



GRAPEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2022

6:00 PM Start: Learning Commons

Attendees: Mrs. Libera, Mr. Hogg, Mrs. Wallace, Andrew Ware, Ryan Futers, Karen Chcoski, Tulsie Araghubir, Sakis Mamouzellos, Valerie Taylor

Overview of School Council Membership (Ministry of Education)

What are the responsibilities of a school council member?

- Supports school staff with learning agenda
- Maintain a school wide perspective on issues
- Represent and communicate the views of the school community
- Act as a link between school council and community
- Participate in information and training sessions and forums
- Fundraising initiatives

Elected Positions on School Council

- **Chair:** ANDREW WARE
Assists with preparing agendas, ensures the recording of agenda minutes, facilitates the resolution of conflict, and communicates with principal/vice principal on behalf of council
- **Secretary:** VALERIE TAYLOR
One who records minutes of each meeting
- **Treasurer:** RYAN FUTERS supported by KAREN CHCOSKI
One who keeps financial records

Staff Representatives:

- **Kristine Libera** - Principal
- **Graeme Hogg** - Vice Principal
- **Neil Carnegie** - Learning Resource Teacher
- **Nicole Wallace** - Renewal Support Teacher
- **Angela Smith** - Educational Assistant

Approval of Last Month's Minutes (Feb): Sent out prior to meeting. To be approved at the start of each meeting and then posted to Grapeview website.

Principal's Report:

1. Glow in the Dark Dance-a-thon

- Students had a great time.
- PVA sold candy and glow items.
- All students had an hour to dance in the gym, buy candy and glow items.
- Mr. Hogg and Mr. Carnegie took turns being DJ Marshmello and the students liked guessing who it was.
- Mrs. Libera realized a few days before the event that we needed more black lights to make the entire gym glow, so the school purchased new ones on Amazon a few days before the event. One was damaged after the event and so they returned all of the lights. Amazon accepted all the black lights to be returned, so we will need to reorder for next year.

2. Pasta Dinner and Performance Night - Huge Success! Thank you, PVA!

- The Grapeview's Musical Performing Arts Club is made up of Primary students. They performed two songs. Mr. Hogg showed us a video and we watched their performance of "Fight Song," which was great!
- It was a great community event with over 200 guests. Some parents were there to see their children perform, other families came just to have the pasta dinner and some families did not have dinner but joined later for the performance.
- Some older students were leading the choreography in the back. It was nice to have so many people involved.
- Many staff helped with set up and some stayed as long as they could to be part of it.

- Meal was delicious and catered to all dietary needs. Serving buffet style worked well because it allowed parents to get up and communicate with one another.
- We all agreed this was a successful community event.
- Mrs. Wallace shared that it was a huge success and she would participate in it again.

3. Fresh Food Fridays (Lincoln County Community Fridge) - Friday, March 31st

- When students drop off the items on Friday some people are waiting for the food. This has been a good experience for the students. Karen shared they can see that their efforts are making an impact on people in the community.
- You can send non perishable food, canned foods as well.

4. Extracurriculars: Junior Basketball Teams; March Madness; Reading Clubs; Choir; Lego Robotics

- There was a big response to Junior Basketball, over 30 boys tried out and over 20 girls.
- March Madness intramurals are available for all students grades 4-6. There are 40 players in the junior division, 15-18 intermediate helpers.
- Each intermediate student has been assigned a team to coach. Some help set up, keep score and motivate the players.
- Very informal, the goal is for everyone to come out, play and have fun!
- Semi finals starting on Thursday, everyone participates.
- This finishes next week
- Junior Basketball started last week. Students are happy to be part of a team and learn the rules of the game. Next game is a home game. There have been a lot of positive responses from students.
- Reading Clubs: Mrs. Walvius is running a reading club. Opportunity for students to be part of the literacy event that takes place in the near future.
- Choir is still happening at breaks led by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Doucette.
- Lego Robotics: Mr. Armstrong took 3 Junior and 4 intermediate students to the Lego building challenge at the Scotia Centre.

