

GORDON SAC MINUTES

January 2015

PRESENT: Lisa Mooney, Ted Waskawich, Judy Cowell, Nikki Boon, Athina Paraskevopoulos, Sheri Sinclair, Diana Dusome , Tony D'Alessandro, Greg Watson, Amanda Filion, Rob Snelgrove, Melissa Coholan, Krystle Chatel

Administration Report:

French Open House was a success once again. As of date we will have 22 students enrolled for September 2016.

Kindergarten Open House will take place on January 28th.

Christmas Concert was a smashing success. The theatre was packed! For next year we may need to reformat the concert to divisional performances to accommodate the amount of people attending our performances. Special thanks go out to the staff for organizing such a wonderful concert in such short time.

Mrs. Bering has joined the Gordon Staff as our new secretary. Please stop by the office to say hello.

EQAO practice tests will begin on January 27th. Students in grade 3 and 6 will be given the chance to practice test questions and environment before the actual testing in May/June.

Gordon staff are busy preparing for Gordon's Math Night. We will be pulling on the great evening we had last year. The Ministry of Education has published information on how to host a Math Night, and Gordon had previously met those initiatives. Great job staff. Look for the Math Night to be held sometime in April.

Cash Online will begin at Gordon on February 29th. Parents will create an online account to pay for all school purchases including spirit wear, pizza lunches, milk orders, fieldtrips, and so on. You can go to the Gordon Website to create an account, which will take less than three minutes. Each time there is something for sale at the school an email will be sent to the account holder. This will save time and money for the school and staff.

Chair Report:

Lisa presented the DSBN draft school year calendar for 2016-2017. The DSBN is proposing changing the Christmas break from the one suggested by the Ministry of Education. Gordon parents are in favour of the proposed changes and Lisa will bring that feedback to the Calendar Committee. The calendar will need to be approved at both the Board and the Ministry level before it is finalized.

Lisa shared with parents the Strategic Planning information for the DSBN. Currently, the DSBN is looking for feedback using the star strategy on its website. The information gathered will help create the Strategic Plan for the DSBN for the next five to ten years. Please share your thoughts with the board.

The Gordon PRO Grant Evening will be taking place on February 24th. We will be hearing from Helen Campbell, John Dickson, and Justin Dube regarding Mental Health. They will discuss community agencies, DSBN and Ministry of Education initiatives. Please invite family and friends to attend.

Financial Report:

There was no financial report given.

Next Meeting:

March 29th, 2016.