

North Glenmore PAC Minutes April 18, 2017

Welcomed by Dianne Bondaroff

Present:

PAC Executive: Susan Hayes, Rhonda Langford, Kathy Chin, Jennifer Eberle, Dianne Bondaroff, Tessa Russell, Diane Westfall

Parents: Kim Thompson, Laura Overland, Patti Ostrihoff, Heather Csikos

Staff: Jared Birkeland, Jill Voros

Minutes for the February meeting were not available for approval – they will be presented at the next meeting.

Principal's Report: Jared Birkeland

1. Thank you

- PAC Family dance
- Fun Lunch
 - Subsidies appreciated – there appears to be greater need recently, there have been more requests for assistance.

2. Enrolment update

- 491 students projected for the 2017/2018 year
- Right now, we have 511 students. Seven have been enrolled since Spring Break. There are only three spots left in the school, 2 in Grade 5 and one in Grade 6.
- The Supreme Court ruling will affect NGE in that class sizes and composition will have to be adjusted to the correct levels. This means that next year (2017/2018) we will likely go to 21 divisions → another classroom will be opened.
 - Options – language arts room, computer lab, multi-purpose room, Little Gators (preschool partnership) space, music room.
 - Likely movement will include some shifts as well - language arts to the computer lab, and the little gators to the language arts room
 - Hiring – this change likely means two new permanent positions and two new temporary positions.
- The cohort currently in Grade 5 is smaller than average – this means that there will likely be only two Grade 6 classes rather than three.
- At full capacity, NGE would have 22 divisions – BUT, more portable classrooms could be added to increase capacity.
- Right now, we cannot move our Grade 6 classes to Dr. Knox Middle School as KSS is at capacity.

3. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)
 - Middle years - Grade 4 survey
 - Early Years Development Instrument (EDI) - kindergarten
 - 100 Questions
 - Results – see NGE website, under “announcements”
 - Partnership between UBCO, the Ministry of Education, and the District
 - The District uses the survey as a measure of vulnerability
 - For example – one of the areas surveys bullying (see page 28 of the MDI). Per the survey, 32% of students have experienced bullying.
 - Caveats re: results – this is a long survey, it takes hours to complete. Also, some of the terms and ideas may not be fully explained or may be understood in different ways by students. Both of these factors result in (possibly) inconsistent results.
 - We also do a “satisfaction survey” – separate from the MDI – which only has 24 questions, and is administered with more explanation of what the questions mean. This may cover less ground but may have more meaningful results.
4. Student Learning Grant
 - \$18,300 for supplies
 - Laptops – 7 missing – replaced.
 - Epilogue to the “twelve missing iPads” story of last meeting - all iPads have been found, except one.
5. Non-instructional day, May 19th
 - New curriculum
 - Self-assessments – core competencies, how can students self-assess?
6. School Learning Plan (SLP) update
 - The SLP replaced the School Planning Committee (SPC) last year
 - Spirals of Inquiry
 - From Mr. Birkeland’s report: An inquiry-based look at how engaged and aware NGE students are with their learning and how best we can communicate this with home.
7. Bike rodeo
 - Dave Gibson, traffic supervisor
 - May 15th 8:45 – 11:00
 - 20 parent volunteers needed
8. Kristi Holm
 - Kristi has been hired to teach Mr. Owens’ class for the rest of the year.
 - She was sponsored by Mrs. Wright last year, and also volunteered at NGE events during her stay.
 - Welcome, Kristy!

Fundraising Report – Nikki via e-mail

- Give from the Heart – total collected was \$1,270
- Glenmore Martial Arts is doing a fundraiser for us. All information has already been sent home and waivers and payment are scheduled to be into the office not later than Friday, April 21st. Every student who signs up in May has a 4-week trial for \$65, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the PAC!

Treasurers' Report - Rhonda Langford

- ✧ No unusual transactions to report

Fun Lunch – Diane Westfall

- ✧ Dozo – ownership has changed
- ✧ Preview for next year - Diane will stay on as the Fun Lunch coordinator
- ✧ 300 orders for the term

Yearbook – Patti Ostrickoff

104 units sold as at today – need to send out reminder e-mails (piggyback on other mails as opposed to having a separate reminder).

Spring Fair – Kim Thompson

- Theme basket letters to be sent out on Friday
- April 28th – tickets to go on sale
- Spring Fair meeting to follow this meeting

Kiss & Drop

- We've lost our Dr. Knox support
- Sue Hayes will handle Monday and Tuesday
- Tessa Russell will handle Friday
- Need volunteers for Wednesday and Thursday
 - Cannot expect on-duty teachers to handle this responsibility

Other matters / new business

- The clock tower needs to be either fixed or removed
 - Replaced by a mural?
- Courtyard

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Next meeting: May 9, 7:00 pm.