

Draft
General Vanier school
Parent Advisory Council meeting
November 17th, 2015 7:00pm

Attendants: LeeAnn Mytz, Bob Cowie, Sloane Funk, Chris Garroni, Bill Anderson, Kara Machnicki, Michele Bishop, Kelly Guile, Tom Peever, Alana Grenier, Mikhail Gerylo, Samantha Hay, Colleen Seal, Lorna Mann, Wendy Novotny

Call to order 7:01

1 Principals Report:

Looking back

Remembrance Day: No Stone left alone Elmwood cemetery was a great success! So proud of all the GV students who were all very respectful! The feedback from the kids was also very touching and meaningful. It was such a success that the school division is talking of possibly making it bigger next year with more schools and and Brookside cemetery.

Socketober was also a huge success, 103 Virgin radio picked up all the clothes and brought them to Shilom mission

Looking forward

- We have one teacher (Ms. Burke) off on a leave back after christmas
- Another staff (Mr. Bourassa) will be leaving in February to teach the Propel Program- we have almost hired for that position.
- Successmakers information on line math program. 25 sites to masters, recognizes child's level and supports program to their level. Students usually get 15 min. Sessions, program gives them immediate feedback. Tried a different one last year but liking this program better.
- Science Learning Carousel to culminate our unit on Body Systems next Friday, November 20th the 5-6 will have about 8 stations learning about different parts of the body.
- Project Heartbeat: students went to a divisional COMMIT conference. Student who went had a student led assembly to talk about what they learned at the conference to Think Positively

from kinder to 8 as well as some motivational quotes. They will also be leading some school-wide activities starting this week called project heartbeat.

- Progress reports sent home Nov. 24 almost complete Mr. Cowie printed out a report about report cards to share at the meeting.

- Conference manager & conferences Nov. 30 question?: why can't book multiple teachers admin staff will follow up on that.

- You be the Chemist 2 grade 8 students attending U of W for competition. They get materials to study before hand. November 24 go to UofW. It is a nice way to see where we are amongst other schools and students get instant feedback

- Snowman Jam divisional singalong for the SLP students.

- Hampers we will be doing hampers again this year for the less fortunate in our community.

- Coats for Kids (students donate used winter clothing for families in need, requires contact with United Way) Grade 1/2 Sacher & Grade 7/8 Tait

- Winter concert update (December 16th 7:00 PM ATC)

2. Teacher Report: Mikhail Gerylo

- All classrooms have new recess equipment colour coded for each class in hopes they take a little more responsibility for their own classes equipment.

- Mr. G has a connection with someone from a tennis club that will give used tennis balls.
- Volleyball season is coming to an end
- Basketball season beginning
- We have started a "lap group" for our grade 1-2
- The lunch time indoor activities were postponed a week due to nice weather to enjoy outside
- Mr. G is always trying to teach the kids new recess games

3. Sub committees:

- Green team: not much to report at the moment until closer to spring however we have been informed of a competition we can apply for ground pride recognition
- Web site: still up and running nothing much more to add at the moment please forward suggestions for the site to Tom.

- We have contacted MAPC to have them possibly come to talk to us about how to become an effective and efficient PAC. We are looking into Dec. 15th or before the next PAC meeting. Further details to come.

(Note; MAPC is booked before the Jan 19th PAC meeting at 6:00)

- Play Ground Committee: we have met with a lady from the division who has given us a package of what will be needed to get this project off the ground. We will need some help with writing a letter of intent and to establish a sub committee.

Tom and Shannon will chair the sub committee
 LeeAnn and Shannon will work on the letter of intent
 Michele B. and Alana will help with Fundraisers
 Wendy and LeeAnn will be the school teacher liaison
 Will need help with grant writing

Tom, Shannon and Sloane went to the divisional meeting and found it really informative. One thing they did take out of it was that really need to show that we are all on board and working together and propose that a percent of the money PAC makes should go towards the playground fund.

Think of ways to get our community involved with the process. Will have time at the winter concert to talk about project.

We are looking at a minimum of \$150000 for any kind of playground equipment.

Maybe see if older students could come up with fundraising ideas.

4.Treasures report:

- We have an opening balance of \$3500
- We have taken in payments for for pizza lunch but total amount for lunches can not be determined until all lunches are paid for, all NSF cheques outstanding are collected and final lunch cheques are paid.
- \$42 at movie night
- Currently sitting at \$9300 Payments for pizza lunch are made monthly till June so this amount does not reflect the available funds to spend)

- Correction in report in follow up email: we made \$192.70 at movie night
 (Original amount was based on the float being subtracted twice)

Movie night is not meant to be a fundraiser but rather a community event. While some make a profit, some take a loss)

5.president report:

- Pizza lunch went well, we had youth leaders help deliver and it works really well.
- We will be sending out letter for bake sale donations shortly for winter concert
- We will look into selling school logo attire in Jan. Mr. G has a place that we can try for clothing.

Meeting closed 8:11