – March 7<sup>th</sup> & May 2<sup>nd</sup>**