



GRAPEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:00 PM Start: Learning Commons

Attendees: Mrs. Libera, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Carnegie, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Armstrong, Andrew Ware, Rachel Mowat, Renita Wiebe, Taylor Glover, Sakis Mamouzellos, Tulsie Araghubir, Karen Chcoski, Gauri Dev, Heather Heffernan, 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:

- **Graeme Hogg** - Vice Principal
- **Neil Carnegie** - Learning Resource Teacher

- **Nicole Wallace** - Renewal Support Teacher
- **Angela Smith** - Educational Assistant

Approval of Last Month's Minutes (Sept): To be done at the start of each meeting and then posted to our website following the meeting.

Principal's Report:

1. Open House: Thank You to PVA volunteers and Mrs. Wallace and Miss Pulice.

- We received great feedback from families and students.
- It was a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who was able to come. It was exciting to have students show their parents their classrooms and work.

2. Survey Data (Open house and link sent home)

- The link that was sent out had two questions for parents to complete. What community events were done in the past that you would like to see again? Any new ideas for community events?

3. Day of Stem/Book Fair

- Mr. Armstrong talked about the Day of Stem, on Thurs Dec 8th. The whole school is involved. The gym is taken over for a day and a half for the younger grades. They participate in a cardboard maze and hands on activities. Junior grades plan activities for younger grades. Grade 4's complete an Interactive Net assignment. Grade 5's are doing robot hands. Grades 5/6 focus on electricity, coding a write ring game. Grade 6's complete Interactive Biodiversity boards. Grades 7/8 have guest speakers. They have their own operation board. Every day, Stem has a fashion show called the B-bot fashion show.
- On Thurs Dec 8th Mr. Armstrong is asking for help with the Book Fair and to watch some activities from 4-6pm.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will happen the week of Dec 5-8th, Mon-Thurs in the Learning Commons. Students can bring money to school to purchase books. Mr. Armstrong will stay every day Mon-Fri until 4pm, so when

parents pick up their children from school they can go into the Book Fair and purchase books.

4. Jersey Donation: Ecco Electric - Jersey's ordered!

- Replacing 12 Jerseys and 12 shorts, so 30 jerseys will be available for all athletics.
- When the jerseys come in, we will have students wear the jerseys, take a picture, sign a ball and give that to Ecco Electric to say thank you.

5. Halloween Plans: parade, alternate activities, snack expectations, costume expectations

- On Monday Oct 31st in the morning we will have a Halloween parade that will take place just after entrance and attendance at 9:15am.
- Parents can come to the back of the field and watch the parade. The parade will be around the back of the school on the field. Students will be going out the same doors they leave through at the end of the day. There will be an order for lining up, each class will be called down. Students will do a lap or two around the field and go through the doors they normally go through.
- If it is raining, we will welcome parents in and we will have an alternate plan.
- Avoid costumes that are representative of another persons' culture.
- For students who choose not to participate there will be activities happening in the Learning Commons with Mr. Armstrong.
- If parents are sending snacks in please make sure they are pre packaged and some of the snacks will be sent home.

6. Remembrance Day Assembly

- This is the first assembly with students who may have never been part of an assembly. Time will be spent teaching students what that looks like and what the expectations are. Different teachers are working on the program. Some students will be involved in the planning.
- The DSBN is asking that community members not join in to avoid large crowds.

7. Extracurriculars

- **Choir Club:** It has been a wonderful turn out. The students will be presenting at the Remembrance Day Assembly: speaking duet, speaking poem *In Flanders Fields* and the other where they say the words to Beatles *Imagine*. Lots of things around the arts, not just singing, such as playing instruments, mini plays etc. We are in the middle of renaming the club and reaching out to see what students would like to learn. The Club allows students to volunteer, and can come and go as they like. The planning for the Remembrance Day Assembly required commitment to go to all the rehearsals. Rehearsals are during nutrition breaks. Mrs. Wallace is setting up a Google Classroom Choir Club to communicate info like dates of rehearsals and when the Club is meeting, permission to have students' pictures taken. Next week rehearsal is Mon, Wed, Fri during nutrition break, the week of Remembrance day the days reverse. Grades 1-8
- **Board Game Club:** Mr. Gark is supervising this club. Students play chess but can also bring in games. Ambitious Grade 6's want to do Bay Blade games. This takes place in the Learning Commons during lunch, starting Thursday Oct 27th.
- **Intermediate Volleyball:** Canada Games Location for finals in the last two weeks of Nov 20-30th. The season is wrapping up the week before.
- **Cross Country:** It was a great turn out, 8 students went to the district level
- **Flag Rugby:** It was a good turn out and thanks to parents who sat through the weather. It was exciting and the kids had a blast, some wins, losses and a tie.
- **Triple Ball:** Junior addition of Volleyball. Only league play, there is no tournament. It is an adapted version of volleyball to learn the skills in having a full volleyball game, allowing for better engagement for everyone. Mr. Whitehead is putting together coaches, it will happen during nutrition breaks. Intermediates will be running most of it, teachers will be there to supervise to get everyone involved. Mr. Whitehead is putting together a sign up to gain interest and it should start next week.
- **Basketball Club:** This is an ongoing thing where Mr. Gark and Ms. Wilson give students an outlet to play basketball, Grades 7 and 8.

