GRAPEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6:00 PM Start: Learning Commons

Attendees: Kristine Libera, Jessop Penner, Heather Sims, Stephanie Don Griot, Ryan Futers, Sakis Mamouzellos, Tulsie Raghubir, Andrew Ware, Angie Roberts, Renita Wiebe, Taylor Glover, Melissa Roger, Heather McKenzie, Valerie Taylor, Christine Kirk, Heather Heffernan

Overview of School Council Membership (Ministry of Education)

What are the responsibilities of a school council member?

- Supports school staff with learning agenda
- Maintain a school wide perspective on issues
- Represent and communicate the views of the school community
- Act as a link between school council and community
- Participate in information and training sessions and forums
- Fundraising initiatives

Elected Positions on School Council

- **Chair:** *Assists with preparing agendas, ensures the recording of agenda minutes, facilitates the resolution of conflict, and communicates with Principal/Vice Principal on behalf of council* **(previously Taylor Glover)**
- **Secretary:** *One who records minutes of each meeting* **(previously Valerie Taylor)**
- **Treasurer:** *One who keeps financial records* **(previously Ryan Futers)**

Staff Representatives:

- **Kristine Libera -** Principal
- **Jessop Penner** - Vice Principal
- **Melissa Roger** - Intermediate Teacher (Grade 8)
- **Angela Smith** - Educational Assistant

Approval of Last Month's Minutes (May 2024): Usually sent out prior to meeting. To be approved at the start of each meeting and then posted to Grapeview website.

Elections:

- Nomination of New 2024-2025 Council Members (Google Form)
- Election of New Council:

  Chair: Taylor Glover

  Secretary: Valerie Taylor

  Treasurer: Ryan Futers

Principal's Report:

1. Outdoor School Improvements: Paving and seeding of Kinder area and by playground; basketball nets, painting of outer doors, line painting on tarmac (Next steps: purchasing of equipment and kinder line painting with COBs funds).

- Lowered basketball nets by primary doors.
- Junior and Intermediate courts have been done.
- Hopscotch is being used frequently.
- We wanted to use COBs money to create paint lines and activities on the tarmac. The kinder kids have a nice tarmac, but not many games.
- Renita asked if we could have PickleBall nets? Parents agreed the students would like it. Ms. Roger said they are using the basketball courts. Mrs. Libera said we were hoping to get the court in there and we can look into it.
- We are hoping to use the money from the COBs bread fundraising for more outdoor games now that the work has been done.

2. Reorganization of Intermediate Division (from 4 classes to 3: Grade 7 Fraser; Grade ⅞ Wall; Grade ⅞ Roger).

- We don't ever want to do it but we had less enrollment than we were expecting and numbers determined that.

3. Extracurriculars: Cross Country, Junior Intermediate Soccer, Intermediate Volleyball.

- Cross Country was a great day. There were 120 kids participating. More kids and bigger races. There were more schools participating, but still the first 10 qualified.
- Junior soccer happened last week, they made it to the playoff and had a great day. Intermediate soccer was Thursday with Mr. Whitehead.
- Ms. Roger is coaching Intermediate Volleyball. It is a long season so we are still looking at determining the team. The game schedule will be posted on the website.

New Business:

Open House (Wed. Oct 2, 2024, 4-5:30pm): Book Fair; Pumpkin and Mum sales; Pizza and water for all; meet the teacher; backpacks and socks.

- All families are welcome to attend Open House. We expect people to be hanging around until 6pm. Some events will be Scholastic Book Fair (Ms. Wink) and other teachers that don't have homerooms.
- Pumpkin sale. Heather looked into getting mums from Niagara College to sell, she will be delivering the same day as pumpkins (next Wed).
- We thought the money could go towards replenishing the Council account (teacher funds etc).
- Mrs. Libera will put out a reminder email about the pumpkins and mum sale, this will go out in the Friday Memo.
- Pizza and water will be available for all families. A reminder will be put out for families to bring water bottles. Plastic water bottles will also be available.

- Classroom will be open so families can meet the teacher.
- There will be backpacks, shirts and socks available if needed.

Rowan's Law/Concussion Awareness: Wed, Sept. 25th (Mr. Armstrong)- Guest Speaker Rachel Willard- Hamilton Health Sciences, Intermediate Egg drop.

- Rowan's Law day is tomorrow, Sept 25th.
- Students are encouraged to wear purple to support that day.
- Mr. Armstrong is doing activities around concussion awareness.
- Rachel from Hamilton Health Sciences will be doing some activities with the Intermediate division.
- Intermediate egg drop will be happening this Friday, so more students can participate.

