



GORDON SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thursday March 29, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Michelle Leone, Lisa Mooney, Mrs. Kimele, Jessica Smith, Shirley Edwards, Rob Snelgrove, Sam Mundrich, Judy, Chris Seabrook

Regrets: Barbara, D'Arcy, Brenda

Adoption of last meeting's minutes

Motioned: Michelle, Second by Judy, Carried

Chair Report

- New school board policies available online for parent review, of particular interest to parents may be Community use of Schools and fundraising initiated by students
<https://www.dsbns.org/about/policies/policy-feedback>
- Ministry of Ed released significant spending for special education support improvements. Coming in the form of needs assessment, behaviour management, speech & language services, increased funding for guidance for the transition into high school.
- Lisa was in attendance at Board meeting when Mrs. Moore presented with 4 Gordon students regarding STEAM night and it was excellent.

Administrator's Report

STEAM Night saw over 200 participants! Thank you to the high school volunteers who helped and to Judy who helped organize them. The night was met with great enthusiasm and led to the lead teacher Mrs. Moore being invited by our area superintendent to present to the board about the evening. Which was a great success.

- 302 tickets were sold for the Ice Dogs game
- All hardware is installed for New WiFi
- Grade 8 graduation is planned for Tuesday June 26th - Graduation preparation is underway. We have in school committees working on ceremony, and committee also working on "after ceremony"
- Rototill for playground is scheduled for spring at \$169.99 +hst
- EQAO scheduled for May 22 to June 4

Fundraising Committee

Fun Fair will be May 10, 2018

Letter available for canvassing for donations.

- Experiences, restaurants, gift certificates, or cash so we can purchase prizes are all welcome.

Admin will include note for donations from parents on the next newsletter and will invite new to the school families to attend (e.g. JK, incoming FI students)

Financial Report

Nothing to report. No debits or credits to report

Motion to pay for Rototill for Playground at \$169.99 +hst

Moved by Chris – Second by Jessica – Carried

2018-2019 PRO Grant

Applications are open now for 2018/2019 and are due in June 2018.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML>

Past events at Gordon have included Math Night, STEAM night, Mental Health Night, Internet Safety Night.

The 2018/2019 “special” considerations are: supporting and engaging parents not already engaged, indigenous, PSE, math. These considerations can help improve application success.

Ideas discussed:

- Have we exhausted our math/steam capabilities, should we try something else? We depend on school/teacher planning and support.
- Consensus to pursue Indigenous art for 2018/2019
- Possible to pursue the option of combining with sister schools Fitch & Glendale to apply for greater dollars once we hear from our teachers
- Mrs. Kiemele will take back to staff for comment and further ideas.
- Lisa will complete the grant application after hearing from staff

Parent Involvement

nothing to report

Next Meeting: May 24