

Gilmore Community School Council

MINUTES

November 23, 2017 6:30-8pm

In ATTENDANCE: Jenn, Angela, Tina, Julie, Ingrid, Mischa, Arlene, David, Lisa, Bill, Kori, Alen, Nicole, Donna, Carolyn, Caroline, Denis, Dennis, Aliyah, Sara & Teresa

6:32pm 1. WELCOME Bill (5 mins)

MINUTES from Oct meeting. Donna moves, Aliyah seconds. Minutes are accepted
Tonight's AGENDA. Nicole moves, Ingrid seconds. Agenda is accepted

6:35pm 2. UPDATES:

A. SCHOOL Dennis, Denis & Mischa (25 mins)

- i. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT day: Social-emotional learning; steers school growth plan.
- ii. Modernized CURRICULM & CORE COMPETANCIES: Handout provided. Grade 7's are being asked to make videos so they show understanding for the core competencies. New forms of showing learning. Report cards going out on the 8th. After that parent interviews the following week. E portfolios are a new and large component of self-assessment. Check as you go instead of end product process.
- iii. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: (volunteers still needed) Dawn needs 4 parents per fair shift but set up also needs parents. Mischa has the schedule for signup. Proceeds go towards ex. a library specific ipad.
- iv. School/Council OUTREACH and use of SOCIAL MEDIA: 18 parents attended council meeting tonight. Facebook group may be helping increase engagement. Direction came back from Asst. Super Intendant suggested to make fb group open so that community can be involved. Some parents expressed concern over privacy given that an open group would allow anyone to see content, schedules and locations of children. GCS cannot support closed group so current parent group will have to be renamed, "Gilmore Parents".
- iv. LOCK DOWN drill this past week went well. Bathroom protocol is practiced as well.
- v. REMEMBRANCE DAY ceremony went well

B. FINANCES - Lisa & David (25 mins) 2017-2018 Budget handout provided

- i. GRADE 7 SIGNING authority update: Thank you, Carolyn, new signer. Previous signers are now off. Signers can sign all cheques.
- ii. Funds held in SCHOOL ACCOUNT. Walkathon money needs to be in school account to offer tax receipts. Is it possible to change that system? No. Council must get cheques cut from school account to use walkathon money. Council cannot give tax receipts. Council directs money.
- iii. GAMING grant: annual gaming grant \$20/student (\$7000) from govt has restrictions. David applied in October. Should hear by Christmas. Usually used in Jan and Jun for field trips so it should hopefully all workout. Related: Do we want an annual gaming LICENSE every year or go back to the apply as needed \$25 licenses? Cost is the same, paper work is more for individual licenses. When using Gaming money, tickets need to be kept separate and purchases tracked meticulously. Raffles and 50/50's need to apply for licenses. Bill will apply for any licenses if anyone needs one for future events. Mischa has documentation on how this all works.
- iv. BUDGET SURPLUS: Walkathon made \$2300 more than budgeted which will be added to contingency. David shared context of good budget planning. His view is that the document is not really fluid and moveable based on more or less income.
- v. BUDGET REQUESTS of \$3700 total from school, \$250 from parents:
 - a. Increase of \$250 to SANTA'S BREAKFAST budget to pay for increased cost of grill. Contingency supports surprises. David moves. Lisa seconds. Carried

b. An allocation of \$1,500 to the MUSICAL. For Stage Manager and Lighting Designer/Technician and supplies. \$500 each. \$1500 request over and above the \$10 000+ budget which will be covered by one time grant money surplus from last year. Not passed. Need more details from Ryan on the this. (addendum: School is not allowed to pay wages so the Stage Manager and Lighting fees are being called honouariums)

c. An allocation of \$1,700 for CLASSROOM SUPPLIES. Classroom consumables were given \$100/ classroom teacher in the past as well. Caroline moved, seconded Nicole. Carried

d. An allocation of \$500 for CHRISTMAS HAMPERS and gift cards. Tradition of support for lesser fortunate Gilmore families. In the past \$1200. Mischa feels this is a conservative request based on needs. Proposed other areas of funding: Christmas tree tags for specific families in need. Using Jingle bell walk collections as well. Donna suggest using tree to get needs met and using Council donation to top up request. Caroline amends motion to be \$1000. Nicole moves. Aliyah seconds. Carried. Council will look at this year's actual number to budget for next year.

C. GRADE 7 COMMITTEE Carolyn (5 mins)

i. Christmas Craft Fair fundraiser on December 13 is on day of parent interviews. 1-6pm. Sold out of vender tables. Rho sold approximately 20! Grade 7's will also have bake sale on same day. One parent is using school space this week to create crafts to sell at event.

D. JINGLE BELL WALK – Donna & Mischa for Jason (5mins)

i. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided for students after collecting December 1st

ii. Organizing parent volunteers (more drivers, walkers, packers and treaters would be appreciated). Detailed directions for volunteers coming from Jason, Tuesday.

E. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Ingrid & Mischa (5mins) Jennifer helped to align us with ministry guidelines for emergency preparedness. EP has been worked on for 3 years. Maybe an EP drill sometime in the spring. Parents will work to supply and teachers will train and implement. "Master of Disaster" teaching resources will give the school a 24hr survival package for each student and is provided by the ministry. Teachers participating in terms of their skills like first aid etc. Classrooms are being assessed as well.

F. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Julie & Aliyah (5 mins)

i. Need volunteer Jolly Santa for the Friday morning. Fire Fighter? Grandparent? We have a one size fits all suit. Might need a white beard.

ii. Gym decoration. Enlisting teachers to create art for the breakfast. Who will put up?

G. LION KING JR – Mischa & Donna for Ryan (5 mins)

i. Funding over \$10 000 to run this musical. Dennis mentions \$6300 money left-over from provincial grant that still needs to be used. To be discussed at future meeting.

ii. Painting day. A group of parents are needed for painting of the horns of the wildebeest props. by When? Bill will ask Robert Hughes

iii. Ticket sales (cost and recipients) Free tickets to parents or charge to create self-sustaining fund for future musicals or simply to break even? Tickets price needs to be set by Council. Centennial Theatre will handle sales if any.

7:25pm 3. FUTURE PROJECTS

A. CLOTHING SWAP - Arlene (5mins) Spring. Done before but new take as much as you want system would be different. Concern about bed bugs etc. Insurance needed? Suggestion to donate leftovers to our clothing cupboard and other needy Burnaby Schools ex. Maywood. Arlene will talk further with Mischa about details.

B. Tanya will be running a Spring PUB NIGHT on April 7 (adults-only fundraiser) at Oscars on Boundary and Hastings. Silent auction, 50/50, toonie toss. \$10 burger and beer. Save the date in newsletter.

7:30pm 4. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING December 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. which is also parent teacher conference CLOSING Ingrid moves to close, Arlene seconds. Meeting ends 8:02pm