

Alcona Glen E.S. School Council Agenda

Monday May 7th, 2018, 18:30

- **Attendance**

- Jennifer Richardson (Co-chair)
- Joanne Long (Co-chair)
- Tina DeLaire (Principal)
- Jane Nepgen (Secretary)
- Voting members:
- Jamie Draganac
- Lisa Waddell
- Christine Munroe
- Mitra Zifran
- Non-voting members:
- Tara Filteau-Ghafoori
- Kathy Hammer (Community Representative)
- Barbara Love (Community Representative for Rizzardo Wellness Centre)

APOLOGIES

Mr Weller

Mr Miles

Steph Adams

Jessica Ryckman

Administration Report

Not only was April very busy, May and June will be even more so.

- The Welcome To Kindergarten night will be hosted on May 16th
The school runs their own welcome night, whereby little bags are handed out to the kids. Invitations were sent via normal mail. An email blast will also be sent out. There will be a photo booth and little stations to prepare the kids for their first day. There will be partners coming too, like the library.
- Kindergarten Play day – it is coming up as well on June 18th.
- Volunteer Tea will be done on June 11th. Volunteers are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and some snacks. The students will create the invites.
- June 28th will be the last day of school.
- The Grade 8 Graduation will take place on June 26th – There are no more after-parties. The parents are involved in some after graduation parties, like the one being hosted at the Lion's Hall.
- School Council Annual Report – The report will be put together and be presented at the June meeting.
- Assemblies – May 31st, June – Character assembly and somewhere in June will be the end-of-year assembly.
- EQAO – starts May 22nd - the teachers are doing assessments, and students are being prepared for these tests. There are a group of students chosen by the faculty, to try and give different levels of students the capability to write the EQAO tests. Parents were notified if their kids are in this program.
- Jump Rope for Heart – June 15 – The school is supporting the initiative, there is a kick-off assembly on May 24th.
- Sports/Teams update, Track & Field (area) June 7th, Jr Basketball done, 3 Pitch has started – Our school is unique regarding the participation for school track –and-field day. We don't reward the students the same way the other schools do, we encourage all students to participate. The students need to realize that there are expectations into some of the events. All students need to be included. The school will gather some student, parent and community feedback. The way we do it, requires more time from the staff.

- Filedtrips coming up: Gr 7 – Kandalore, Gr 8 – Ottawa will be the week of June 4th
Other trips are happening as well. New protocol in place for the trips (Grade 7 and 8), the students had to go for swim to survive course.

Treasurer Report

- Current balances
Balance updates
 1. Chocolate Fundraiser – just over \$7,000.00 was raised, but a lot of volunteer hours were needed. If something like this will be attempted again, there will have to be more help from the school council. The challenge was that there were only 4 people volunteering to help. The profit for sales is going towards student technology, presentations and programs, and classroom needs. That is the allocations that the council agreed upon. For this year Ms Delaire is requesting it to be \$30, and next year it will be the \$50 expense claim.
 2. Special Hot Lunch - \$1500.00 was raised (for all 3 special lunch days)
The owner of Johnny Burger came to see Ms DeLaire to ask if the school want to do an Alcona Glen Day. The school is on board for this, just waiting for his email regarding all the details. Jen will reach out to him regarding this. Doing it for June 7th (fundraiser day for Johnny Burger where people go out and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the school.

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved: Joanne Long

Seconded: Mitra Zafron

Community Rep Report

- Report from Kathy Hammer
Silver Birch was won by Alcona Glen for the first time in over 15 years. Registration week starts tomorrow for the programs. She explains the programs to the council. She also reminds that there are Drop-In days on PA days. They last for about 3 hours per day. There is always a staff member on duty.

She explains about the short story author visits, and needs ideas of authors (preferably in the province) from the council. Bring to the next meeting. There are adult book clubs too, and more spaces have been opened for it. The brochure can be dropped off at the office to give to parents registering Kindergarten students.

