



**Guthrie Public School
School Council
Monday October 2nd, 2023
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Minutes

Attendance: Dianna Wright-Drzazga (Principal), Lisa Aldersey (Vice-Principal), Amanda Sutton (Co-Chair), Laura Geertsma (Co-Chair) Melanie Murphy (secretary), Andrea Webster (Treasurer), Tara Tarcza, Kate Ballentyne, Pete Cramp, Whitney Townsend, Donna Cramp

Regrets – Rob Ashwood

Review & Passing of Meeting Minutes – 1st meeting of the school year

- 1. Welcome and election of new council -** Dianna Wright-Drzazga welcome meeting attendees.

Chair & Co-Chair - Amanda Sutton (Co-chair), Laura Geertsma (Co-Chair)

Treasurer – Andrea Webster

Secretary - Melanie Murphy

2. Principals Report

Well-Being
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rainbows Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Program running again & supports students who have experienced loss2. Terry Fox Run, Classroom Buddies, support through Learning Centre, Oro Fair<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exceeded Goal for Terry Fox run - approx. \$4500- Received 1st in the Oro Fair Hay Bail competition

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1. Orange Shirt Day

- Students tied ribbons to fence as part of the Truth & Reconciliation Day

2. Halloween at Guthrie

- Culture is not a Costume
- Reviewed culture appropriation and Halloween costumes school rules
- All school treats need to be packaged/ store brought & on a per class basis
- Friday Oct 27th - Spirit Day / Costume Dress Up

3. Approved Celebration Days

- SCDS has provided a list of approved celebration days, all schools need to stay within the list. Council members reviewed and circulated list.

Community

1. Pizza Q (Open House)

- Volunteer table set up upon students and parents arriving
- Kate B to help run the table and provide volunteer forms to parents for the school

2. Student Conference

- Link sent out to parents to sign up for conferences week of Nov13th

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

1. SCDSB Strategies Priorities

- New Literacy program implemented
- EQAO test results being provided to schools

2. Prologue for the performing arts

- Families have the options to purchase performance tickets on School Cash for 2 performances coming to the school gym for each the K-3 & 4-8 grades
- Performances out of the school are harder to coordinate with bussing, etc.

3. Fundraising

- a) Big Box Fundraiser – running month of October,
- b) Barrie Colts Fundraiser – game day Nov. 23rd, school assembly Nov. 14

- c) Hot Lunch Program – currently running pizza, subs, and pasta; council talked about possibly adding some different hot lunches

Council reviewed last year's fundraising plan and added Gift Baskets, Spring Carnival, and Donations to the fundraising plan to be submitted to the board for approval. All council members reviewed and can make amendments accordingly throughout the school year

4. Funding support requests

- a) \$100 per classroom for incentives /consumables
- b) Field Trips / presentations
- c) Phys Ed. Equipment to support Healthy Schools

Above support requests are included on fundraising plan. As well, discussed providing an option on School Cash to be able to donate to a specific cause within the school (I.e. Classroom incentives, Field Trips, etc)

Other items:

- Discussed classroom organization & how it works internally. Essentially it is a mandate from the school board/Ministry in terms of staffing levels and then we have to staff the school accordingly.
- It was a big shift this year and we lost a Kindergarten Classroom

Our next meeting is November 6th @6:30pm, 2023