

GBDSS School Council Meeting
Jan 10, 2024
GBDSS Library
7pm

Attendees:

Parents:

Miranda Weicker
Candon Jackson-Stickles
Misty Heikkila
Alison Murray (Arrived at 7:45)

Student Rep

Karys Littlejohn

Staff

Hailey Mclean
Donna-Mae Burns
Shawn Gibson

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- October 4, 2023 minutes approved.
- Agenda Approved.

Student Report – Karys

- World teacher, bus driver, and custodian days recognized in October
- Oct. 10th Green Shirt Day for mental health awareness
- Oct. 18th Neon Spirit Day
- Oct. 30th Halloween movie night: Coraline showing
- Halloween costume contest
 - 31st + 1st
 - Single, Duo, Group categories
- Nov. 16th Favourite Sports Team Colours Spirit Day
- Dec. 7th Cram-the-Cruiser
 - Over 1175 lbs. of food

- Donations from Paul's No Frills, Food Basics, Real Canadian Superstore, and Rotary Midland
- Dec. 6th Grade 8 open house night
 - Booths from clubs and other co-curriculars
 - Activities from departments
- Candy cane grams throughout December
- Winter Spirit Week
 - Monday – Winter Colours
 - Tuesday – Winter Sweater
 - Wednesday – Slippers and Hot Cocoa
 - Gave out free hot chocolate in the great hall over lunch
 - Thursday – Snow Sports Day
 - Friday – Comfy Clothes Day
- Grade nine geography had a field trip to Toronto in October
- Data management class held data games in great hall
- Nov. 16th – music department autumn concert
- Nov. 25th – tech. department held winter family photo sessions
- Nov. 25th – holiday craft show
- Grade 8 orientation days with department activities, presentations, and tours
- Dec. 15 – Art department held the Young Bloods art exhibition at Quest Art Gallery
- Dec. 14-19 – exams/culminating activities
- Law class to hold a mock trial upcoming
- The art department has started a live music event called The Growl on Fridays (not every Friday)
- Jan. 15th application deadline for Ontario universities, Feb. 1st for Ontario colleges
- Jan. 26th – House Colours Day and Rally
- Jan. 30th, 31st, Feb. 1st – feedback and recovery days
- Feb. 5th – semester 2 begins
- Feb. 8th – coffee house
- Student council will run candy grams in February
- Feb. 23rd – Beach Spirit Day
- Feb. 24th – North Simcoe Science Fair
 - Elementary science fair for grades 4-8
- Feb. 28th – Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying
- March break – 11th to 15th

Teacher Report – Donna-Mae

October

- Bursary workshops
- Senior Drama Show for Elementary Schools (30th)
- Movie Night (30th)

November

- Theatre by the Bay (3rd)
- National Indigenous Veterans Day (8th)
- Fall Concert (9th)
- Remembrance Day Assembly (10th)
- University and College Application Workshops (15th & 16th respectively)
- Senior Music Summit (16th)
- Mid-term Reports went home (23rd)
- OSSLT (20-24th)
- QBDSS Very Beary Christmas Craft Show (25th)

December

- Grade 8 Night (6th)
- Cram a Cruiser (7th)
- Art Night (7th)
- Culminating Tasks (14-19th)
- Young Blood Exhibition - sold out - Partnered with Quest art School (15th)
- Open Gym at Lunch

January

- Grad Photos (8-12th)
- School Spirit Assembly (26th)
- Feedback and Recovery Days (30 - 1st)

February

- Black History Month
- Lost Heroes of Oro Play - Georgian Theatre
- Coffee House (8th)
- North Simcoe Science Fair (24th)

Principal Report – Hailey

- Academic Award's Ceremony – great turnout. Getting big. May split next year.
- Recognized National Indigenous Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day. Board featured our Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Fall sports wrapped up.
- OSSLT writing occurred November 20-24.

- Holiday Craft Show was a great success in November.
- Hosted Elementary Girls Basketball Tournament at end of November.
- Professional Development for teachers focusing on Assessment – English and Science
- Math help continues at lunch. Also now offering After Hours Math support to Grade 9 and 10 students.
- Transition activities took place throughout November-December for grade 8 students. Hosted First Tracks through the Bear Den last week of November. Grade 8 Night was well attended on December 6th along with the French Immersion Info Session.
- Recognized many important holidays over December-January including, but not limited to Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and Solstice.
- Arts Department hosted an Arts Night called Young Bloods at Quest Art Gallery. Great collaboration. Will host another one in the Spring.
- Music hosted Fall Concert at GBD and Winter Concert at Kings Wharf. Very well attended. Sold out!
- Culminating Tasks Occurred December 14-20
- Hosted Dominos Pizza Fundraiser for Student Success (\$185.00)
- Donations from Landmark Cruises (\$5000.00 towards Scoreboard) and St. Paul's United Church (300.00 fore breakfast program, plus items for stockings in December)
- Grad photos taking place this week and next.
- Jr Bears Leadership continues to run and students are quite engaged. Various community organization partners. Have two sections this year.