Orange Shirt Day & National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Sept. 30th (Use of DSBN Approved Resources)

- DSBN approved resources will be used to make sure we are using appropriate resources in our teaching and activities.

Terry Fox Walk (Donations online) - Oct. 10th (Period 5 & 6)

- Everyone is welcome to participate. You are welcome to come during periods 5 & 6.
- You can donate online if you choose.

PA Day Oct 11th

Hot Lunches (Wednesdays). Popcorn (Mon, Thurs), & Cookies (Tues).

- Hot lunches will start next week. Pizza starts Oct 2nd.
- We will rotate: pizza, pasta and wraps.
- Popcorn and cookies are still being sold.

Tuck Shop Link: Grapeview Spirit Wear/Grad Hoodies

- Tuck shop online: link is on the school's website, on the bottom of the page, in the newsletter section.

Student Census (powerpoint slides)

- Student Census: voluntary, confidential and ministry mandated.
- Questions about: indigenous ancestry, ethnicity, racial identity, status in Canada, languages spoken, religion or spiritual affiliation etc.
- There will be an email link in the student accounts where they can access the census.
- Students have the ability to stop answering questions if they want. Third parties will get the information and share data with the schools.
- Translated version of the census is available. Multi language teachers will be there to support students. LRT and other staff will help students with any questions that come up.
- The board is hoping for an 80% participation rate. The data is used to inform and improve our practices. The information will be released to the public in Feb 2025.

PIC Conference November 6th, 4-8:15 pm

- All parents can attend the conference. You can participate in two, one hour workshops.
- Topics include: well being in the digital age, social media, mental health, cyber safety, technology and additional proactive parenting.
- Dinner and childcare are provided. Registration will come out in October.

Grade 8 Graduation Subcommittee (foyer display and photo display, fundraising, decoration, flowers, etc.)

- Grade 8 Graduation Subcommittee: Tulsie met with Mrs. Libera.
- We need to decide on the venue and what the decor will look like.
- Dinner and Parkway.
- Some money from school funds go towards a class composite, small dinner and bowling, some decorations and the program.
- We could use some help with flowers, decorations (balloons, pictures and photos).
- Renita suggested poinsettia, hydrangeas and Krispy Kreme fundraiser specifically for Grade 8 Graduation.

- Tulsie suggested Serendipity candles fundraising and we get 50%. Minimum of $250 per school. We get an order form but we have to print it, 7 business days from order.

Intermediate Yearbook (provided to all graduates)

- The Intermediate Yearbook is just for grades 7 and 8's for now and the content is about them.
- It would go in the grad box for graduation.
- We are getting some things in motion: a yearbook club, a cover we will get pricing to see what that will cost and trying to figure out what we want it to look like.
- We will get the board to make it through the DSBN print shop (soft cover, staple bound).
- We are looking to start a subcommittee.
- Talking to intermediate teachers to see about getting students to be editors.
- Any pictures you take of students at sporting events/activities, email them to Mr. Penner at: jessop.penner@dsbn.org.

Fundraising Opportunities:

- Taylor spoke to the owner of COBS bread and we can do it the last two weeks of November.
- Dance-a-thon was a success and something we can do again.
- Angie has some ideas for fundraising that she will email to Mrs. Libera: pop tabs, empty drive, kids being Principal for a day, silent auction of parent talents, food trucks, dog wash, corn hole tournament, gingerbread making contest etc.
- Heather's idea of swap day on Earth day (toys, clothes etc).
- Stephanie: Kids choir can go into hospitals.
- Mrs. Libera and Mr. Penner will look at all the fundraising opportunities and see what we will do. We want to make sure that we don't have too many things going on.

Treasurer's Report:

- PVA Account: $444.02

- Extracurricular wear: $679.72
- Playground: $3095.59
- COBs funds: $3389.91
- Graduation Fundraising: $133.40

Supporting the Learning Agenda:

- New Instructional Coach (Jen G). She is in classes, teaching lessons and modeling.
- Literacy Screening (IRITs and ERSTs). Reading Specialists will be coming in to support the reading screening for the students.
- EQAO results expected shortly.
- Nov 21st **Progress Reports/Communication of Learning** go home.

Next Meeting Date/Time:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 6pm in the Learning Commons

Every Other 4th Tuesday of the Month: Nov 26, Jan 28, Mar 25, May 27