



GORDON SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thursday November 30, 2017.

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Tony D'Alessandro, Krista Kiemele, Mrs. Munderich, Lisa Mooney, Jessica, Miss Stickels, Judy, Michelle, Barb, Allison

Regrets: Kyle Smith, Brenda MacFarlane, Chris Seabrook

- 1) Lisa called meeting to order & welcomed group.
- 2) Adoption of last meeting's minutes (Motion to approved – Michelle, Seconded – Judy, Passed)
- 3) Administrator's Report
 - Tony presented and reviewed the 2018 Gordon School Improvement Plan – Literacy, Math, Grow-mind set. These are developed in connection to our area schools, the school board & ministry
 - High-school open houses are happening throughout DSNB this week
 - First week of January – French Immersion Open House
 - Last week of January – Kindergarten Open House
 - Gordon school Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday Dec. 18th at Centennial High School this year. Typical to expect 1100 people in audience. Big thank you to Miss. Stickles for coordinating the concert
 - Kindergarten Concert and joy day will take place that morning in gym
 - Playground is back in operation. Playground repairs and rototilling came in under budget @ \$3284.75
 - New – due to our large primary numbers we will utilize the front parking lot zone for inclement weather days. Pylons and new equipment for this have been purchased
 - During winter freeze playground will be closed again – pea gravel is unsafe when frozen
 - School being wired for better wifi
 - Salvation Army – mitten tree and canned good drive will start shortly

Question from parent to administration -

- Due to the switch from math instruction in French to English. She shared some concern about the overall amount of French instruction time and whether students would be meeting number of hours required for immersion bilingualism – Tony and Krista assured that because of grade 1 entry and changes across years for instruction that students will meet these requirements

- Tony and Krista discussed that they are balancing staff capabilities, French materials, and the new curriculum mandate. They are working on hiring teachers who can cover prep courses in French as well.
- 4) Chair report
- We have a \$500 fund to “engage parents” from the ministry through the school board. In previous years we have combined these funds with the PRO grant to host Parent and Family Engagement Events
 - o Barb motioned to use funds for evening event combined with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) event. Second by Allison. Passed.

5) Financial Report

Della Terra Fundraiser – 82 students participated – sold 408 bottles = \$1800 raised
 Vermeers – over 300 items sold - \$1353 raised

Discussion:

Cash online helped for sure. Allison recommended a note on the fundraiser to indicate what it is for.

6) Fundraising Committee

Discussion around long term planning for a playground rebuild – and whether we ear mark a playground fundraiser for future. Concern about labelling money in that way just in case something emergent arises we would not have access to these funds. Tabled discussion for future.

Pick-up date for Della Terra

Tuesday morning delivery - Dec. 5th – will deliver to learning commons

Wednesday evening pick-up – 3:00 to 6:00 pm

7) Parent Involvement opportunities

Draft calendar for 2018/2019 – Lisa can take feedback to committee

Board has new policies on website available for feedback – re: coop education, assault, use of mobile devise by students

<https://www.dsbns.org/about/policies/policy-feedback>

Province has announced review of assessment, reports, & curriculum.

Information sessions being held and you can participate online:

<http://ontariolearningprovince.ca/participate>

Education Foundation for Niagara – each Christmas you can gift in the name of your teacher. They fund many great projects locally for kids in need

<http://efnniagara.dsbns.org/>

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday January 25

NOTE: Meetings will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm