GLYNN A. GREEN SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 28, 2025 **Time**: 6:00pm **Location**: GAG Learning Commons

Meeting Chair: Kristine Libera, Principal

Secretary: Jennifer Kopczinski, Parent

Attendees: Kristine Libera, Tracey Furry, Alyssa Brouwer, Lisa Jarrett, Kaleigh Holland, Jennifer Kopczinski (Clayton), Katie Ragona, Jaimee Regier, Claire Ellsworth, Carleigh Lane, Bailey Bissett, Rebecca Hicks, Jodie Bartlett, Graeme Bissett, Meghan McKee, Celine Cheel, Crystal Wood

WELCOME – K. Libera

Introductions & land acknowledgement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from September 23 School Council meeting

- Motion - Jodie Bartlett; Second - Rebecca Hicks
- Motion carried

SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – K. Libera

- Bailey Bissett elected as Treasurer

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – K. Libera

- Gator pods - October 24
    - Overall successful first meeting; 'getting to know you' activities + respect for names video followed by debrief and activities
    - Next meeting scheduled for late November - exact date TBD
- Extracurriculars
    - Volleyball - tournament coming up at end of November
    - Triple ball currently underway
    - Primary and Junior/Intermediate choir currently underway
- Scholastic Book Fair - Sept 29-Oct 3
    - Raised $3532.44 in 'Scholastic dollars' which can be used toward purchasing books and items through Scholastic for Library
    - DSBN officials will be conducting audit of Library collection - purchase will be made following outcome to fill in gaps/make improvements to collection

    - Requesting parent volunteers to help with next book fair so that teachers can use prep time usually dedicated to running book fair toward student learning
- Chromebooks - 136 new Chromebooks delivered from DSBN and will be distributed to classrooms once imaged by Board
- Kiss-and-Ride update
    - Noticing improvements - smoother flow of traffic and increased safety
    - Tracey and Kristine are currently managing

NEW BUSINESS - K. Libera

- Photo retakes - Nov. 5
- Intermediate students' trip to Ball's Falls with focus on team building activities - Nov. 6
- Lockdown drill - Nov. 6
    - New DSBN policy that all schools must hold drill, including those that have already had a live lockdown/hold-and-secure incident
    - Drill will be short to not cause undue stress for students and teachers; parents will be notified in advance
- Ice Dogs assembly - Nov. 18
- PA Day - Nov. 28
- Ice Dogs family event + choir performance of *O Canada* - Dec. 14 (afternoon)
- PIC Conference - Oct. 29
    - Jodie Bartlett (SC Chair) and Bailey Bissett (SC Treasurer) will be attending and will provide updates at next SC meeting
- GAG Spirit Wear (and grad hoodies)
    - Link to Big Bear website shared in Gator Gazette
    - Items available in children and adult sizes
    - Order by default are sent to school and then sent home with student; call school (Krista) to make arrangements to pick-up from school or select ship-to-home option when ordering (additional fees may apply)
- Snack program/parent volunteer opportunity
    - Classrooms currently receive bin of packaged food funded through Niagara Nutrition Partners for students
    - Looking to introduce more fresh food options (e.g. packaged veggies and hummus, fresh made muffins, grilled cheese sandwiches, pancakes)
    - Request for volunteers to prepare food at the school; more information will be shared on how to volunteer and schedule of shifts
- Childcare for School Council meetings
    - Kristine looking into having older students volunteer to supervise younger kids for parents attending School Council meetings
- Golf Tournament update - Bailey Bissett
    - Positive feedback from attendees; survey will be sent out to all attendees to gather further feedback to inform next year's golf tournament
    - Next year may shift to Sunday so not to overlap with Grape & Wine events; looking to increase participation next year to ensure 'shot gun' start
    - Raised ~$10,500
        - Golf & dinner tickets - $1896.00

        - Dinner only tickets - $400.00
        - Sponsorship - $5775.00
        - Silent auction - $2400.00
    - Planning for next year will begin in new year - Golf Tournament/Playground Fundraising committee will be struck in January
- Playground updates
    - Kristine and Tracey met with DSBN Superintendent to discuss potential of replacing or updating/adding onto current playground and specifics on how funds would need to be raised/allocated for such an endeavour
- School Council/GAG events planning calendar
    - Reviewed calendar of GAG events for 2025/26 school year to inform planning of School Council specific events/fundraising initiatives
    - Highlights
        - Halloween parade - Oct 31 (will be indoors if inclement weather)
        - Pelham Cares Food Drive - Nov 3-14
        - Winter Open House - date TBD
        - Holiday Market - Dec 10-12 (Jodie will arrange parent volunteers)
        - Junior trip to production of Wizard of Oz (Niagara Falls) - Dec 1
        - Primary and Senior trips still being finalized - Dec/Jan
        - Junior B hockey event - Jan/Feb (specific date TBD)
        - March Break - Mar 14-22
        - End of year trips - June (Grade 8 trip will be single day trip in accordance with directive from DSBN)
        - Fun Fair - June 12
- School Council subcommittees will be struck following the Winter Break and will include Grad Committee (fundraising specifically to support Graduation), Fundraising (Fun Fair/Golf Tournament)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bailey Bissett

- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC): $500 stipend to School Council used toward supporting cost for pizza at Open House
- School Council

    Opening balance: $10,614.00

    Expenditures: – $1,765.19 for replacement of kindergarten classroom furniture

    Closing balance: $8,849.41

  Outstanding requests for funds:
    - ➔ PhysEd equipment - GAG just received equipment donated via DSBN; Kristine/Tracey provide updated list of requested equipment once inventory of items from DSBN has been completed
    - ➔ Gator pod t-shirts

- ~$4000 (approx $7/shirt) - GAG school funds will be put toward expense provided that SC also contributes
- Intention is community building for 2025/26, not to be used for Gator pods year-over-year; can be worn as general spirit wear in future years
- Suggestions of pinnies instead as these could be used for multiple years, are more accommodating to various sizes, and more accessible for children with sensory considerations

➔ 5 picnic tables for kindergarten playground area

- Playground

Opening balance: $1,985.72

Revenue: +$10,449.92 from golf tournament

Expenditures: – $3,644.25 for repairs/maintenance for current playground

Closing balance: $8,791.39

Discussion:

➔ Playground specific account has been created to cover maintenance of current playground and potentially to replace playground structure in future; any future fundraising designed for playground will be put into this account

➔ Inspection shows no need for mulch for 2025/26

SUPPORTING LEARNING – K. Libera

- Literacy screening being conducted in kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2
- EQAO results pending; will be shared with parents once available
- Progress Reports/Communication of Learning Reports will be sent home Nov 20
- Parent/Teacher interviews - Nov 27

DISCUSSION

- Kindergarten parking lot concerns
  - Kristine has communicated school and parent concerns about overcrowding and safety in kindergarten parking area with DSBN; Superintendent has made site visit and will be revisiting to conduct ongoing review and propose solutions
- Assemblies
  - Currently monthly assemblies have been placed on hold and are undergoing review by Kristine and Tracey (in consultation with staff) to determine how to move forward to thoughtfully and inclusively recognize and honour students' character building accomplishments
  - Feedback from students and parents was that assemblies build community and fostered sense of recognition and celebration amongst students

UPCOMING 2025/2026 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- Nov. 18 @ 6pm
- Jan. 27
- Mar. 24
- May 26