5. Upcoming Opportunities: Chess Tournament & Badminton - April

- Chess Club is available for students. Mr. Carnegie is the coach of the chess team. They have been invited to a tournament that is coming up.
- Badminton for intermediates and a tournament in April, they are starting to practice now.
- **Fitness Break Equipment** (\$500 Meridian donation) - items purchased (Kinder utility balls, elephant balls, outdoor soccer and basketballs, tennis balls)
- **Communications Class - Coffee Cart**
- Communications class is preparing coffee and baked goods to be offered to staff on Mondays and Fridays. This allows students in the Communications Class to be out and visible in the school, have positive interactions with other peers, and work with money.
- **Down Syndrome 'Rock Your Socks' Day**
- Mrs. Contois's class won the pizza party.
- **Autism Awareness Month**
- Lindsay is a teacher that is new to staff, she came from the Peel Board. She has a lot of great ideas to share, getting people involved in new activities and creating a bulletin board to learn more about Autism.
- **Breakfast Club/Snack Program:** Thank you to Heather Heffernan and Paula Maloney
- Heather comes in on Tuesdays to help prepare food for the next few days. This helps to lower the cost so we don't have to buy prepackaged items and we can offer a variety of foods to the students.
- Paula is a staff member's sister who is also able to come help.
- **Cereal Food Drive** (Cheerios, Multigrain Cheerios, Chex)
- The need is great so we are going through the money quickly to purchase these food items.
- We will be doing a cereal food drive, asking families to donate any cereals (listed above). Challenge the school to raise a certain number of boxes. (enough boxes to run a domino run) Information will be coming out about that.
- **Grad Update:** scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2023
- It has been a big process to get student input, results: they really want to go bowling as well as provide the more formal dinner but all in the same place.

- Students will enjoy a family style dinner at the Holiday Inn (Ontario St) and then move over to Parkway Lanes for bowling. Grad committee meeting this Thursday at 4pm.
- Prom Project is available for students soon. This helps students obtain formal attire for Graduation if needed.
- **Intermediate End Year Trip:**
- Originally we were offering the opportunity of a camping trip.
- Many students were excited about this opportunity to camp and have an overnight trip.
- With students and staff input and looking at the approval process, there were still a number of students who were not able to go, not allowed to go by parents or had needs that could not be met on an overnight trip (cost, permission, medical concerns). As a result, we decided that enough students could not go so we would cancel.
- We want all grade 7 and 8 students to feel part of the trip.
- We came together as a team on Friday to see if we could meet those barriers but it was difficult to meet those, so we looked at other options for a day trip.
- We are looking at doing a similar trip to last year, going to Toronto for a day where they can do many fun activities. We can keep the coach bus that was booked and we will decide what those venues will be for the day.
- This day trip will reduce the cost and more students can participate.
- **School Fundraising** - Krispy Kreme/Freezie Friday
- Intermediates were looking at these fundraisers to raise money to cover costs for the end of the year trip and to support those activities.
- **Talent Show May 18. Day time performance**
- Mrs. Contois, Mrs. Sayers and Ms. Wink are working on planning a talent show.
- It is Ramadan right now so we are looking at postponing the talent show until it is done. Auditions were done before Ramadan began so they will have 12 groups.
- We need time after Ramadan for students to practice prior to the performance.
- It will be a day time performance that parents can attend. 45 min
- All students will attend the assembly.
- **Cultural Day**

- Mrs. Wallace asked when we would be doing the Cultural Day. The subcommittee plans to meet to plan this event (Mrs. Wallace, Tulsie, Sakis and Rachel).
- We were thinking about May 18th but this may need to be changed since it is prior to a PD Day and a long weekend.

