



GORDON SCHOOL COUNCIL

October 2018

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Alison Cousineau, Kendra Timlock, Alison Steele, Shirley Edwards, Heather Munderich, Darcie Lewis, Michelle Leone, Athina Paraskevopoulos, Barbara Durley, Jessica Smith, Chris Seabrook, Jennifer Stuart, Judy Cowell, Lara Strebul, Lynn Walbourne, Diana Dusome, Liz Grebe, Lisa Mooney, Tony D'Alessandro, Krista Kimmel

Welcome and Call to Order

Elections

Co-Chairs – Alison, Alison
Moved by Alison & Judy – Carried

Secretary – Michelle
Carried

Treasurer – Barbara
Carried

Adoption of last meetings minutes

Moved by Lisa & Darcy
Carried

Past Chair Report

Ministry of Education opened multiple consultations that may be of interest. (e.g. parents bill of rights & health education)

Register for the DSBN Parent Involvement Conference – November 7th, 2018 at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Great speakers, vendors, dinner and child care provided. <https://www.dsbn.org/pic/>

PRO Grant which we have applied for has not yet been announced (we applied for a grant to offer a First Nations education night)

- Tony shared that there is a staff lead to take on the planning date to be determined once the funding is committed.
- UPDATED – PRO grants have been put on hold - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/metro-morning/segment/15616714>

2018/2019 Meeting Dates

4th Thursday, every other month at 6:30 pm

Thursday November 29

Thursday January 24

Thursday March 28

Thursday May 23

Administrator's Report

School Council financial statement – current balance = \$9,348.73

- These are school council funds as a result of school council funding such as fun fair

Gordon Playground Trust Account – current balance approx. \$10,000

- These funds are a result of board wide fundraising and has been gifted from school to parent council for a playground rebuild
- Currently playground is in good but declining condition

Kitchen update is being planned for this year. Current kitchen is original so approximately 75 years old. New stove, fridge, counters, & sinks are in the new plan

Niagara Nutrition Partners is currently offering fruit & snacks (yogurts, melba toast) 3 days/week at Gordon. The agency is interested in offering 5 days/week and a kitchen update will help ensure the snacks can be fresh or perishable.

<https://www.niagaranutritionpartners.ca/>

10 trees were planted around school grounds in the Spring and all have survived the summer.

Pavement was repainted with purposely active and engaging games/activities. JK/SK are enjoying the extra space and active play. Gordon branding was used throughout.

Some unfortunate vandalism occurred over the summer on school grounds. Thankfully nothing too serious but an annoyance. Therefore two additional cameras

have been added, more lighting is coming. If you hear of something or see anything please call police – they are aware of the situation.

Wednesday night is parent information night for the grade 7/8's heading to Quebec City. Looking to get 80 kids signed up to keep price reasonable.

Super Saver coupons, Magazines, cookie dough fundraiser is on and supporting the entire school. Participating Grade 7/8's will receive the funds from their fundraisers to support their field trip fees.

Wednesday November 7th – Looking for volunteers to help pass out the cookie dough in the afternoon/evening.

Vivi Fundraiser Tickets are on sale on School Cash.

- November 18 at Fonthill Legion – brunch, dinner hour, raffle prizes, cotton candy. Encouraging the Gordon community to join.
- Also school is selling Ice Cream to raise funds for the family
- As well, school is hosting a Dance-a-thon. Details to come.

School board offers insurance for school councils to purchase.

- Covers events & meetings
- \$ 151.20
- Moved by Darcy & Chris
- Carried

Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: November 29, 2018