

Minutes September 13, 2016

6:30: call to order

Laura welcome all new and returning participants. Laura reviewed the following items to govern the ethics of our meetings:

- The ethics found in our School Council Handbook
- The Tribes agreements, that all classrooms abide by
- How to get help with a concern....proper protocol to get help

Meet the Teacher Night:

- Runs from 6:00 to 7:30
- All school council executive members will have name tags so that people can identify them
- Table set up at the front of the school to welcome
- Lists for volunteer sign-up for our major fund raisers
- Police check forms available
- Collect food donations for the Brant Food Bank.....each donating family will get a ticket for prizes left over from last year.

Fundraising:

- 4 different fundraisers were discussed as options for this year, in order to generate the money for the purchase of the technology in the learning commons.
- Upon lengthy discussion, it was decided that we do all four events at different times through the year.
- Halloween Dance: Saturday, October 29
- Turkey Bingo with a Christmas Theme: Friday Dec 2
- Spaghetti Dinner: connected with Family day at some point in February
- Calendar Lottery in the spring
- Will form a committee for each of these events and will ask for donations in October. First committee meeting for the dance will be Tue. Sept 20 at 6:30

Teacher's Report:

- Great start to the school year.
- Extra Curricular events have begun....baseball for both junior and intermediate students have tournaments coming up.

Principal's report:

- Learning Commons update
 - Carpet supposed to go in on Wednesday
 - Shelves and lego wall secured by Thursday
 - Unpacking beginning on Friday
 - Students using the space on Monday
 - Optimists are interested in donating but haven't heard the details
 - Fundraising to go towards the purchase of technology
- Extra PD Day
 - Was negotiated into the collective agreement last year
 - Teachers are required to do many hours of online training and this day is set aside for that purpose.
- Mental Health Focus

- This year staff has decided that mental health will be a focus for this year
- This includes mental health of students, staff and community
- Discussed the BeWell Campaign initiated by GEDSB and how this will filter into elementary schools.
- We are at the beginning stages of our planning but are looking for ways to promote positive mental health as well as develop strategies for recharging our mental health.
- Will be embedding this into daily school practice, morning announcements, classroom activities, after school activities, school council activities

Elections:

Chair: Laura Clubine...self nomination, 1st Diane Trifunovic, 2nd Marlene Mckenzie...all in favour!

Vice Chair: Sherri Marshall...self-nomination, 1st 2ndall in favour!

Secretary: Marlene McKenzie...self-nomination, 1st 2ndall in favour!

Fund-raising: it was decided that there would be a different fund-raising chair for each of the four fundraisers this year.

- Halloween Dance: Linda Symons
- Turkey Bingo: Tanya Cole
- Spaghetti Dinner: Joanne VanPanhuis
- Calendar Lottery: Diane Trifunovic

Principal's Report

Learning Commons:

- Carpet going in on Wednesday
- Shelves being secured on Wednesday
- Lego wall going up on Thursday (hopefully)
- Tables, chairs and boxes will start getting put into place on Thursday and Friday
- Plan is that it will be open next week.

Extra PD Day:

- Part of the new collective agreements reached last year
- Safety training requirements such as Anaphylactic, WHIMIS, Health and Safety, Harrassment....each module includes watching a training video and taking a test...some take over an hour to complete.

Mental health of Students (and staff and community!)

We will be embarking on a mental health focus this year.....teaching students about things they can do proactively to ensure positive mental health, strategies for what they can do if they are struggling with maintaining positive mental health, and what to do to get help. This is a focus for students, staff and the community.

Be Well (#GEBEWell) & The Child and Youth Mental Health Strategy

Everyone has **Mental Health**. Everyone's **Wellness** is Different. How will you **Be Well**?



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1 in 5 people are affected by mental illness. Grand Erie cares deeply about the 1 but we also care about the support provided to all 5! In doing so, we recognize that everyone has mental health and everyone's wellness is different.

Wellness is defined as 'being in a good state of mental or physical health.' It's not about getting by, but rather thriving in our environments and social world.