

Gainsborough School Council Meeting

September 28, 2021. 7:00PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Stephanie Schwartz, Shari May, Renee Kubik, Tara Vallen, Alison Moore, Erica & Cam McLaren, Julie & Tom Adams, Lisa Gravelle (Teacher), Hollyce Nunnenmacher (Principal) Kim Bartlett (EA)

Introductions:

Welcome

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Principal's & Teacher's Report:

Nomination forms - Julie/Cam – co-chair; Alison – secretary; Erica – treasurer

COVID Protocols mostly same as last year (masks handwashing, touchpoints disinfection, outdoor mask breaks, gym outside, staggered recesses, social distance, designated spaces outside)

Indigo Adopt A School Fundraiser – funds spent through Indigo/Coles 30% off cost. Sunday is last day.

Theme Days – Terry Fox raised \$900, Rowans Law (concussions), Truth & Reconciliation Day (orange)

Adventure Campus – Gr.7/8 going late October / early November

Take Me Outside Day – outdoors for 1 hour

Running Club opportunity (Kotsis & Neville)

Photographs – October 27

Playground Equipment

- the swings have been replaced
- inspection over summer resulted in a quote of just under \$8000. Most of the cost is in woodchips.
- There is under \$3000 in the Woerlen Fund that has been used for over 15 years to sustain the playground.
- We are moving into a new 'era' of playground care. The Ministry of Education does not cover playground expenses. The responsibility lies with parent fundraising.
- It is recommended that parent councils keep 10% of the original cost of the playground in an account for repairs and expenses. It is estimated the playground was originally \$100,000.00 when installed 17 years ago.
- On top of this '10% account', the woodchips will be approximately \$5,000/year.

We have just enough funds in bank account to cover all the necessary woodchips and equipment repairs, but would be left with nothing for our normally funded activities such as Forest of Reading, Grad, Scientist in the Classroom, etc.

Motion carried and passed:

- Cancel holding funds for Scientist In The Classroom (approx. \$2000) for 2021/2022 year (the teachers didn't use it last year due to it all being virtual, so most likely the same will occur this year as well).
- Close down (not remove) blude fitness playground to eliminate just over \$2000 in expenses to fix. .
- Tend to everything else on the quote (approx. \$6000)

See **Fundraising** for how we will move forward.

Financial Update:

- Finances discussed.
- Grade 8 grad \$ needs to be prioritized for this year's spending.

Fundraising:	
<p>Playground</p> <p>Start contactless fundraising: fundscript and laundry detergent</p> <p>SAC Update in newsletter preparing parents for news on playground needs & fundraisers.</p> <p>Draft larger letter to parents to go out in November – history of playground, inform them we will be spearheading fundraising for playground</p> <p>Letter to community & newspaper article for November – looking for \$ donors</p> <p>Can cash being donated to playground fundraiser keep all the funds, or does a % still get swallowed up?</p> <p>Can businesses get a tax receipt when donating to playground fundraiser? - Hollyce</p>	<p>Alison</p> <p>Julie/Renee/Tara...</p> <p>Hollyce</p> <p>Hollyce</p>
Next Meeting(s):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 26 - November 23 	