

Glen Allan School Council **Thursday April 20, 2023**

Attendance: Cynthia Cassidy, Christy Ravndahl-George, Sheila Connolly, Lindsay Frank, Erin Hamilton, Erin Barrett, Cathy Allen, Jennifer Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Amber Rudiak, Rosa Bull, Kris Kasawski, Melissa Asztalos, Adrienne Suelzle, Jenn Campbell and Stacy Robinson.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as presented made by *Cynthia Cassidy*, seconded by *Erin Barrett*

2. Trustee Report – Cathy Allen, Trustee, Elk Island Public Schools

- **Original to be attached hyperlink**
- 3 year capital plan, Sherwood Heights is approved
- Public engagement for French Immersion, current plan is to utilize low enrollment school's vs high enrollment.
- Enrollment growth in Ardrossan

3. Playground – Amber

- Fundraising to enhance the playground goes directly to the equipment up to \$25,000. There is also a Community Fundraising Enhancement Program grant for \$25,000 is available to apply for by May 15, 2024. But you can keep fundraising up until installation.
- Feedback from the kids and parents to build the equipment
- A cement retaining wall will replace the wood
- Reshape to a big rectangle for maintenance
- There are other grants, but they are not as successful as the main one.
- The county budget for the replacement will be available on the 2024 budget
- The county will cover demo and replacement
- The fundraising covers the upgrades
- Casino money can be used
- Rebuilt over the summer months
- A tax receipt can be offered to donations over \$25 if individual families want to put a donation in.
- Separate fundraising committee

4. Principal Report – Jennifer Ference, Principal

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- Volunteer appreciation week
- Glen and Glenda are back. Glenda has laid 6 eggs. Kids are writing journals about it
- Courtyard Mural is being started
- June 9th is Sports Day and Neon Spirit Day
- June 19th Grade 6 Farewell
- June 21st is the Family Picnic
- Enrollment numbers for next year is down 30 students but those numbers can change the Cambrian housing complex is in our catchment
- New budget is coming April 28th
- Setting a calendar for next year to getting started for booking for facilities

5. Assistant Principal Report - Chrissy Appleby, Assistant Principal

- Students and teachers have been working with Connie for the mural
- Mural will be coated with anti-graffiti
- An Inuit community member came and shared food and artifacts with the grade 2 students
- Teachers have been working with Metis team and do nature walks
- Blanket exercise was cancelled due to low interest

- Grade 5 students did the blanket exercise
- 6. Teacher Report – Stacy Robinson absent, Principal Jennifer Ferrence**
- Grade 5 Blanket exercise and Curling
 - Grade 3 students went to Ukrainian Village
 - Bird presentation for grade 1 and 6's
 - Grade 5 have started DARE
 - Safety presentation is coming in on Friday
 - Morphology on language was done with 4, 5, and 6's
 - Grade 6 camp day at Birch Bay
 - Grade 4 field trip to NAIT for wheels and levers
 - "We stand for education" to make it an election issue. Flyers for your window and lawn signs are available
 - Drama club is putting on Shrek the musical grades 5 and 6's unsure of performance details
- 7. Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Sheila Connolly**
- Family dance was successful made approx. \$800 approx 400 people attended
 - Staff Appreciation is to be announced, possibly Italian
 - Sports day barbecue may be coming back, budget is available pending volunteers/committees
- 8. Fundraising Jenn Campbell**
- Online Readathon platform ideas for May: using an online company and it takes 20%. Teachers would need to log it daily and everyone signs up for an app and log it in the evening from home as well. Would require a US Paypal account. Parents will have to pledge online through the app
 - Specific fundraiser for the library through EIPS and you access through Power School for donations, but that works as a direct fundraiser for the school not GASC
 - Alternatively, we could use the Hot Lunch site has lower transaction fees
 - Prizes: can go from simple education to other schools having Nintendo Switch or Gift Cards.
 - Could add say for a classroom with the most participation also get an extra 15 minutes of recess or the principal dresses up in a silly costume.
 - Parent General consensus Hot Lunch Website.
 - Teacher feedback for classroom minutes that would work best. But the teachers are more enthusiastic for reading targets at home.
 - Possible handouts to share with parents like reading BINGO to keep kids engaged.
 - "Most Read Minutes" or "Most Funds Raised" could be possible incentives
 - Challenge for different genres, or record yourself reading
- 9. Chair Updates – Erin Barrett, Budget**
- The family dance money has already been allocated to debts
 - Hot lunch budget is on target
 - Yearbook is on target
 - Estimated \$23,000 end of year budget with Readathon estimation is on track
 - Discuss starting Playground Fundraisers
 - Looking into other possible grants for the playground
- 10. Parent Feedback**
- Discussed that it is likely best to use the Hot Lunch site for the Readathon
- 11. Upcoming election:** Christy to send an email and agenda's that highlight open GASC positions.

Next Meeting will be May 25
Adjournment at 8:04 pm