



St. Gabriel School Council

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Minutes – June 18, 2020

1:30pm Online Google Meeting

This meeting was called to order at 1:30pm with the FMCS D Land Acknowledgement and prayer.

In attendance:

Jennifer Lacey, Sarah Dube, Abbie Ouellet

No amendments were made to the May 5, 2020 minutes.

Principal Report:

School Improvements

EAs and teachers are in the school doing final year end preparations and cleanup of classrooms. Fresh coat of paint has been given and new office furniture is to be installed. Mrs. Germain has done some physical activity games on the pavement at the back of the school.

Report Cards

Report cards are being finalized and will be sent out by email to parents. Information about this will be sent out by Mrs. Lacey this week.

Staffing

There are two open teacher positions for next year: grade 5 and EEP. Anticipated classes for next year are as follow: EEP AM, EPP PM, K AM, K PM, 1, 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 4/5, 5, 6, 6. There will be a shakeup of which teachers are teaching the grades and we have a few staff members leaving and new teachers starting. Our school population is anticipated to remain around 250 but due to the higher number of students in the upper grades more classes were made to keep the class sizes smaller. As well, full day kindergarten is no longer offered.

Grant

St Gabriel School has received some grant money to put towards an indoor tower garden and garden boxes. Installation will be done for the fall in preparation for the following year.

Offsite Learning

District is to make an announcement in the next couple of days about offsite learning for the 2020-21 school year. The public school board has announced that they will be offering an E'cademy, full curriculum online learning, for 2020-21.

Upcoming Events

There are a few upcoming events:

Jump Rope – Friday, June 19th – Send pictures or videos to be added to the St. Gabriel School Facebook group.

Grade 6 Farewell – Monday, June 22nd @ 1pm – bus loop drive-thru

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning – Tuesday, June 23rd @ 11am – bus loop drive-thru; Picture care package for students will be handed out.



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Sports Day – Wednesday, June 24th – A link to a google slide will be provided to students. Each teacher provided an activity in the google slide for students to follow along on. Send pictures or videos to be added to the St. Gabriel School Facebook group.

Year End Farewell – Thursday June 25th @ 11am – bus loop drive-thru

Treasurer Report:

APR 27, 2020 – JUN 18, 2020

Summary of Account Balance on Apr 27, 2020	\$13,601.28
Expenses (Eco Club, Spring Fun Afternoon, Teacher Appreciation, Water)	306.36
Deposits (Eco Club, Special Event Day)	<u>405.30</u>
Summary of Account Balance on Jun 18, 2020	\$13,700.23

Chair Report:

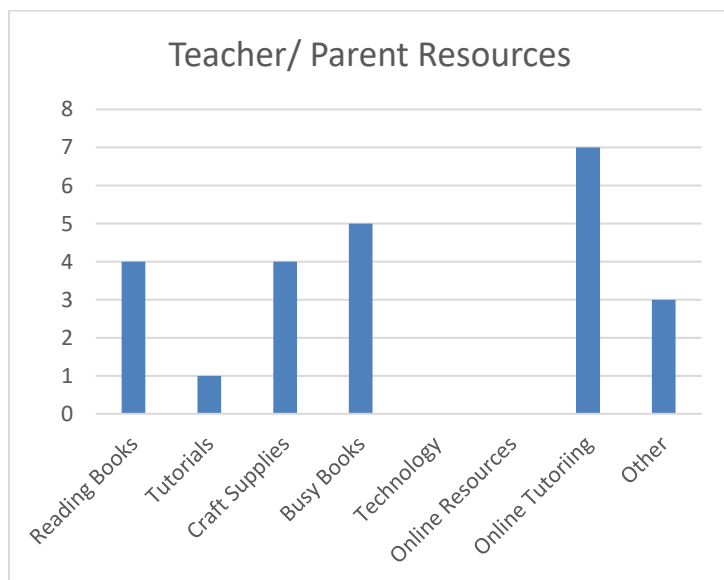
OLD BUSINESS

Election of Executives

No one currently step forward for Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Council Surveys

The May survey results about Teacher/Parent Resources are presented in the following graph.



To meet these needs School Council has:

-provided craft supplies during the last bus loop drive thru



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- put busy book files on the School Council Facebook page
- discussed online tutoring options with the specific respondents

School Council actions about Reading Books is to be covered under agenda item Support/ Resources for Teachers and Parents.

June's Survey will be evaluating how School Council was in engaging parents and advocating the parent voice for 2019-20 school year. This is will be available on the website and Facebook. Information will be sent by email from Mrs. Lacey to all parents.

September's Survey will be about School Council resource allocation, events, and fundraising for the 2020-21 school year. This will be included with the information sent out about School Council rather than the request for volunteers.

Spring Fun Afternoon

Crafts were handed out at the last bus loop drive-thru. It was a success as most of the crafts were handed out. A Facebook post was made for remaining craft supplies. The leftovers are now being provided to Mrs. Ouellet for a reward prize/ final year draw bin.

Support/ Resources for Teachers and Parents

There have been a few requests for reading books from parents. Typically, Mrs. Hannigan has a book trade at the end of the school year so students have new reading materials over the summer months. This encourages students to continue reading. Therefore, School Council will make a post on the Facebook group to encourage a book swap between parents. As well the RMWB library has a pickup and drop off service available on Tuesday and Thursdays so information about this will be posted on the Facebook group. Library membership can be done online and is free. Even though the Epic subscription from the school ends on June 30th, parents can still sign up for 1 month free. Additional months are \$7.99.

School Grounds Cleanup

Sarah received a response on the guidelines for community cleanup this year and litter has started to accumulate on the school grounds again. A school grounds cleanup will be arranged for Thursday, June 25th at 10am. This way families can come participate in the school grounds cleanup right before the Year End Farewell bus loop drive thru. Social distancing and safety precautions will be taken, and garbage bags and gloves will be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Music Supplies

Mrs. Germain has purchased hand chimes stands, binders, and gloves. The request was received to cover the cost of these for the amount of \$530.25. Sarah approved this request. St Gabriel School has been fortunate to borrow chimes from another school, however, it is anticipated that a set will need to be purchased for St Gabriel School. They are approximately \$2000. School Council will revisit covering the cost of hand chimes in the fall.



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School Council AGM

St Gabriel's School Council AGM is set for Thursday September 17th @ 1pm. Childcare will not be provided but children are welcome to attend. As well an online option will be available for parents to join remotely.

Meet the Teachers Night BBQ

A meet the teachers night BBQ will be depending on Covid-19 gathering restrictions. If allowed, it will be the week before school starts, August 26-28th. School Council will help organize and provide volunteers for this event.

Chair Year End Report

Sarah thanked Mrs. Lacey and Mrs. Ouellet for their involvement and reception to School Council's parent involvement at St Gabriel School. Sarah is currently working on the Chair Year End Report and Financials for the 2019-20 school year. It will be finalized next week and provided to the Superintendent and made available on the School Council website. Sarah announced that next year she will be taking a step back from School Council so that other parents can take a more active role in School Council. She will still be available for volunteering but wants to ensure that there is still a continuation of other parent involvement on School Council for future years.

Fundraising:

School Supplies

Staples was chosen as the provider for parents to purchase school supplies for the 2020-21 school year. Staples is offering a more flexible selection option and free home deliveries. As well supplies will be at discounted prices as instore. There are no deadlines to order. An option to make a \$3 donation to School Council will be available for all orders. Currently the website is experiencing some technical difficulties so more information will be provided next week when it should be up and running.

Closing Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Next Meeting date and time: AGM Thursday, September 17th @ 1:30pm. All parents welcome!