



**Guthrie Public School  
School Council  
Monday Nov 6, 2023  
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Dianna Wright-Drzazga (Principal), Lisa Aldersey (Vice-Principal), Amanda Sutton (Chair), Melanie Murphy (secretary), Tara Tarcza, Kate Ballentyne, Whitney Townsend

**Regrets** – Laura Geertsma (Co-Chair), Andrea Webster (Treasurer), Donna Cramp, Pete Cramp

**Review & Passing of Meeting Minutes – October Meeting Minutes Reviewed and circulated**

**1. Principals Report**

<b>Well-Being</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. As a staff we are looking at direct teaching of mental health promotion strategies; we are using strategies from <a href="#">School Mental Health Ontario</a> the strategy for the month of November is “Let it Go and Stretch”</li><li>2. Healthy Schools Certification - we are partnering with our Public Health Nurse through SMDHU to work on our school healthy living goals; focusing on outdoor learning and activity</li></ol>
<b>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Days of Awareness / November Heritage Months:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Staff took part in PD during the October PD Day on how to integrate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into classrooms and the school</li></ol></li><li>a. Sultans of String performed for Grades 4-8 students and showcased music from around the world</li><li>2. Student involvement - We are continuing to look at different ways for students to be involved in the school in different ways - Spirit team, sports teams, Circle of Friends, Kindergarten helpers, student voice, campfire club</li></ol>

3. VP shared information about the Campfire Club – Campfire Club is about understanding what identity is and being respectful & accepting. Mission statement provided and read aloud - It's a safe place for kids to bring up concerns. Developed from the idea that students can be allies with each other and students being a voice for a positive community and advocates for each other. Guthrie wants to ensure there is a variety of clubs where kids can be included.

### Community

1. Remembrance Day - our student assembly will be on Nov. 10th during the middle block
2. Barrie Colts Assembly - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>
3. Barrie Colts game (vs. Owen Sound Attack) on Nov. 23rd (we have currently sold to 20 families, accounting for 93 tickets)
4. Tickets on sale until Nov. 16th

### Excellence in Teaching and Learning

1. EQAO Scores:
  - IIR reports will be coming home to families this week if they had a student in Grade 3 or 6 last year
  - Math:** Grade 3 - 78% (SCDSB 59%, Provincial 60%); Grade 6 - 56% (SCDSB 44%, Provincial 50%)
  - Literacy:** Reading Grade 3 - 76% (SCDSB 68%, Provincial 73%); Writing Grade 3 - 66% (SCDSB 60%, Provincial 65%)
  - Reading - Grade 6 - 78% (SCDSB 79%, Provincial 84%); Writing - Grade 6 - 71% (SCDSB 75%, Provincial 84%)
2. Student Conferences / Progress Reports
  - Progress reports will be going on this Thursday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Conferences will be taking place during the week of Nov. 13 - 17; parents were sent a link to sign up on School Interviews
  - Booking online interviews seem seamless for parents and teachers - successful

**ACTION :** Council requested a list of clubs that are available so parents know what they can maybe encourage for their children

- Brainstorming on how to get the list of clubs available to everyone - possibly the newsletter?

3. PIC/PRO grant update – looking at if this needs to be parent only or if we can include students

- Researching different workshops available

- Exploring options for parents to attend / participate

**ACTION:** Council members to come to next meeting with IDEAS for the grant money to be used for

#### 5. Budget Updates

**ACTION:** Council requested a school budget update - what are the current amounts of funds that the school has and are they allocated to certain projects?

- New Sound System was requested for school - something portable to take outside
- Bluetooth capabilities
- Primary staff purchased take home reading materials

-Mark Anderson:

- Motion passed at council for purchase of new sound system

**Our next meeting is December 5th @6:30pm, 2023**