

North Glenmore Elementary PAC



Meeting Minutes from the North Glenmore Elementary Parent Advisory Council January 21, 2020

PAC Executive Present: Jennifer Eberle, Christa Jenn, Becky Furney, Jamie Hudson-Zecchel, Shawna Shoranick, Tana Hammett

Staff Present: Jared Birkeland

Parents Present: None

1. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Agenda for the Meeting

- a. Christa Jenn made a motion and Becky Furney seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2020 agenda

2. Approval of Minutes for November 19, 2019 Meeting

- a. Jamie Zecchel made a motion and Christa Jenn seconded the motion to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes

3. Presentation of Digital Wellness by John Murrone of SD23

- a. John works in the Learning Technology Department which oversees all the technology in the school district, including payroll and other components
- b. The LTD also promotes deeper learning by using technology
- c. Digital Wellness
 - i. Digital Wellness is a pilot project aiming to recognize the downfalls and the benefits of technology and the digital world
 - ii. The journey in developing Digital Wellness included:
 1. Creating a team from all 3 levels of education (K-12) to tackle “What is going on for our learners?” using an inquiry approach
 - a. Researched, read and held conversations, focusing on empathy
 - b. Interviewed focus groups from middle school and high school through which they discovered that students feel they are being told what not to do with technology rather than being taught what they should do with technology
 2. Using the Canada Food Guide as an example of how to present their thoughts about what they mean by Digital Wellness (means more than limiting screen time)
- d. John presented a video on the creation and intent of the Digital Wellness endeavour
 - i. It highlighted that technology is affecting adults and older generations as well
- e. SD23 has created a Digital Wellness online course starting January 30, 2020 – Registration closes January 24



- f. The Digital Wellness course will be promoted to NGE by Jared through email and perhaps can be promoted by PAC
- g. More information can be found online on the SD23 website and on the Digital Wellness handouts provided to the school

4. Principal Report from Jared Birkeland

- a. Jared requested feedback from parent attendees regarding this year's report cards
 - i. A parent asked about letter grades
 - 1. The reporting to the Ministry of Education is still on a letter grade system
 - 2. However, the internal communication to parents can be decided on by the individual schools and each school in SD23 currently has its own report template
 - ii. The feedback from PAC attendees was that the specific learning outcomes listed on report cards were valuable
- b. The registration date for next year begins February 3 at 7:00 am
 - i. Projections for next year are close to 600 students
 - ii. The school will be receiving 2 additional portables for next year
- c. Battle of the books will be going ahead this year
 - i. Meetings started last week
 - ii. NGE is hosting the "Zone Battle" this year for 17 schools on Thursday, April 16, 9:15 am to 12:30 pm
- d. Scholastic Book Fair
 - i. Set up will be on February 10 and previews on February 11
 - ii. Sales are February 12-14
- e. Home School Conferences
 - i. February 13 & 14
 - ii. Online bookings start Monday, February 3 at 3:00 pm
 - iii. Some conferences are one-to-one and some are student-led
- f. Thank you to the PAC for the pre-Christmas movie
- g. Upcoming dates were reviewed by attendees which sparked a discussion about the Family Dance (not listed on the Upcoming Dates) – see Section 5

5. Family Dance

- a. PAC attendees projected putting on the Family Dance and discussed the details of hosting this event
- b. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 6:00-8:00 pm as February 21 is a Professional Development day
- c. Possibilities for a DJ include students from Spring Valley Middle school (Al Hopgood) or Dr. Knox Middle School (Mr. Bowen) or shopping around for other DJ options and prices
- d. A concession stand could be manned by PAC as a fundraiser – water, chips, candy bags
- e. Jennifer will set up Sign-Up Genius for parent volunteers
 - i. Parents can man the entrances and supervise the library as an optional quiet space (Christa Jenn will ask the librarian if that is acceptable)
- f. Parents must stay with the students when they arrive (no drop off)



6. President's Report from Jennifer Eberle

- a. Jennifer gave a shout out to the music teachers for a wonderful Christmas program at NGE – Jared will send that message along, particularly since other schools are removing Christmas programs
- b. Events
 - i. Spring Fair – we do not have a Spring Fair coordinator
 - 1. Christa Jenn proposed that we change the way we do Spring Fair by scaling it back; her suggestions and ensuing discussion included:
 - a. Turning the event into a Movie Night
 - b. Continue with the raffle baskets, concession, bouncy castles
 - 2. PAC proposed an additional meeting to discuss options for Spring Fair, or the Spring Family Event which was scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:30-8:00 at Brandt's Creek Pub
 - a. An informational invitation will be sent out for parents, encouraging them to join the next PAC meeting so they can have the opportunity to contribute to possible ideas for the event

7. Treasurer's Report by Shawna Shoronick

- a. Grade 6's term 1 funds have been transferred to NGE for the ski trip and their account is starting fresh
- b. All the hot lunch numbers reconciled and the total fall profit was \$2,060.68
- c. Shawna asked Jared if the crash mats had arrived – Jared responded that they are coming, and Shawna confirmed that PAC can pay once the mats arrive

8. Fun Lunch Report by Jamie Zecchel

- a. There are not as many volunteers this term but Jamie is hoping that people will show up to help up as they have in previous terms

9. Special Events Coordinator

- a. Megan Coakley has stepped down from the position
- b. If anyone is interested in joining PAC as a Special Events Coordinator, contact PAC

10. Fundraiser Coordinator's Report by Tana Hammett

- a. Tana proposed Fun Day Friday Bingo night at Chances to be held March 27
 - i. Tickets are sold at \$15 per ticket and Chances receives \$5 per ticket, so there is a \$10 profit per ticket
 - ii. The Bingo event can be promoted as a date night
 - iii. Tana will make up a flyer
 - iv. Jamie was asked how tickets could be sold through the fun lunch program

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- v. Tickets can be delivered through the student or by pick-up in the foyer
- vi. Ticket sale cut-off should be before Spring Break
- b. Tana mentioned the upcoming Hanging Baskets fundraiser in the future – she is waiting for the information package

11. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020

12. Motion to adjourn by Becky Furney and seconded by Tana Hammett