

Grand Avenue School Advisory Council Meeting November 26, 2024

Attendance:

Ronna Parkhouse (principal), Bridget Molloy (teacher advisor), Jessica Walker (Chair), Corri Desaulniers, Stacy Heidman, Sarah Smith, Caitlin Goodale, Stephanie White, Jason LoStracco, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Fatima Ziric, Zain Ziric (student presenter), Linda Knoll

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Grade 8 Student Presentation - Zain Ziric

- Please see attached Presentation prepared by Grade 8 Students Zain Ziric & Saad Ali and presented to the School Advisory Council by Zain Ziric re: preparation, fundraising & spending from the Halloween Dance Fundraiser.

Grand Avenue School Advisory Council Constitution Review:

- Reword section on Quorum. Should be 50% of voting members plus 1 not 4 voting members.

Principal's Report - Ronna Parkhouse:

- Joy Day, Door Decorating & PJ Day on Dec 6th
- Grade 8s to visit WNSS Nov 27th for "Grade 8" Day at the high school.
- Grade 8 families: WNSS has moved their Open Houses to January - notices to come in the next week or so
- Grand Gives Back Dec 4-11. Based on feedback, we will have schedule of days (ie Macaroni Monday etc)
- Grade 8 Grad June 23
- Questions for Finance - pls fill out the sheet & return to Ronna
- Chromebook Status: we are slated to receive from the board but they've had to re-tender devices - should receive messaging soon
- We can take cash for June Event
- Parent Council Newsletter - share with Ronna to send out via School Messenger
- Still to be answered: Visa/Debit options, beer/wine fundraisers
- Proposed expenditures (Re: GASAC Funds, Playground Maintenance, Swings, Tech/Chromebook replacement, Classroom Allowance, Grade 8 Grad).

Chair Report - Jess Walker

- \$500 for school council has been received by the school
- Look at Tech/Social Media & Kids??
- eg DSBN - Grand Ave Social Worker who presented at PIC conference this year or Person who presented at Central last year re Internet Safety
- discuss with Miss Cressy re Community Crew to see if they have suggestions (Sarah Smith will connect)

Financial Report - Geoff Reynolds:

- Swing Set Repair amount of \$3358.06 to come out of Playground Maintenance & Pasta/Subway accounts.

- Can we eliminate Subway and replace it with another option? Sarah Smith can inquire with Chef Brad & Swiss Chalet.

Fundraising Update - Stephanie White:

- November: Pizza di Nonna pizza pickup for *Thursday November 28* Parent Teacher Interview Night. 49 pizzas sold at a profit \$7/pizza. Will discuss options for future fundraisers with Pizza di Nonna.
- December: M&M Grimsby Shopping Day *Sunday December 8th* with 10% of sales to go to Grand Avenue (Stephanie to clarify details of whether it's just people who have Grand Avenue code or all sales)
Dance *Thursday December 19th* & possible take home craft
- January: no plans yet however may plan something with Pizza di Nonna (and Kernels - see below)
- February: Cookie Dough
- March: Dance-A-Thon
- April: Flowers/Bulbs/Plants;
M&Ms is also offering another shopping day and will let us know
- May: Movie Night (towards end of May so we can possibly do outside)
- June: (20th) Summer Party
- Kernels Popcorn in Burlington will make fresh mini bags of popcorn (made & sealed day of purchase) \$1.35/bag for \$2.50 - consider Pizza/Popcorn nights with Pizza di Nonna for January??

Motion to proceed with full fundraising calendar - Sarah Smith

Seconded Jessica Walker - Unanimous vote (virtual vote from Geoff Reynolds & Brad Walker to meet quorum)

Next Meeting Date: Wed Jan 15 2025 5:30pm