

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Minutes

Monday April 9th, 2018 at 18:30

Attendance

- Jennifer Richardson (Co-chair)
- Joanne Long (Co-chair)
- Tina DeLaire (Principal)
- Justin Weller (Vice Principal)
- Janice Breadmore (Community Representative)
- Chris Miles (Teachers Representative)
- Jane Neppen (Secretary)
- Voting members:
- Jamie Draganac
- Jessica Ryckman
- Steph Adams
- Lisa Waddell
- Christine Munroe
- Tara Filteau-Ghafoori (Non-voting)
- Colleen Allain-Hill (Non-voting)

APOLOGIES

Kathy Hammer

Welcome and Introductions

- Ms DeLaire welcomes everyone to the fifth meeting of the 2017/2018 year.

Administration Report

- Next year: Spring Staffing and projections

This is the time of the year where teachers and students are being discussed for the coming year. Staff are finding out with projections of students numbers where they will tentatively be going. The structure of the grades have changed, the school should be declaring a partial surplus. The school's student numbers are not down, and we're expecting more growth with the new sub-division coming up.

- Current activities and events: This has been a really busy time, the Google calendar is filled including field trips for various classes. It includes preparation for all the school trips. The school is just following the field trip plans, and some extras are coming up. The presentation in

April for Intermediates, called "Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls" and it will address trans-genderism as the school has a trans-gender student, and this student is on-board with this presentation.

- EQAO are happening in May, and are in full swing. Staff are preparing the students and making sure all students are accommodated.
- Our green team and organics team have been really busy, and the pupils have owned this initiative. It is about educating the kids, whom will go home and educate their parents.
- Recent Board Updates: Concussion, Protocol, Confidentiality and Privacy

There is some legislation coming in regarding concussions. There are plans in place for kids on a safety plan, if there were to be a student on one of these. Not all information is released to parents and teachers, just to know how it will impact volunteers and teachers, for example a fieldtrip. Just an information piece.

Concussion protocol has been all over the news lately. They are more adamant with pupils who might have concussion. If the school feels that there may be any reason that a student may have a concussion, it trumps the parent, whether it happened at home or at school. Even just hearing that a student may have a concussion, the school will step in and be contacting the family. Jen is asking how many teachers is first-aid trained, and Ms DeLaire answers about 6 teachers are. The concussion protocol will be added to the first-aid training as well. It can not be mandated to staff, they have to be willing to do the training themselves. We have custodial, administrative and teaching staff, that has first-aid.

Treasurer Report

- Current balances: Ms DeLaire shares the balances on profits made. There is no change to the balances. Just the initial count on our chocolate fundraiser. Just over \$8,600 has been counted today. Jen says that we should reconsider this type of fundraiser as it is really time consuming.

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Stef Adams

Seconded by: Joanne Long

Community Rep Report

- Report from Kathy Hammer: She is not present.

Fundraising Report

- Chocolate fundraiser – Help needed

At the start of the campaign, there were a lot of extra boxes, for parents that were not yet on board. After the assembly more parents came to collect boxes. For tracking purposes, for next time, there should be a system where when you sell one box, you can get another box to sell.

- Special Hot lunch in April/May/ June

April 25th is the first special hot lunch day. The forms have been sent out today. Their prices have gone up, so the council only makes a 40c profit on each hot dog. The online payment option will have to be kept up longer.

Pro-Grant

- Update on the event

It is called "Celebration of Culture at Alcona Glen". There will be food trucks set up between 5:30 and 6:30. Afterwards everyone will go inside. There is help needed to collect recipes from the community, and they will receive a fortune cookie. There will be a picture taken of the recipe, with the name of the recipe and the family's name. There are a few people needed to man the table and take the photos. There will be an email sent out to parents to tell the parents how the evening will presume. There will be live performers, and drumming, and arts, etc. It will all be explained in the email blast that will go out to the parents. If you are related to someone in Alcona Glen ES, you can attend. We decided to scale down, not to invite the whole community, but just people affiliated with people from the school. There are posters being made.

There will be story telling, arts and crafts, and some Bollywood dancing. It will be a teaching presentation. You will be coming in and receive your coloured "passport" and proceed to where you are signed up for. There will be "other" attractions like the newcomer centre, welcome centre, the library and the recipe table. Some of the other attractions will be held in the hallway. It will be called Heritage in the Halls. All classes are creating their crafts.

Joanne wants to set up a table, she got certificates, and people fill in these certificates for inclusion, and take a photo of your child with a hashtag# word, to promote awareness. It has to be manned by someone, either one of the council members, or a pupil from the Leadership team.

Janice Ramsey from the Innisfil Journal will be coming too, to write a report for the newspaper on our function. There will be a draw box, to win prizes from local cuisine. A portion of one of the food trucks, will be donated to the school. Stef is leading on this initiative.

- Next Year ideas

We can apply to again. The Ted talk guy came into Sunnybrae and had a presentation about kids and internet safety, it went really well. Just having a speaker would be easy enough. We certainly have the size of school to host something like this. A speaker could always do something with the kids during the school day, and with the parents at night.

New Business

- Update on crossing guard petition

Tara gives an update. The presentation was done last week. This was the first of many meetings with the town council. There is nothing in the budget for a new light. It will cost \$400,000 to take off the existing light. They are looking into some kind of technology to add to the lights. If there is something like that, it will most probably be done next year. Apparently

there is not enough traffic, they do a strategic plan, and they are doing it during summer, but then there is no school. It doesn't fall under their specific numbers. After the original request they said that they did send someone out, but they only replied that the situation doesn't validate a new light. They are talking about an awareness plan for parents, but it will not solve the problem. Then they talked about a crossing guard. There were two other parents from other schools there too, and everyone wants funding at their schools. There should be looked at a sub-committee, from all the schools, and create a business plan between the schools. It seems like there is no communication between the town and the school board. They can possibly allocate some of the funds, and the rest will have to be raised with fundraisers. Jen asks whether the police could be involved. Ms Delaire said they have worked with their community officer, and there has been some police presence at the school. Tara needs some feedback to lay on the table at the next meetings. There should really be a programmable system, for certain times of the day. There is an ongoing issue with the conduct of the parents at the school. It has come to Jen's attention that it is not only parents that are not proceeding into the parking lot like they should, someone has seen some of the teachers speed into the lot. The parking lot can be shut down completely, if things don't work anymore. It is the principal's liability if something happens at the school, and she is in power to tell certain people that they are forbidden to enter the school property. Tara will keep everyone posted on the outcomes, and on future meetings. Ms Delaire thanks her for advocating for the school.

- Stef said that if the school is interested in the fundraiser at Eggsmart for the school, she has opened a few spots. A portion of the sales will go to the school. The idea is to come in as families, and come out and eat. Eggsmart did very well for Goodfellow for the fundraiser in the past. Ms Delair says no for April, just because it is so busy. Maybe in the month of May.
- It will be jersey day this week. Wednesday is the National day of Pink, not only against bullying, but for inclusion as well. Thursday will be the day for support for the hockey team from Humboldt. There will also be an opportunity for fundraising. The school's flag is at half mast in memory of the victims.
- Ms Delaire asks if we committed to an allocation for money to the teachers. Teachers spend a lot in their classrooms, and they will request a refund from the principal. She wants to be able to allocate for example \$50 per teacher. It is in classroom needs. The council votes on \$50 for each teacher for the year.
- Ms Delaire thanks everyone for their support, with the school and with the multicultural evening.

Dismissal

The meeting adjourned at 7:45, thank you to everyone that attended

Upcoming Meetings for 2017/2018

- May 7th
- June 4th