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Glen Allan School Council (GASC)
Thursday, April 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance: *In attendance - Jen Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Erin Barrett, Erin Hamilton, Kris Kasawski, Jenn Campbell, Stacey Robinson, Caitlin Burkholder, Sheila Connolly, Sarah Buck*

Call to Order 6:35pm

1. Welcome and introductions

- *Rosa still unable to attend but sends her regards and thanks to Erin B for her help with the finances and fundraising.*

2. Approval of February 22, 2024 meeting minutes

- *Council executive (Motion required from Jenn, Seconded by Erin B)*

3. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees report (10 minutes)

- *Erin Hamilton on behalf of Trina Boymook. Sends her regards. Her update will come at the May meeting. If any info comes through from Trina before then, Erin H will pass along to the group.*

4. Principal/Assistant Principal's report (15 minutes)

- *Jen Ference. Ms Ference relays a great thanks to all of the volunteers of GASC in celebration of Volunteer Week.*
- *Mrs Kemsley is back*
- *Glen and Glenda (the resident Canada Geese) are back with their nest in the courtyard.*
- *Bev Facey is hosting a workshop on Wed April 24 for parents on anxiety in children.*
- *Lego wall is being built in the school. Call out to the school community for Lego donations.*
- *Earth Day Shoe Drive will be happening next week.*
- *June 21st Lunch on the Land, June 7th Sports Day in the morning. June 11 Grade 5 DARE grad*
- *Math and ELA PATs will not be required by Alberta Education for Grade 6. Just Social and Science. Our Teachers still administered the exams as a measure of competence.*
- *June 25 Grade 6 Farewell.*
- *Next year 285 students. Class configurations will come after the budget.*
- *Meet the Teacher will be Wed Aug 28. Conference will be Oct 23,24.*

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- *As plans for next year come along, the classroom funds from GASC are very much appreciated. The dollars provide some great value for the school.*
- *Chrissy Appleby - FNMI report. Teachers worked with Connie Kulvahy.*
- *Guta from the arctic visited the school to present the students with wonderful artifacts and stories of Inuit culture.*

5. Teacher report (10 minutes)

- *Stacey Robinson - Pi Day was a big success. Grade 4 created catapults. Grade 5 the Ukrainian Village and curling was a success.*
- *Badminton Team practicing for April 27. Track Meet coming on May 9th.*
- *The Young authors conference was past Saturday.*
- *Math District leads have been visiting to meet with the teachers and students to help with updated curriculum.*

6. School council updates (30 minutes)

- *Chair update - Erin Hamilton*
 - o *Playground grant - Deadline for application is May 15. Application is about 80% ready and should be good to go for the first week of May. Quote and Design information presented from Blue Imp. The quote was required for the grant application.*
 - o *Upcoming vacancy/elections - Secretary position will be open. Elections will occur at the May meeting. If anyone can think or recommend someone for the position, please pass their info along.*
 - o *Alberta School Council Engagement grant - We have received the \$500 grant but we will likely not have plans to use these funds this school year. Erin H confirmed that the funds do carry over. Next year using these funds should be a priority.*
- *Fund Development Committee Chair update - Jenn Campbell*
- *Fund development update - \$3380 raised for the Math A Thon and Pi Day. Pi Day was popular and we hope for it to occur next year. Pi Day could be a fundraiser on its own if needed.*
 - *Thank you to Erin B for her work on the 50/50 raffle. Total sales \$5780. GASC proceeds were just over \$2100.*
 - *Dance - Thank you to Sheila for organizing the dance, it was a great success. Net profit from the dance was \$2100. Sheila suggested creating a Dance Coordinator position along with a Volunteer Coordinator for the family dance. The logistics of the dance and the volunteers are two workloads that could be shared.*
 - *New fundraising idea - Popcorn Day - Jenn and Sarah Buck will work on the inaugural event for Popcorn Day with the possibility of making it regular for the*

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next school year.

- *Another idea for this year that could bring in any significant funds would be a bottle drive.*

- **Programs Vice-Chair update - Caitlin Burkholder**
 - *Programs update*
 - *Yearbook is done and submitted on Monday. Thank you to Erin H for her proofreading. Ordered 140 yearbooks. We will have 7-18 available for sale as extras.*
 - *For next year having 1 form of payment would be better than the 3 options we had this year. Earlier time of year organization would be better for next year. It would also be helpful to have volunteers capture photos next year to use in the yearbook. Both parents at events and teachers to capture during class time.*

- **Budget Chair - Erin Barrett**
 - *\$1500 to spend for Staff Appreciation.*
 - *\$1200 left in the year end/gifts budget. These funds could be used for treats on sports day.*
 - *We are looking good for the playground fundraising and for the operations for next year*

- 1. Parent feedback/suggestions**
- 2. Invitation to next meeting (May 25, 2024),**
- 3. Meeting adjournment 7:55 pm**

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