- Visitor from the new Health Hub

Ms DeLaire welcomes Barb Love. She gives a little background for the Rizzaro project. It is a community healthy hub, a health and wellness centre. It all should be in one place, because a lot of residents in Innisfil, have to travel out of the county to receive medical help from their own doctor. For Innisfil residents, we have to travel between 15 and 45 minutes to the nearest hospital. She explains how the model will work for Rizzardo within the next 10 years, what can be expected from there on and beyond. This will lead up to a full acute Care hospital within 20+ years. The Rizzardo project was supposed to be a 10 year plan, but it will be opened by next year in February. It also has the potential to create job opportunities within the Innisfil community. She explains what services will be immediately available. There will also be a number of programs that will tie into each other. There will be outdoor spaces tying into these programs. There will have to be fundraised for making these programs happen in the community. They are asking for the school councils' help for ideas, and what needs there are within our communities. Jen asks if there will be enough family doctors to cater to all the residents who don't have a doctor. There will be 5 doctors, and one would be able to sign on to become a patient of one of the 5 doctors. The doctors will be part of the community health team. The clinic currently in the town hall will be moved to the centre too. Send an email to yourhealth@innisfil.ca to receive all the info for when people can sign up for a family doctor. One of the questions raised is, will there be programs for grandparents raising grandchildren. There will be support programs for that. Are there any programs for addiction? Yes there will be programs for addictions too. She asks that we give more ideas of what the community needs in this program. Are there any programs around maternal mental health, there will be. There will also be a community Hospice.

Getting the message out there, seems to be pretty hard. Social media and news stations like CTV can be used to promote the Wellness Hub to the community. Sharing info at the YMCA will get the word out as well. There will be an information session on the 15th at the library for the whole community of Innisfil. There has to be community engagement to establish the needs of the surrounding community.

Fundraising Report

- Chocolate bar fundraiser update
- Special Hot lunch in May/June
- Greeting Card fundraiser for the fall/just cookie dough. It was at one of the previous meetings, where Jen showed the cards to the members. Jen wants to enquire so we can benefit from their programs. Jen contacted QSP to ask if we could just do the cookies and not the magazines. There are now new unicorn cookies. It can be run at the same time. The greeting cards should be done in September (Monday Sept 24th) and the cookie dough should be done in October.
- Changes to the fundraising plan – there are a lot of funds sitting in the account that have not been allocated. The families that fund raise are supposed to benefit from the fund raisers. We should be more intentional with spending the funds raised from the fund raisers, they have to be spent.
- Gr 7/8 fundraisers – It is the same families fundraising year after year. Jenn has asked that going forward any fundraiser that is easily separated, that the funds generated from Gr 7/8 students go into their “trip” funds (however if they choose not to attend the trip the money will go back into the school account). It is voted unanimously.

Pro-Grant

- Update on the event – recipe book
- Next Year ideas – Ted Talks is a person that presents and has talks about internet safety for children. Jen gives the amounts of what his

presentations would cost the council to have him host one of these. Ms DeLaire said that she will also inquire about one of the other presenters that works mostly with Child Depression and Anxiety and maybe the council can partner the 2 of them up for a joint presentation. Jen will also reach out to the other schools' councils to discuss having this as a joint presentation.

New Business

- Staff lunch

Jen said that this is something that has been done by the council and by volunteers for the staff. There are however families in our community that has a hard time feeding their families, and asked if they can show their appreciation in other ways. Most parents buy end-of-year gifts for the teachers already. There are 40 + teachers at the school currently. Ms Delaire is happy to convey that she was part of the school council's decision should we decide to not do the appreciation lunch this year. The council votes that the lunch will not be done this year.

- Change to teacher amounts as discussed at last meeting
- The Lunch Lady will be attending one of the future meetings. Pasta Plus is not willing to share their ingredients because our school has a nut-free policy and many students have other allergies too.

Dismissal

Upcoming Meetings June 4th