

**School Council Minutes**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @5:30 pm**

**Present:** Kristy McFadden, Grazia Cianci, Jamie Kristoff, Debra Geary, Dominique Robichaud, Michelle Parrish, Liz Wight

Liz motion to accept the agenda as printed. Liz motion. Kristy seconded.

**Business Arising**

**1. School playground:**

- no word on the grants yet
- question on the table if we should fundraise (what alternatives to do we have to the grant, can parents provide labor, what timeline are we looking at)
- Dominique will provide links for grants and proposals to Deb Osiowy.
- Reminder that municipality is willing to work with us.
- School council cannot apply for the grant but other community organizations can (ie: Lions).
- Jamie will provide information and update to Deb Osiowy (lead of project).

**2. Breakfast Club Update:**

- students are attending every day
- volunteers are baking and serving
- facebook site is assisting with ensuring each day is covered by a volunteer
- Kim attending the NWHU webinar about healthy cooking; report is due end of March

**3. PRO grant 2015-2016 – moved to new business**

**4. Harvest Festival – no update**

**5. Eco Team:**

- team will be purchasing a water fountain that allows the students to fill water bottles, installation will occur once it arrives
- Blue Dot Campaign information was provided to staff at January meeting with ideas being shared amongst the staff, this is in preliminary stage at this point.

**6. School Branding Update**

- Michelle shared research regarding branding
- Survey will be created to ask parents and students what ideas they think represent GLC

**7. Santa Claus Parade**

- students were very happy to participate, parents gave positive feedback
- for next year, considerations for how to avoid damage to the lights
- ensure take-down crew is in place for post-parade

**8. Bus, 3 children per seat**

- School board/consortium advised this is legal, Jim (driver) uses assigned seating to ensure kids are seated with enough room

**9. Librarian – ½ time**

- Teachers schedule time with the librarian for class visits, students still use the library when the librarian is not here, they have been trained on how to sign out books

**New Business**

**1. Kindergarten Registration**

- Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> is open house, snacks will be provided, parents will be able to have a tour of the school
- A second information session will be hosted in May
- Notices were sent home today on blogs, facebook and website
- Information is getting into the community as parents have called to register children

**2. GLC in the Community**

- Grade 1 to 3 swimming has been incorporated
- Reminder to families about the unique individuality of our school which includes outdoor classroom, environmentalism, arts, science room, sports, etc
- We know “who” we are as a school, but does the parent community – how can we communicate this?

**3. Parents Reaching Out – Math Night**

- April evening, possible 6 pm or 7pm
  - We want to do a focus for the night, with kids sharing their learning and teaching the adults
  - Staff will be involved to develop skill w/ the students and then students take leadership roles
  - Possibly “Math Family Fun Night”
  - Provide babysitting (high school volunteer hours)
  - Ensure we prep a feedback survey
  - Deb presented ideas that have been generated
  - Will plan a meeting for late February
- 4. Family Literacy Week**
- Grazia is going to have celebrity readers come in and read on the 25<sup>th</sup> (English River Miners)
  - Share websites with older students, read to the younger students
  - On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, kids will make bookmarks with Deb and Grazia
  - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> will be alphabet soup lunch, parents can come in and write a story or students can share a piece of writing (school calendars will be handed out that night)
  - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – possible Literacy board games
  - Web will go in the display case “Get Caught in the Web of Reading”, students can contribute to display case
  - Possible book exchange (Deb will ask Lana)
- 5. Hockey Academy**
- Presentation to KPDSB senior admin recently, hockey academy will proceed in Fall 2016
  - Registration will likely occur in February
  - Working with Dryden and Kenora Hockey Academy personnel to plan for this
  - Logistics like rink time, transportation, equipment etc are being solved
  - Must be led by a qualified teacher, who will be trained in Calgary, parents can volunteer to support as well
  - Kristy asked if older students can volunteer, Deb discussed that this is phys ed program so students who are participating on the ice must be in their gym time
  - Dominique asked about equipment and Deb explained how there are resources and this will be solved with various organizations
- 6. Science Fair – GLC March 8<sup>th</sup>**
- Every class 4 to 8 will have students participate in the school-wide fair
  - Judges from the community
  - Fort Frances is hosting regionals, Deb will ensure transition from local to regionals will be seamless
  - Focus is inquiry, exploring ideas, solving problems
  - The value of it cannot be measured, builds so many skills that life-long learners need
  - Supplementary cardboard race challenge also running amongst our students
  - Kristy noted that the 7/8s were helping the 3/4s with this, developing leadership and academic skills

### Principal’s Update

1. People for Education Survey
- No information has been provided yet, will advise when received.

### Student’s Update

1. Grade 7/8s did some surveys and sent them around the survey, Kristy shared some of these results. Some of her findings were that some students were interested in a child fitness program. Kristy suggested possibly finding a use for the outdoor rink when there isn’t ice on it. She also shared results from School Sports Survey which found that students do want more variety in the school sports.
2. Dominique wondered if the “Kids Healthy Living” program has been running here at GLC. There is a coordinator at the Friendship Centre who can possibly help with this.
3. Kristy also wondered if we could do a school newspaper for students. Deb suggested finding a staff member as an advisor. Liz also noted that this could go online. Kristy suggested having a newspaper rack for distribution as well.

### Next Meeting Date

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm