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Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Hybrid meeting / Agenda

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions
In attendance – Erin Hamilton, Rosa Bull, Crystal Brownlee, Sheila Connolly, Grant Glowinski
Introduction of Sheila Connolly – Family Dance Coordinator; discussion of family dance possible date of Friday, February 28 (Beach Party/Luau theme?); any interest in moving to a Halloween dance?
2. Approval of October 17, 2024 meeting minutes
Council executive (Motion required from two members)
 - Rosa Bull motioned to approve; seconded by Sheila Connolly
3. School council updates (30 minutes)

Chair update
Erin Hamilton

- Playground/grant update – grant approval hopefully Friday; cheque to be made out to the County (one from GASC, one from matching grant); bids are currently out, to be completed by end of February for review by playground committee; Assurance review meeting provided connections/ideas to help connect with County and wards to help with some playground items like accessibility.
- Casino status update – working with AGLC in regards to by-laws and miscommunication regarding updates; deadline of May to stay in the cycle.
- Call for November GASC email content – call for volunteers for Winter Showcase (decorators, helpers, etc), plug for Fund Development Chair vacancy upcoming next year (mentor over the year vs just jumping in)

Fund Development Committee Chair update
Jenn Campbell

- 50/50 timing – tabled until January

Budget Vice-Chair update
Rosa Bull on behalf of Erin Barrett

- ~115 yearbooks sold

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- BBQ amount, candy canes coming out of operating budget
- Hot lunch website fee to be paid at end of school year from operating account; profits pay for expenses
- Did not pay entire school request as 50/50 sales will pay the rest
- Casino will not be considered in budget until confirmed
- Erin Hamilton to ask if there are alternative playground payment methods to cheques

Programs update

Caitlin Burkholder, Vice Chair

- Yearbook sales – ~115 yearbooks sales to date; plan to open another week of sales in early January if needed.
- Winter showcase treats – Candy canes were a hit to do again; funds available from Food/BBQ budget
- Front row seat raffle/contest – instead of paid raffle, use Food Bank donation as entry into raffle (1 entry max per student regardless of number of items); GASC to build ballot and announcement for the Buzz to send to the school for printing; seating concern – could there be a “sibling room” so families can utilize another seat? GASC email for parent volunteers to mind siblings of students currently enrolled in the school

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

Trina Boymook – presented by Erin Hamilton

- The Board reviewed the 4027 respondents to the School Calendar Survey at our October 31 Caucus meeting. The Superintendent is using survey responses to inform her recommendation, along with research, to develop her recommendation to the Board who will debate at our December meeting.
- The Leveraging student achievement funds will be used to address literacy and numeracy interventions at selected junior high schools. A portion of the funds will also be used for targeted supports for elementary French Immersion.
- At the end of October, the Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education to provide feedback on the Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding model. The way the WMA model works, funding does not align with the needs of current students in schools where growth either remains level or has grown significantly. We requested that we funded for the students that we currently have in the classrooms. The new funding formula takes into account classroom complexity, inflation, technology infrastructure, as well as the security of online PAT/DIP. We suggested that rural school divisions with declining enrolment receive short term bridge funding. The Minister did share with a meeting with Board Chairs and Superintendent, that changes to the funding



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model would be released with the upcoming budget announcement.

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

Crystal Brownlee

1. Welcome

Looking Back

2. Book fair

- a. Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success!
- b. Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries. Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn new books for our school and classroom libraries. These resources greatly benefit our students.
- c. Our school's total sales were \$7145.49. We will have approximately \$3300 to spend on books, \$1500 of which we've already received. We also purchased 1 book for each Teacher from their Classroom Wish lists to add to their classroom libraries.
- d. Our Teacher Wish List Board was also a success, as all our teachers had some of their wishes for books granted!

3. Parent Teacher Conferences

- a. October: 225 Grades 1-6 bookings out of 247 families – that's 91%! Additionally, teacher met with families outside of conference booking times to accommodate scheduling conflicts
- b. Kindergarten Conferences are November 27 – bookings will open next week

4. Grade 6 Farewell Logo – will be available on our Entripy Shop to add to clothing designs in time for Christmas

5. Assurance Review and PAT Results

- a. Assurance Review Meeting – November 20 with Brentwood, Mills Haven, Wes Hosford at Brentwood Elementary School
- b. Assurance Review Report – highlights shared
 - i. Summary of progress made on goals last year
 - ii. Area of Strength – Safe and caring schools
 - iii. Area for Growth – Parent engagement & Writing
 - iv. Biggest Challenge – Complex Classrooms
- c. 2023-24 PAT Results

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Grade 6 Science Achievement Test			
Reporting Category	Percent Student Achieving		
	Glen Allan Elementary	Elk Island Public Schools	Province
Acceptable Standard	87.8	coming	82.2
Standard of Excellence	31.7	coming	31.8
* 93% of Glen Allan Students the exam (2 students excused, 1 absent)			

Grade 6 Social Studies Achievement Test			
Reporting Category	Percent Student Achieving		
	Glen Allan Elementary	Elk Island Public Schools	Province
Acceptable Standard	80.5	coming	79.6
Standard of Excellence	19.5	coming	23.5
* 93% of Glen Allan Students the exam (2 students excused, 1 absent)			

Looking Ahead

6. Report Cards – Published November 29
7. Mid-Year Feedback Survey again this year
 - a. January/February, consider different timing for greater participation? April?
 - b. Greater opportunity for more in depth feedback
8. Winter Showcase (Christmas Concert) – December 10 & 11
 - a. Classes are practicing their songs for the concert
 - b. 4 Tickets will be provided for each family, if you do not need all 4 tickets, you can send the extras back to school
 - c. Schedule

Tuesday, December 10	
2:15 – 2:45	Kindergarten B Showcase
Wednesday, December 11	
2:15 – 2:45	Kindergarten A Showcase
6:00 – 6:30	Grade 1 & 2, 2/3 Showcase
7:00 – 7:30	Grade 3 & 4 Showcase
8:00 – 8:30	Grade 5 & 6 Showcase

- d. Students will be expected to arrive to their classrooms 15 minutes before their showcase and doors will open to parents 15 minutes before showcase begins
- e. We require parent volunteers to decorate Monday afternoon and to pick up chairs Tuesday morning and return chairs Thursday morning.
 - i. Also looking for decorations – extra trees, wrapped gifts etc.

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- f. Best Seats in the House? If so, please provide information to be included in the BUZZ for Monday.
- g. Information will go out in next week's BUZZ
- 9. First Nations, Metis and Inuit Initiatives
 - a. Land Acknowledgements PL and Class Lessons
 - b. Rock Your Mocs and Metis Week
 - c. Self-Identified smudges continue
 - d. Pouch Making
- 6. Teacher report (10 minutes)
Stacey Robinson – presented by Crystal Brownlee
 - 1. BEE Paws Pizza Lunch
 - 2. Parent Teacher Interviews – great to see so many families attend and to have the opportunity to celebrate student success
 - 3. Remembrance Day Ceremony – Fri Nov 8
 - 4. Anti Bullying Awareness Week – Theme “Bee Kind’
 - a. Announcements
 - b. Read Alouds
 - c. Library Books for student circulation
 - d. School wide Bulletin board
 - e. Classroom Activities
 - 5. Mindful Mondays
 - a. Gr. 3 & 4 morning recess
 - b. Gr. 5 & 6 afternoon recess
 - 6. Wellness Wednesday's - announcements
- 7. Parent feedback/suggestions
 - 50/50 timing – is it an issue or can it be tied to family dance again.
- 8. See you *next year!* Invitation to next meeting: January 16, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.