



GARTHWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 2016 LIBRARY 6:30PM

Final

- 1. Attendance –Peggy Bell, Shari Nickle, Katherine Hampton, Katherine Clark, Kim Moennick, Simi Dyal, Yvette Lemonius and Jenn Luxmore-Begin**
- 2. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 3. Review and Approval of March Minutes**
- 4. Principal's Corner**
 - A. School Update
 - All students have had the opportunity to be on stage through this year's school musicals.
 - Math and Science Night was a great success.
 - Music Monday was May 2. It was busy, fun and enjoyed by all students.
 - Choir has finished for this year.
 - Staff are discussing a talent show.
 - B. Upcoming Events for May and June
 - Saltin Performance on May 25. This is an opportunity for kids to experience a mixture of Western & Eastern culture and music.
 - Kickball is starting.
 - May 10 there will be teams of outside teachers spending the day at Garthwood teaching in the classrooms.
 - May 13 is a Professional Learning Day. The focus will be Numeracy.
 - Grade 5 trip to Erin Mills Public School is May 17. The students will meet with principal and tour the school.
 - Volunteer Tea is June 8 at 1:30.
 - May 19 is Welcome to Kindergarten. Staff will have an opportunity to meet incoming students and families.
 - May 19 is the annual dinner for the Development Disability Class.

- Grade 3 EQAO Testing is May 31, June 1 & 2
 - June 24 is Canada Day Celebrations at Garthwood with Michael Mitchell. Volunteers are needed.
 - June 29 is the Grade 5 Farewell at Garthwood.
- C. Looking Ahead to 2016-2017 School Year
- The Peel School Board and Ministry of Education will provide 2016-2017 curriculum and organization to Garthwood. The School must comply with Board Planning and Ministry Regulations.
 - The planning process for the 2016-2017 school year has begun. Tuesday, Sept 27 is the final reorganization day. The June Newsletter will include a tentative teacher list and grade layout for 2016-2017.
 - The Peel Board is asking for input for Budget Priorities for 2016. 95% of the Garthwood budget is mandated by Ministry on how it will be spent. Council suggestions included more in-school support (ISSP, extra reading, help with literacy and numeracy) and sustaining and incorporating more technology in school. ***Katherine Clark to follow up with on-line survey.***
 - Next year is the 25th Anniversary of Garthwood Public School. Staff are exploring planting flowers in celebration of the 25th Anniversary.
 - 2016 Terry Fox Run is September 29th.
 - Garthwood Open House is tentatively scheduled for October 6.

5. Budget and Financial

- A. Update on Expenditures & Revenues
- Peggy presented the updated budget for 2014-15.
 - Balance is \$7099.83
 - Expenses total \$5956.45
 - Remaining Balance as of April 28 is \$1143.18
 - Estimated Pizza Profit is \$700
 - Remaining Amount to be spent is \$1843.18. Funds need to be spent by end of June.
 - Outstanding commitments include Grade 5 Farewell (\$650) and Field Trip Fund (\$200). Field Trip Fund includes the Grade 5 Trip to Erin Mills PS.
 - Parent Engagement Fund (Paper & Photocopying) allocation is \$212.
 - Possible opportunity to spend funds are new Track and Field equipment or to order small pineys for primary grades for Track & Field meets.

6. New Business

- A. PRO Grant
- PRO Grant application is due May 29th. The on-line application process opens May 2.

- We can submit the same grant as 2015 with updated information for 2016. The contact info will change to Katherine H.
- If we receive the grant, Staff would like to plan a Healthy Family Fun night. It would include Yoga Class and Healthy Cooking. Yoga could take place in gym. Healthy Cooking would take place in Staff Room. Library and Music Room could be Zen Zones with coloring.

B. Grade 5 Graduation and Farwell

- Graduation is a 35-minute morning ceremony on June 29th. Grade 5 students are very involved in the planning of this celebration.
- School will send out invitations.
- Graduating kids will perform.
- Peggy and Kim are happy to volunteer where needed.
- There will be a catered school lunch for kids in gym and bowling in the afternoon.