

Goulds Elementary
School Council Agenda
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

In Attendance: Jamie Kieley
 Jennifer Howlett
 Taryn Hanlon
 Jill O'Reilly-Kavanagh
 Lori Chafe
 Nicole Chaytor
 Gerry Antle

Regrets: Jill Hann

1. Call to Order: 4:20 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Motioned by: Lori Chafe
 - b. Seconded by: Jamie Kieley
3. Approval of prior meeting minutes
 - a. Motioned by: Taryn Hanlon
 - b. Seconded by: Jennifer Howlett
4. Review Action Items
 - a. Upcoming fundraising initiatives
 - i. Sweat-a-thon
 - ii. Cookbook
 - iii. Playground update

- Jamie provided an update on the playground, as the other fundraising initiatives relate to that.
- Jamie has looped Jim Sinnott (District) in, with respect to specifications etc. So that they can be ready when there is enough money for the playground.
- Jamie has spoken with Krista (Curtis Hudson Memorial Fund “CHMF”) on a few occasions.
 - Jamie handed out two updated letters from CHMF. One will be sent to parents for information. The other can be used to seek donations. They note they have \$172,000 of the \$300,000, at present.
 - CHMF has shared a spreadsheet with Jamie which tracks where donations have come from. If we approach others, we should let Jamie know. Jamie will add it to the spreadsheet.
 - Active NL seems to be the one grant available for this purpose. CHMF has their submission in and are waiting to see.
 - Jamie also provided a mockup of the sign that will be put up. It is ready to go up soon. Jennifer noted that there will be a blank space on the bottom for major sponsors to be listed. Jamie thinks that this will be anyone donating \$1,000 or more.
 - Gerry posed the question of whether CHMF is a registered charity. This could be an impediment to donations. Jamie noted that donations can go through the NL Education Foundation (registered charity) and be designated for the playground.
 - There were various discussions of organizations to approach. Scotiabank was the donor for the current playground. They may want to be part of the upgrade. Jamie will check to see if we can determine who the earlier contact at Scotiabank was.
- The sweat-a-thon money will also go to the playground fundraiser. Usually about \$20,000 is collected.

- o Letters are expected to go out to parents around May 3, with approximately a week to complete.
- o The sweat-a-thon prize draw will take place May 27.
- The cookbook
 - o Intending to do this cost neutral but could round up a minimal amount. Any money that came in could go to the playground, also.
 - o Approximately 140 recipes have been received. This is less than anticipated.
 - o The Committee discussed other ways to get more.
 - Class activities where something is sent home to complete (ie. Family favorite recipes). The concern being that these would still need to be inputted. Plus, those families that that wanted to send it, likely have.
 - Reaching out to community groups (ie. Lions Club, firefighters, alumni teachers).
 - Jamie will check with the Cookbook Committee about this.
- Jamie noted that the recycling fund is currently at about \$20,000. This can go towards the playground too.

5. Business Arising: Nothing

6. Administrative Report

- Volunteer Social – This went well. The teachers did a great job. The students' performances were excellent.
- Rogues - visit and read to grade levels. A lot of positive messages: teamwork, hard work and dedication, and eating well.
- Clothing orders – should be in within a couple of weeks. They may open it up again for those that missed it. This is not a fundraiser.

- 50th anniversary Open House - June 5. CHMF will have a booth set up at this. Time capsules will be done at sweat-a-thon. There will be a scavenger hunt and cake.
- Karen Adams - Jennifer updated on behalf of the committee considering this. One of Karen's passions was basketball. She was a big part of Hoopsters. As such, a school invitational tournament will be named after her. She also liked crafts. They are considering having a quilt-style craft made of a butterfly that can be hung in the school. They plan to have a day to unveil this, with a buddy reading/color day attached.
- Fun Days, Grade 5 leaving, and Kindergarten farewells are set.
- Student council - Grade 4/5 reps. These are going great. They have engaged with them for some of the decisions that need to be made (Clothing design for the sale and the prize choice for the sweat-a-thon). They are also engaged in discussion about how to improve the school. They will be involved in one of the Kinderstart sessions and will conduct a tour for a visit by a literacy cohort that will be visiting the school.
- Principal Group – Jamie and Jill continue to meet with the other principals/vice-principals. This is a positive experience. Jennifer noted that staff were happy to see this collaboration.
- Spring Clean Up – The Committee tentatively chose May 25 from 11-1. Gerry will confirm with the Lion's Club.
- School Development Survey – Results should be out in September. May 24 they will have their strategic planning session.
- Report Card Writing Day – June 7

7. New Business/Other Correspondence/Articles of Interest: Nothing

8. Next Meeting: June 4, 2024 at 4:15

9. Adjournment time: 5:06 pm