



GARTHWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 2, 2015 LIBRARY 6:30PM

- 1. Attendance –Peggy Bell, Shari Nichols, Katherine Hampton, Anna Carbone, Yvette Lemonius, Kim Moennick, Sarah Robertson and Jenn Luxmore-Begin**
- 2. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 3. Review and Approval of January Minutes**
- 4. Principal's Corner**
 - A. School Update
 - Continuing with focus on Numeracy & Math. Teachers are working with teams on Math. We have strong instructional strategies for this.
 - Reading continues to remain a focus at Garthwood PS. This year the school applied for and received additional funding. We received the funding for guided reading & expertise in reading.
 - The school is continuing to work on student character. Kids are excited about March Break. We are reinforcing routines and will be reviewing rules at the next Gator Assembly.
 - Steelheads Hockey game was a great success. There was lots of family & student involvement and everyone had an amazing time. It was a great experience for the kids and was not cost prohibitive for the school or families.
 - B. Report on Move-A-Thon
 - Event was a huge success.
 - \$5750 was raised for the school. This is the highest amount ever raised.
 - The Teacher Experience prizes were loved by the students. Students enjoyed all the activities offered.
 - Some funds raised have been spent on shows/experiences. This includes:
 - Rock n' Rings
 - Kathy Stintson, Author of Red Is Best

- Tribal Vision – Aboriginal Dance/Drum. There will be an assembly for all grades and 1 hour workshop dedicated to each Grade

C. Upcoming Events for March, April & May

- Big Crunch is March 12 at 2:30 pm. All students will crunch on an apple. Teachers can tie event into Nutrition Unit. School is asking for Parent Council to purchase apples. Volunteer are needed to sort, wash and count apples.
- March 13 is last school day before March Break. There will be a Movie Afternoon for students. Movies will be age appropriate for each grade.
- Education Week starts April 20
- Grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert is April 23
- Kindergarten Concert is April 30
- Several School Clubs has started again. This includes:
 - Choir & Pop Choir
 - Bracelet Club (Grade 3)
 - Quiddich.
 - Skills/Drills (Grade 3)
 - Games Club
 - Skipping Club (Grade 2-5)
 - Silver Birch – Grade 4/5 Reading Club

D. Math & Science Night

- The logistics of the night have been planned and the details and layout finalized.
- All the stations have been organized.
- Lots of support from teachers and offers to use classrooms.
- There will be 3 centres plus stations set up in the gym. We have enough teachers for 2 teachers at each centre.
- Centres will include dice & cards, science station (building a structure) and Graphing/Estimation with smarities.
- Help is needed with prepping materials, organizing bins, set up, clean up and running stations in gym. There will be opportunities for parents to switch off. Parent Council can help coordinate volunteers.
- Opening and Closing will be in the Gym. A speaker from Council would be appreciated. Yvette Lemonius volunteered.
- There will be a note going home with details about Math & Science Night and a volunteer slip.

5. **Budget and Financial**

A. Update on Expenditures & Revenues

- Peggy presented the updated budget for 2014-15.
- There is still a large amount of funds to spend. Funds cannot be carried over to next school year. There will additional funds from popcorn and freeze sales
- \$200 is approved for apples.

- Spending Options include:
 - \$450-\$600 for 3-4 buses for Cross Country/Track & Field event
 - Drum Fit (Garthwood PS usually alternates years for this)
 - School/Sport Equipment
 - New Jerseys for Sport Meets. It would be good to buy small sizes for primary grades. Mrs. Nichol and Mrs. LB will investigate jerseys and cost
 - Invest in materials for Courtyard to spruce it up.
 - \$200 contingency fund for field trips for students in need.

B. Parent Engagement Fund

- There is \$146 remaining.
- To be used for paper and Synervoice.

6. New Business

A. Updated Sexual Education Curriculum

- Part of Physical & Health Curriculum
- Updated curriculum is being released by Ministry of Education
- Not many details are known at this time. Waiting for Official document.
- It will be implemented in September

7. Next Meeting – Monday, May 4

- An email reminder will be sent a week before.