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GWSS Parent Council

Date | time 2/13/2017 7:05 PM | Meeting called to order by Lynda Theriault

In Attendance

P: Adrienne Hendershot, Bindi Bhatt, Bonnie Hudson, Javeria Ejaz, Jill Hand, Kapil Jaspal, Karyn Savoia, Kerri Lee, Kevin Middleton, Lubna Manzoor, Larry O'Malley, Lynda Theriault, Pippa Lloyd, Sarah Sampel, Serena Wou, Satvir Dosanjh

R: Ane Lowe, Cindy Jeffers, Sharon Lauzon, Catherine Gorman, Robbi Uppal, Mandy Koehler, Mei-Mei Clarke, Amany El Hadary, Christina Blundell

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes – Karyn Savoia, second by Sarah Sampel

Previous meeting

- Council bylaw updates are on track.
- Mission and Vision meetings still in progress and looking for any input. To be completed by May.

Principal's Report – Larry O'Malley * see attached file for further detail *

- Sports are in full swing with playoffs begin after completion of exams
- Some sports events had to be canceled due to transportation issues
- Badminton to start just after March break
- DECA Club competed in Toronto first week of February (Business Club competes with business proposals)
- Music Fest is February 23
- Semi-Formal at Otello's on February 16
- Sears Drama Festival Performance is March 2 at Central High School (admission \$12)
- Semester 1 results were "outstanding"
- Only on credit lost in grade 9 (of a possible 1047)
- 98.8% pass rate on total credits: 54 credits lost of a possible 4274 (1.2%)
- Report cards sent home on February 8
- Staffing updates:
 - Leticia Boetema on leave – Jeremy Hodgson and Mairi McCauley are teaching in place
 - Alexandra Bowers is teaching grade 10 foods in place of Alex Cardona
 - Annette Markle has returned from leave
 - Linda Bouwman remains off – covered by Katie Murphy, Mohammad Cheema and Jamie Johns
 - Jeremy Hodgson teaching two sections in place of Jacquie Chettler
 - Christa Talarowski teaching in place of Karl Mustoe
 - Charity Wilkinson teaching in place of Julia Bjelic
 - Full year LOTs in math / science for Jeanine B



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- Grade 8 have completed course selection
- Grade 9 to 11 will complete course selection by February 17
- Any Grade 12 wishing to return must meet with principal
- Course selections determine staffing for next year – allocation on March 8 and staffing process starts on March 23rd (not 21st as per PowerPoint deck)
- Important for students to choose courses they intend to take
- All staffing has to be done by end of April – no changes to allocation after that time
- Summer school classes may be canceled for low attendance issues or if no teacher is available
- Impact of course selection on courses offered based on number of students wanting to take course
- Gr 12 **college level** biology and chemistry are run in alternate years – students need to plan ahead (only Gr 10 needed to do these Gr 12 classes)
- Master timetable built by end of May and once locked in it is very difficult to change.
- Spanish, parenting are two examples of classes that may not run due to lack of interest by students
- Repertoire band will be a new class that runs outside of the standard schedule
- Last schedule conflict numbers were only 40 of the 1200+ students
- OSSLT to be written by all Grade 10 on March 30th
 - Prep sessions after school start February 16
 - All Gr 10 classes will complete specific prep exercises
 - Slightly altered schedule
- Out of country trips are still moving forward at this time unless a travel advisory issues by Federal Govt is made

Fun Fair update – Kerri Lee

- May 11th – 5:00 to 8:00
- Good core group participating
- Question for School Council – funding for payment of “attractions”
- Trying to get sponsorship for the event activities – eg photo booth, etc.
- Photo booth quoted at approx. \$300
- Main money makers would be silent auction, marketplace, etc.
- School council check with community for donations and sponsorship
- Marketplace in cafeteria
- Need space for silent auction and cakewalk as well
- Tables may be available through board
- Donations / sponsorship would be in trade for advertising during the event in lieu of tax receipts
- Approx. 43 first period classes to support theme baskets – not a raffle but a “skill” game to win the basket(s)
- Next Fun Fair meeting on March 23rd at 6:00



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Fun Fair update (continued) – Kerri Lee

- Presale of tickets for reduced cost per ticket
- Looking for events that are high school level
- Looking for students to participate and be involved
- May get food truck but if not a fund raiser, M&M BBQ or Harvey's
- Duct tape a teacher to the wall is likely to happen
- Poppy seeds discussed and we could be done by the board printing department
 - One package per student attending at fun fair – numbers to be determined

PIC/PRO Report – Pippa Lloyd and Satvir

Pippa - PRO grant presentation – primary focus is for parents not students

- Andrea Falcone – in for PRO grant presentation on April 25th 7:00-8:30
- Presenter to determine what is best to speak to high school parents
- Discussions based on food and health
- Nutrition
- Food and emotion – and how they relate
- Stress and emotion management
- Media literacy and empowerment
- Managing society pressures
- Q&A
- Focus on parents' involvement to allow for more open dialog on issues as parents may not ask questions if their child is in attendance as well
- Plans to use Eventbrite to get numbers and ideas of attendance / interest

Satvir - PIC Updates

- February – attended super council meeting and had activity to bring forth preconceived ideas
- January 19th was MyBlueprint night. Engaging session about future job trends
 - What is GWSS doing to foster skills for students future
 - Parents are competing with social media but students are saying that parents don't listen
- Mindfulness workshop on communication presenter may be available for March 2nd or 9th event
 - Some monies from PRO grant left can be used along with PIC money for this event

** Larry has been asked to sit on a board committee for Highly Skilled Workforce



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Treasurer's Report – Satvir Dosanjh

We have received the \$500 from the board.

Purdy's starting fundraiser for Easter event.

Next Meeting

April 10th, 2017 @ 7:00 PM, GWSS

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM