

Cherishing and Challenging Every Child

# Glen Allan School Council (GASC) May 22, 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, Rosa Bull, Amber Rudiak,

Call to Order 6:30pm

- 1. Welcome and introductions
  - Welcome to Amber Rudiak from Strathcona County.
- 2. Approval of April 18, 2024 meeting minutes
  - Council executive (Motion required from Erin B, Seconded by Jenn)
- 3. Playground replacement: Next Steps
  - Amber Rudiak from Strathcona County gave an update on the playground replacement. She thanked GASC for the CFEP grant submission. We should have an answer from CFEP in November. Strathcona County will also have to approve the cost of the playground replacement in the fall budget deliberations which happens in December. RFP for the playground will go out in December.
  - Next step will be engagement about playground design. 6 elements of play to consider: swing, spin, rock, climb, balance, slide. She recommended surveying from now until November. The wish list from the survey data will determine the scope of work for the RFP.
  - Playground replacement will be scheduled for summer of 2025.
  - Funding from GASC will need to be provided to Strathcona County in December.
- 4. Principal/Assistant Principal's report (15 minutes)

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- Jen Ference. Ms Ference relays thanks to the School Council and to the executive for their time and efforts to help out the Glen Allan Community.
- School Education Plan goals for the next year will be Social/Emotional Wellness, Literacy (with writing brought in a greater capacity), Numeracy (number sense and different strategies for number sense).
- Next year, meet the teacher, Wed Aug 28. Expecting enrollment of 286 students for the upcoming year. Budget, \$2.16 million (95% on staffing) Krystal Brownlee will be



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incoming VP. Glen Allan will be looking to hire more noon hour supervisors for next year.

- Class cohorts are set. Input on class placements will be accepted until May 31st.
- A draft of the GASC disbursement budget has been made. Tentatively a \$10,810 ask will be coming in September
- Chrissy Appleby FNMI report. Music and Celebration Edukit has arrived. Mrs Appleby and Mrs Robinson will work on the project proposal for next year's FNMI Education.
- Ms Ference shared the most recent parent survey data. Lots of positive and useful feedback from the data.

## 5. Trustees update - Trina Boymook

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- EIPS has received an increase to funding allocation for enrollment and staff renumeration. No funding increase for classroom complexity grant. No adjustment to budget for inflation.
- The assurance review let EIPS know that complexity is an important issue. School board will allocate funding to address complexity. Complexity grant funding remains the same from the provincial government.
- Funds from reserves will be used to help with funding substitutes for Lamont and Vegreville and for a seconded Principal to create an artificial intelligence strategic response.

### 6. Teacher updates - Stacey Robinson

- Field trips for many grades are happening currently.
- Grade 5 art is up in Strathcona County Library until the end of the month.
- Many activities happening in the school over the next number of weeks until the end of the school year. Book Fair will be happening in the Library from June 10-14. Sports Day June 7. Lunch on the Land will be June 21. Grade 6 Farewell June 25. Last Day of Classes June 26

## 6. Council Updates

- Chair update Erin Hamilton
- CFEP Grant was submitted and Erin expresses thanks all who contributed efforts towards it.
- A final communication from GASC will be sent out giving a playground update as well as an ask for help with playground design in the fall.
- Elections: Erin Hamilton acclaimed as Chair. Caitlyn Burkeholder acclaimed as Programs Vice Chair. Jenn Campbell acclaimed for Fund Development Committee Chair. Erin Barrett acclaimed for Budget Vice Chair. Rosa Bull is acclaimed as Treasurer. The



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Secretary position remains open.

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- Fund Development Committee Chair update Jenn Campbell
  - Jenn asks to group what thoughts are about Art Cards. She will come to the September meeting with info about the different ways that GASC could approach this initiative.
  - For next year Read A Thon will work for October in line with Read In Week.
- Programs Vice-Chair update Caitlin Burkholder
  - - Programs update
  - Yearbook first payment has been made. Second payment will be in the fall. Caitlyn ordered 9 extra yearbooks and the manufacturer donated 10 so there will be 19 available for purchase in June.
  - Year End Staff appreciation will involve gift cards. Treats for sports day will be freezies.
- Budget Chair Erin Barrett
  - Erin relays info about next year's budget.
  - Bulk of funding from Casino will go towards playground budget.
  - Heading into the next school year GASC's forecasted cash balance will be just under \$17,000
- 1. Parent feedback/suggestions
- 2. Invitation to next meeting (September 19, 2024),
- 3. Meeting adjournment 8:30 pm