

Gordon School Parent Council

September 27, 2016

In Attendance:

Darcie Lewis

Justine Podetz

Kerri Turner

Athina Paraskevopoulos

Sheri Sinclair

Diana Dusome

Lisa Mooney

Debbie Stock

Aletha Romagnoli

Jessica Smith

Barbara Durley

Judy Cowell

Michelle Leone

Chris Seabrook

Ted Waskawich

Amanda Lilley

Miss Sauve

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Mr. Watson

Mr. D'Alessandro

- Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, which had been held on May 2016.

- Reviewed the School Council Code of Ethics

- Advised of the option of purchasing additional insurance, that is separate from the school insurance, specifically for the purpose of coverage for the Parent Council. This was discussed, a vote was held. The vote decided that the insurance covering Parent Council will be purchased. The cost is \$151.20 annually.

- The Board of Education is currently completing revisions of certain policies. These policies are available on the Board's website, and they are receiving comments from those who wish to review and comment, under those policies that are currently up for review. If this is an interest, please visit the website for review.

- The Elections were held, for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members. All those in favor of running for a position had the opportunity to put their name in for each position. One person per position stepped forward, and in doing so, was accepted for the position, as no one opposed.

Chair: Lisa Mooney

Vice Chair: Sheri Sinclair

Secretary: Amanda Lilley

Treasurer: Ted Waskawich

Members: As listed in Attendance

- The financial report was covered (details to be added by Lisa Mooney)

- Fundraising was not discussed at this time, as it will be discussed through a sub-committee, as will the Fun Fair. It was noted that we raised an additional \$341 (approx increase) at the 2016 Fun Fair, than the 2015 Fun Fair. Sub-committees were created as per sign up sheets, but anyone is always welcome to join, even if they are only able to volunteer some of their time. All volunteers are needed and appreciated! Sub-committees have been started for Fundraising, Fun Fair, and Parent Involvement.

As per the sign up sheets so far,

The Fundraising Committee consists of; Barbara Durley, Judy Cowell, Diana Dusome, Sheri Sinclair, Amanda Lilley, Kerri Turner, Athina Paraskevopoulos, Chris Seabrook, and Lisa Mooney.

The Fun Fair Committee consists of; Jessica Smith, Sheri Sinclair, Judy Cowell, Diana Dusome, Athina Paraskevopoulos, Kerri Turner, Amanda Lilley, Ted Waskawich, Chris Seabrook, Lisa Mooney, and Steve Dube.

The Parent Involvement Committee consists of; Darcie Lewis, Aletha Romagnoli, Jessica Smith, Justine Podetz, Sheri Sinclair, Diana Dusome, Amanda Lilley, Athina Paraskevopoulos, Kerri Turner, and Chris Seabrook.

- The Parent Reaching Out grant, was applied for last year, and we received \$1000 from this grant. We are hoping to apply for this grant again this year, to use towards Parent Involvement opportunities. There is potential for a visit from a member of the board, to have them come in to discuss a topic of their choosing.

The PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Night is coming up on November the 2nd. It is an annual conference that is held, which offers information on a variety of topics regarding schooling and our children. You can sign up for the sessions that you are interested in learning about by registering online at dsbn.org/pic.

- The fundraising for the Intermediate Trip was discussed/reviewed, as per Mr. D'Alessandro and Mr. Watson, as to what the school is completing for fundraising. If the parents and students wish to complete private fundraising, that will be up to the parents to create a group to plan such events. A timeline of fundraising events that the school will be completing was provided, so any private fundraising can be set outside of the times that the school is completing fundraising.

- Diana Dusome brought forward information about March being the month of "happiness", and discussed how the school can assist in supporting this. The school is able to apply to be apart of this movement, at livehappy.com. The deadline for the application is January 27, 2017. Anyone wishing to look into this, may do so. Nothing was discussed futher on this, at this time.

- Lisa Mooney brought forward information on "Orange Shirt Day" for Fridays. Wearing orange shirts in representation of the "I Matter" campaign. This was discussed, but no motions were made at this time.

- Every year, the Parent Council makes a donation of \$500 towards the graduation of the Grade 8's who are in attendance at Gordon. This was discussed, and will be discussed more in the future. Graduation Day is June 26th!

Meeting was adjourned. Going forward, Parent Council meetings will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. The next meetings are set as, November 21st, January 23rd, March 27th, and May 29th.