8. Take Me Outside Week

- Students went out at least 2 times each that week, most went out much more, team building activities outside and more gym time outside.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Chcoski/Ryan Futers:

- School Council Insurance Purchased from council funds (\$167.40)
- \$2740.78 in PVA Account (minus \$167.40) Leaves \$2573.38
- Playground: \$5000.52 Remaining (Playground Inspection complete and ready for review) The results of the review will be shared in the PVA meeting.
- Playground is 11 years old, and as it continues to age, we want to be cognisant that the cost to maintain it will cost money.
- Karen put a proposal forward that the PVA give \$100 to each teacher to purchase what they want for their classrooms to support student engagement. Some money is offered to the ECE's and part time teachers. All parents agreed this was a good idea.

New Business:

- **Grad Hoodies:** can be ordered online.
- **PVA Meeting Dates:** Council discussion about next date (Nov or Dec) We decided on November 22, 2002.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** Late Nov. Date TBD. In-person meetings after school for one evening. If it doesn't work you can talk to your child's teacher to set up an alternative time to meet or have a phone call.
- **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC):** hosting a virtual networking event for all School Council Chairs, on Wednesday, November 2nd from 6:30pm.-7:30pm. Andrew is attending and will bring the information back to the PVA
 - PIC Speaker series is back! dsbn.org/pic/speakerseries.html (link will be in Newsletter) - **Thurs. Nov. 17th 6:30-8:00pm** - "Happy Parents, Happy Kids" by Ann Douglas. Anxiety/ Stress and Worry. Helping parents with a toolbelt of how to work through some of those things with your child. The link to sign up will be in this month's newsletter or on the DSBN website.

Andrew Ware:

- **Calendar of Events/Plan for the Year** (fundraising for school and community initiatives, school culture building/family engagement activities at no cost to participants, suggestions for new ideas)

- **Fundraising** initiative ideas for this year: FlipGive, COBS, Bake Sales, Dance-a-thons, Raffle Baskets, Bathbombs, Pizza, Silent Auction, Book Fair
- Dec: Book Fair/Day of Stem
- Dec: Bathbombs, Nov 4 we have to get the forms out. Tulsie will connect with the owner and decide on what Bathbombs will be offered. We can purchase them on School Cash Online. Info for this fundraiser will be added to the October newsletter. Mrs.Libera will look into whether multiple homes can purchase the Bathbombs and if we can round up the cost in School Cash Online.
- Taylor will look into the Cobs Bread Fundraiser so we don't miss out on that.
- Taylor suggested we do the Dance-a-Thon/Bake Sale/Glow Sticks in February. All students participate. Put on School Cash Online so parents can donate if they want.
- Community Event: TBD, perhaps in May or April. We would need a sub-committee.
- **Parent/Caregiver engagement opportunities:** Guest Speaker/ProGrant. Brainstorm ideas that we can discuss at future meetings. Tulsie suggested a panel of women to present during International Women's Day.
- Renita suggested doing a donation/sale of Gryphon wear that we can do the same night as the Book Fair
- **Daycare Provision:** there are older students present during PVA meetings to provide care for younger children.

Supporting the Learning Agenda:

- **Learning Renewal:** Classroom Teacher/Renewal Support Teacher (K-2)/LLI Tutors/LRT (Gr 3-8)/MRC/Instructional Coach -Training
- PA Day Activities Yesterday
- Teachers were working through class profiles, all the students in a teacher's class and tracking data to make decisions on students' needs, strengths and where supports are needed. Teachers can see where they can provide additional support.
- Other half of the day was designated to Health and Safety training.
- Nov 17th **Progress Reports/Communication of Learning** go home. Don't wait until this date to see how your child is doing. Connect with your child's teacher and they will reach out to you so you can ask any questions.

Next Meeting Date/Time:

Tuesday November 22nd, 2002 @ 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons
Usually Every Other 4th Tuesday of the Month - To be determined