

Minutes – Approved

Gainsborough School Council

September 20, 2018

Welcome and Introductions:

- New members welcomed.
- Parents who may not be able to make meeting, but would like to be on the email list can email Julie at julie.adams.88@gmail.com

Nomination Forms:

Parent Council Members and Nomination Forms filled out and submitted.

Questions about what it meant to be signing it: are there certain terms and conditions to becoming a member of parent council?

Principal's Report:

- Members of Gainsborough Staff introduced (*Appendix A*).
- Little House is a Home for kids in the community. Little House renting classroom at the school.
- Board/School has a new I.T. Online calendar not up yet. Please be patient. All staff are learning new process. Suggestion made to potentially have paper calendar go home in the meantime, at least during the initial adjustment period.
- Pumpkin Patch visit – Kindergartens; Peter Pan – Gr.1 and Gr.1/2; Cross Country and Soccer have started.
- EQAO results. Gainsborough and DSBN did very well in EQAO. More information to come home in school newsletter (*Appendix B*)
- A safety gate has been purchased for entrance to path leading to back of school (SW corner of parking lot). Hard-pack has been put down in JK/SK playground.
- Another announcement will be made for students to get their Summer Reading Program booklets in to Mr. Anderson. Some confusion among teachers and kids as to where to submit them.
- Principal and Superintendent are keeping a close eye on bussing times. Parents are reminded to call the school if they have issues with their busses being late.
- Forest Reading Program will again be paid for by school.
- Need to look into Parent Council insurance, and whether it covers babysitting/kids. Is there another way to cover this?
- School purchased 10 re-furbished computers.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed sales revenue (from fund raising efforts), and expenses.

Discussion around how much 'cushion' should be kept in account. In other words, how much can we spend? The Board's perspective is the money should be spent. Parents fund-raise so funds can be spent while their kids are still in school. Discussion ensued saying in the past, typically at least \$3,000-\$5,000 has been kept over summer months. Absolute minimum would have to be \$1,500 for Grads the following year.

Motion to set aside \$1,500 for Grade 8 Graduation. Carried

Motion to set aside \$2,100 for Scientist in Classroom. Carried

Fundraising:

Our Fundraising Team has been organizing fundraising for this year. So far it looks like the following:

Macmillan's – forms home Oct.5, back Oct.22. Delivered early November.

Little Caesar's – forms home before Christmas, back after break. Delivered end of January.

Plant Sale – forms home mid-April, back late-April. Delivered mid-May.

Track and Field BBQ – April/May (we need a volunteer to spearhead this)

What are the school's fundraising goals/needs? Technology is always a need due to equipment becoming out-dated (school just purchased 10 refurbished computers). Mention of perhaps a class-set of Chrome Books or Laptops.

Hot Lunches:

Third Tuesday of each month, second Nutrition Break. Alternating hot dogs and pasta. Dates listed at end of minutes.

Giant Tiger can do a bulk order of hot dog buns to ensure we are getting fresh product.

Volunteers are always appreciated! Let Julie Adams know if you can help from approx. 12 – 1:30pm on 3rd Tuesday of month.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC):

Pauline informed us about the PIC Conference coming up November 7. Website showing 'save the date' for now, but registration will be soon. This is a great conference for all DSNB parents to attend. Registration is free. Dinner and childcare are also included. www.dsnb.org/pic

The status of ProGrants are unknown since the new provincial government has taken office. The conference will go ahead as planned.

New Business:

- 22 tons of gravel has been kindly donated to Gainsborough for the ball diamond; however, although we are grateful for this donation, this is classified as a "change-to-facility" and requires some approvals at the Board level.

- Parent Information Night mini-workshop night at Gainsborough -- Mental Health / Internet Safety / Nutrition

- revisit Movie Night

Next Meetings: October 23 and November 29 at 6:45pm. See you then!

Appendix A: List of Gainsborough Staff as of October 16

ANDERSON, Scott (Mr.)	Principal	KRICK, Rachel (Mrs.)	LRS
COMFORT, Kim (Ms.)	Admin. Asst.	LANE, Mary (Mrs.)	Custodian
DAVIS, Elizabeth (Mrs.)	KDG1	McKnight, Jenn (Ms.)	EA
DELINE, Amanda (Mrs.)	Social Worker	MOJESKI, Cheryl (Ms.)	Inst Coach
FELKER, Liz (Mrs.)	Feeder: SEFS	PANKHURST, Janet (Mrs.)	Teacher SEFS
FOSTER, Jaclyn (Mrs.)	DECE: KDG1	PETERSON, Krista (Ms.)	Grade 3 and 4
GERVASON, Aaron (Mr.)	Custodian	REID, Michael (Mr.)	Grade 7 and 8
GRAVELLE, Jessica (Mme)	Librarian/French SL	RYBIAK, Barbara (Miss)	Grade 3
GRAVELLE, Lisa (Mrs.)	Grade 6 and 7	SARDO, Janine (Ms.)	Grade 4 and 5
GULLETT, Allison (Ms.)	Grade 1 and 2	SHATFORD, David (Mr.)	Music/Prep
HALL, Stacey (Mrs.)	KDG2	SIMPSON, Debbie (Mrs.)	EA
HAVEMAN, Pattie (Ms.)	Art/Phys Ed/Prep	SOGGE, Lori (Ms.)	LRT & Grade 3 and 4
HORTON, Yvonne (Mrs.)	Youth Counsellor	SZENASI, Mandy (Mrs.)	DECE: KDG2
KLOMPMAKER, Jodi (Mrs.)	EA	THOMPSON, Jenn (Ms.)	EA
KOTSIS, Maria (Mrs.)	Grade 1	VAUGHAN, Heather (Mrs.)	LRS

Appendix B: EQAO Results for the Primary and Junior Assessment Spring 2018 (2017-2018 School Year)