Upcoming Items:

- EQAO – Jan 18 and 23 (Grade 9 Math)
- Semester 2 – Feb 5th
- February marks Black History Month – teachers will be highlighting black excellence. Our hope however, is that teaching about Black Canadian History and excellence is embedded over the entire school year.

- School Spirit Assembly at end of January 9, 2024
- Feedback, Recovery and Improvement Days (Jan 30 – Feb 1)
- PA Day on Feb 2nd.

Hailey introduced Vice Principal Shawn Gibson. He joined GBDSS on November 27th from Stayner.

Hailey discussed Sweet Charity Therapy Dogs. Looking to have School Council approve Sweet Charity program for dogs in the building.

- Need SGF account for Sweet Charity
- 2 current dogs in building
- 3 dogs potentially added to the school
- Need 1900 for funding (3 new and 2 renewals)
- Proposing to use vending machine proceeds to cover the cost for certifying new dogs and re-certification of current dogs
- Everyone approved account and funds from vending machine used to cover cost

Breakfast Program - Misty

- Misty asked for update on breakfast program.
- Hailey shared the following:
 - Salvation Army has been donating and has gotten Starbucks to donate excess food/products
 - 300 dollar donation from St. Pauls United
 - Freezer has been purchased to help with storage.
 - Georgian Bay Food Network secured grant that they will work with us on.
- Misty working with local bakery to see if they will donate excess product.

Parent Engagement Night Proposal – Misty

- Need to finalize plan so we can submit PRO grant.
- Will take place in April
- Spending 1000 for this evening – from Pro Grant.
- Looking for a Lead Parent volunteer on this evening
- Need to create Posters (Hailey will take care of this)
- Offering a variety of different workshops reflecting specific topics was an initial idea
- Use some of the 1000 to support the evening by way of purchasing resources and offering a variety of workshops that benefit educational development and well being
- Including potential honorariums

- Possible ideas:
 - Bring in recruiters to discuss interview skills, resumes, jobs
 - Bring in Fire leadership for fire safety
 - Dance workshops
 - Stress Management Workshops
 - Time management Workshops
 - Working towards success workshops
 - Nutritionist workshop
 - Cooking workshops
 - Auto workshops
 - Art workshops
- The design would be to have parents/students get involved in two different workshops/sessions with a break in between each section.
- Online sign up. Would have a break with refreshments in between.
- Proposed time: 7 - 9 PM (Mid to late April is being proposed - focussing on Tuesday/Thursday)

Movie Screening Night – Parent Engagement – Misty and Allison

- Black History Month Initiative
- Using 500 for this evening
- February 15th
- Movie night “Black Ice” as an Engagement Night
- Proposing a Spaghetti dinner prior to screening that would be free or charge.
- Discussed whether free Hockey tickets would be a possibility. Shawn to look into this.

You’re the Chef! – Event for Students – Allison

- Allison discussed the program for students. It would run right after school, occurring over four weeks capping it at 16 students
- Each session would be 1-2 hours in length.
- Would need one more volunteer.
- Looking at last week of February through end of March.

Car Show (June 1, 2024) – Fundraising Event – Misty

- Fundraising needs to take place.
- Approached Morden’s - have not heard back

- Tables will be inside. Increasing price this year to \$40 per table
- One sponsored secured - Huronia Auto Glass - owner would like to showcase his cars
- Sponsors' logos are placed on Flyers/T-Shirts etc...
- Misty will be approaching all previous sponsors
- Flyers were handed out at Motorama last year in order to increase the amount of cars that will come out to the event. Hoping to do this again.
- Betony is making the fliers.
- Auto department made Trophies last year. This year would like them to make them plus some other departments.
- Discussed ways to involve the Art department - face painting, sketching cars.
- Hoping to have an Ice Cream Truck along with other Food Trucks that come on the day of the event
- Including either an indoor or outdoor sports game that people could watch.
- Will have little games (e.g. lawn games) out so that people can get involved during the car show this year
- Will look at a few companies for quotes for t-shirts.
- Include Face painting
- Raffle Table
- Silent Auction
- Move eating indoors
- Cafeteria and bathrooms will be open
- Bands will play
- Proceeds from car show would go towards scoreboard.

Next Meeting - Mar 21, 2024 @ 7:30pm after Parent Teacher Interview Sessions.