

GILMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL COUNCIL (GCSC) MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday October 19, 2017 6:30-7:37pm

6:30pm **WELCOME** - Bill Brassington

Acceptance of **agenda**

Introductions. Present: Bill Brassington (Chair), Arlene Elliott (Secretary, CR), Brian Price, Nicole (Class Rep CR), Sara (CR), Lisa (Co-Treasurer), Teresa (CR), Aleah, Carolyn (Grade 7 Committee), Caroline, Donna (CR Coord & Event Trainer), Julie (CR), Dennis Taylor (Principal), Denis Mealha (Head Teacher), Mischa Greenwood (Coordinator)

6:35pm **BUDGET** – Lisa & Bill share history and background on the budget

This **budget** was based on the money we expect to bring in from all our events. Everyone is taken care of within this budget although it's just not as large as in years past. If someone has an idea they want to support, if we have the funds we will support it. Budget is not meant to be static, it can be adjusted to take care of the whole. Last year's budget was set in June 2016. Money raised was always being payed back to what was already spent. We wanted to change that and move forward spending money we know we have.

This year's anticipated **expenses** came to \$17 100. Gaming monies in need to be spent in a specific way. \$7 000 already allotted to teacher field trips. Previous amount was \$100/teacher. I girl is the focus for sexual education this year.

Contingency fund included in the budget. Teacher fund was put into the contingency for special items. In past years teachers were not spending that money so it needed encouragement to spend. Now it will be in contingency and teachers can request funds if needed.

Walkathon expects to raise \$10 000 & is the only planned large **fundraising** event this year. Last year we raised \$12 000.

Carnival money went to iPads, volleyball nets, theatre lights, wish list items (primary \$2000, Int. \$2000).

Emergency **lunch** fund is a food supply for kids who forget or don't have sufficient lunch. Community Office supplements this resource. Hot lunch program supports kids in need as well and the cost subsidizes those in need.

Thanks to David and Lisa for the clarity and ease of reading for the document.

Arlene moves to approve, Aleah seconds. Budget **passed**

6:45pm **CLASS REPS** - Donna & Bill

Donna will coordinate will all Class Reps. Donna sent out an email to all the Class Reps with job description and supportive suggestions as well as a template newsletter. The role will be used to **facilitate effective communication** between parents, staff, admin and council. We want everyone to get all information.

Teachers have been included in the initial email Donna sent out. 3 divisions still need Class Reps. **Thank you** Julie who stepped up to be Class Rep for Langeau's class. Nancy Cortese is thinking about being Division 1 Class Rep.

6:55pm **EVENTS** - Bill & Donna. Shared context and history of past and planned events.

There are **information binders** that describe the steps to coordinate most events. There are opportunities to create events in the same as previous years or create something entirely new. This year is usually the **Adult Function** year. What would we like to see for this event? **Who** can lead? Having the class reps will really help gather resources and communicate about events. Suggestion was made to email out event list to ask for volunteer event leader advertising **trainer available** for support. Another suggestion is to get **grade levels** like grade 2 and grade 6 to *work together* to bring events to life. There are always people to help. Volunteers will be easy to find. Leading will also not be alone because our Jedi leader/sme, **Donna**, will help you with history.

September Terry Fox - Ms. Longeau

October Walkathon - Donna
 Movie Night- Burnaby Neighbourhood House
 Fireworks - cancelled for this year
 December Book Fair - Ms. Taylor
 Santa's Breakfast - Julie &
 Jingle Bell Walk - Mr. Morton
 April Friendship Tea - Bal & Jen
 Carnival every second year - Donna as resource
 Adult Function this year - Tanya as resource (money raised can afford new projects*)
 May Staff lunch - Aleah
 June Sports Day - Council runs / Staff provides snacks
 Bike Fair - Mischa Greenwood
 Grade 7 Celebration -Carolyn (Bill and Nancy on team)
 other options: Movie night, Book swap-Ms. Taylor, Cookie Dough...

7:10pm **GRADE 7 COMMITTEE** - Mr. Mealha

Carolyn will be the Grade 7 Committee Head. Yay!

Fundraising will include a White Spot hot lunch once a month. This may raise \$2000 towards **outdoor education/camp day** and **leaving ceremony** including luncheon and hiring DJ. **Legacy gift** may also be a part of this. Maybe bake sale in the spring.

Grade 7 students will be **involved** in the whole process.

Mr. Mealha would like to incorporate **giving back** their community. Grace (and other students) took it to heart in the past and raised \$150 in a week for UGM.

7:15pm **COMMUNITY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Dennis Taylor: weather attire reminders needed.

Oct 20 provincial day with teachers in workshops. Monday Teachers will be looking at new core competencies. **Pro d days** are run in the shape of teaching workshops at a central site.

Anxiety workshop was positive, 31 attended

Denis Mealha: transformed **grade 7 attitude** to one of **giving**

Mischa Greenwood: in lieu of Halloween Howl, BNH to offer **movie night**. Youth leadership will set up and run the event. GNF financial providing popcorn. Inflatable couches. Parents must attend with children.

FUNraiser not fundraiser.

27th BBY Youth Services is running **Halloween dance**.

Cameray Child & Family Services running an after-school **homework & dinner club** grade 6 & 7. JJ runs it & is super cool.

No cooking with Ms. D as of yet. Many other **cooking** programs run after school.

If you have **ideas** for anything outside of school hours that you wish for please see Mr. Greenwood.

7:34pm **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Brainstorm **ideas, connections** and current positions. Please email your ideas to Mr. Greenwood.

Weekly coffee and conversations with parents and community members will start soon

7:37pm Motion to **adjourn** meeting moved by Arlene and seconded by Brian Price

NOTES

1. Minutes and agendas will be available on the Gilmore Website under the GCSC tab.
2. There is now a parents Facebook group: Gilmore Community School Parents. Please join this community building resource.

Next GCSC Meeting Thursday November 23rd 6:30-8:00pm

2017-2018 GCSC Meeting Dates: Dec 7, Jan 23, Feb 22, Mar 8, Apr 17, May 24, and Jun 12