

## Gainsborough School Council Meeting

October 26, 2021. 6:45PM

### MINUTES - DRAFT

**Attendees:** Stephanie Schwartz, Julie Adams, Shari May, Renee Kubik, Connie Mittag, Tara Vallentgoed, Alison Moore, Cam McLaren, Lisa Gravelle (Teacher), Kim Bartlett (EA), Hollyce Nunnenmacher (Principal).

### ACTIONS

#### **Introductions:**

Julie welcomed everyone. All were introduced.

Stephanie disclosed that she is a member of DSBN Staff.

Approval of September Minutes. Hollyce to post on school website.

Hollyce

#### **Principal's & Teacher's Report:**

##### **Facilities:**

- the Primary/Junior hallway and lobby are getting painted
- the two rooms across the hall from the office which previously had a wall removed to make one large room, has now had a wall re-built to create an office for visiting staff and a Designated Health Room.

##### **Communication Survey:**

- 25% response rate
- DSBN Communications and Hollyce are creating a school Twitter account that will be linked to website.
- Weekly emails will continue but will look a little different and eventually newsletters will be phased out as to not repeat information.

##### **Masks and Rain-day Indoor Breaks:**

- Primary students eat lunch at the same time for first 20 min of the break. Grades 4-8 classes alternate rows, only giving each half the time for eating.
- Staff decided to try having the Grade 4-8 classes all eating at the same time as long as they adhere to rules (no talking, no turning around, wearing their mask when required).
- On indoor recess days, students will have a mask break during independent work time, alternating rows (first choice is finding a way for the students to be outside for a mask break)

##### **Upcoming Dates:**

- *Gr 7/8 Adventure Campus* – Nov 1 & 2
- *Report Cards* – November 18
- *PD Day* – November 19
- *Teacher Interviews* – November 22 to 26 (evening Nov 25)
- *Theme Days* - grade 8's planned this year's theme days which are planned for the last Friday of the month. October is Hat Day. November is Mismatched Clothes Day.

##### **Forest of Reading:**

- books have been purchased. Mme Gravelle will be organizing a club of some sort.

##### **Spirit Wear**

- will go on sale before Christmas and Grad Hoodies will be coming up

### Playground Equipment:

- The work-order has gone in for the wood chips. Timing of when work is to be done is still to be determined (playground closed in winter anyway).
- Question raised whether 3<sup>rd</sup> party Playground Inspectors can give a prognosis on life expectancy of our playground equipment. This will be important information for the Playground Committee to have when making decisions on how to move forward with fundraising and work to be done. Hollyce will find out.
- Donations can be made to the school for the playground funds via the green DONATE button on the school website homepage. This connects to School Cash Online, and donors receive a receipt. 2% is taken off all donations by School Cash Online. Cheques still accepted, but take longer to process. See **Fundraising** section for further discussion.
- Question regarding the Baseball Diamond and who is responsible for the up keep. Hollyce said that would be a Board responsibility and would look into what needs to happen.

Hollyce

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(\*Hollyce contacted the Board and the baseball diamond is on their radar and will be looked at in the Spring.\*)

### Financial Update:

- Finances discussed. Funds have been moved to cover playground repair expenses.

### Fundraising:

#### Playground:

- Tara drafted letter to the community. We will be using this in our fundraising attempts in the future.
- Julie sending out a note in the school newsletter regarding anyone interested in learning about /participating in our playground committee should contact her.
- Suggestion to look at what the cost would be to replace wood chips with the rubber surface

Julie

#### Fundraising is back on...

- ...as long as it maintains safe exchanges of items. Hollyce is going to find out more details about what this entails. Typically, Little Caesars sorting and pick-up is done outside by School Council. Plant fundraiser can be done in a similar fashion.
- There may not be enough time to complete a Fall fundraiser before Christmas. A **motion** to start contactless fundraising (Tru-Earth and Fundsript) was presented and passed. Alison to forward Hollyce the details and links to go up.
- Connie and Alison will work on forming fundraising committee.

Hollyce

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alison  
Connie

#### New ideas:

- school raffles for Vintage Inn night & dinner, Ti-cat game & hotel, Great Wolf Lodge hotel night. Julie going to reach out to Caistor School Council and see how they operate their fundraiser raffles.
- Incentive gift card prize to be introduced for Little Caesars fundraiser

Julie

(\*Hollyce spoke with principal at Caistor and no raffles have been planned but a license will be purchased should they decide to do one.\*)

### Next Meeting(s):

- November 23
- Possible date in December (t.b.a.)