Supporting the Learning Agenda:

- **EQAO Test** - End of May / Beginning of June
- Grades 3 and 6 Teachers are in the process of doing some follow up and planning around EQAO.
- The teachers have been meeting with the instructional coach to share observations and plan strategies to support students for when EQAO comes up at the end of May and beginning of June.
- It will be an online format again. Teachers are implementing strategies to help support students with this platform.
- **PCAP - Grade 8**
- A test that will be administered to two grade 8 classes. Ms. Teichgraf and Ms. Marchand's classes.
- It is a science based ministry test and we do not get results.
- Our school was randomly chosen to participate.
- The results will not be reflected in students' grades.
- **K-2 Early Literacy**
- Mrs. Wallace continues to be our Reading Support teacher, working with students and teachers.
- Mrs. Wallace is learning about new resources and shares them with teachers.
- Mrs. Wallace is doing reading assessments with students to track their progress.
- **Adventure Campus Visits - Success!**
- Grade 3's were able to go to the Adventure Campus.
- It was a great day! The weather was beautiful and the students were excited to be outdoors.
- Students participated in a variety of play-based, creative and fun activities followed by a cup of hot chocolate.

Treasurer's Report:

Ryan Futers/Karen Chcoski:

- Previous Total in PVA Account \$3,073.76 (add \$261.12 Pasta Dinner) + \$3334.88 (minus \$100 teacher purchases)
- Playground: \$5000.52 Remaining
- **Glow in the Dark Dance-a-thon** (\$3638.70 + Online Donations \$490.00 = \$4128.70) *Proposed Use of Funds (Subsidizing Trips/Playground repairs.
- 25% Trips, 75% Playground? or 50-50% for each and if there is some money leftover from the trips it can go towards the playground?
- We agreed that we would like to be able to subsidize all year end trips.
- We discussed how playground repairs can be expensive and it is unpredictable when they will be needed, so we agreed it's a good idea to keep putting money aside to ensure the longevity of the playground.
- We discussed putting on School Cash Online the option for parents to donate money to help subsidize year end trips.
- Mrs. Libera will share our ideas with other members in a google form (survey) to get input.
- **Pasta Dinner and Performance Night** -(Funds collected \$1404.50 - \$1143.38 costs= \$261.12 Profit)
- **Antipastos Credit:** \$100 Proposal for Pizza Party (Contois).
- We agreed that this is a good use of the money.
- Teachers are using their \$100 for resources and have to do so by April.
- Mr.Wall wanted to ask us about him using his money for a pizza party to build community in the class. We agreed that was a good idea.

New Business (Andrew Ware):

- Cobbs Bread fundraiser replacement. Not really a concern since the Dance a thon went well and we have other events happening.
- Science Fair. Tulsie asked why there is not a science fair at Grapeview and how do we get one. Mrs. Libera says the DSBN advertises about things that are happening in the school board. There is a heritage event but there has not been anything recently about a science fair, where students would move on and compete in a DSBN competition. Mrs. Libera will look into it.

- Andrew raised a concern that the elevator is not in good shape and a student was not able to attend class because the elevator was not available. Mrs. Libera said the elevator was broken prior to March break and repairs needed to be made, it was not available for a week and a bit. There is a process: Mrs. Libera put in a work order, someone looked at it prior to the break, when he fixed the thing that was the original problem he realized that he needed a part which had to be ordered. At the time, we did not have a student who needed the elevator. The Monday after the break a student who needed it couldn't use it for two days, the person who was here to fix it on Monday had to leave due to an emergency. The elevator is now working again.
- Parent Engagement Opportunity- Speaker - Subject TBD Andrew talked about the Parent Engagement Opportunity and we could have a speaker come in from Meridian to talk about family literacy. We need to decide on a date: Mon, Tues or Wed during April. They can tailor it to what the school needs, perhaps a family budget or RESP's. Money can go towards refreshments, a gift and a raffle.

Calendar of PVA Events:

Apr - Parent Engagement Opportunity- Speaker - Meridian to talk about family literacy.

May - Community/Culture Day - 18th? The subcommittee will be meeting to discuss this further.

June - No PVA Events

Next Meeting Date/Time:

May 23rd @ 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons (last meeting of the year)

Every Other 4th Tuesday of the Month

