

Grand Bend PS School Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Andy Parnham, Carolyn Bristowe, Julie Weber, Breanne Patten, Erin Dykstra, Jamie McElrea, Kim Hammond

Regrets: Terri Legault, Terri Eagleson, Melissa Newton

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the Nov. 2, 2023, meeting were approved as is.

Principal's Report:

- Reviewed the December Newsletter and Calendar events
- Forest Area Family of Schools K-12 Transition Committee meeting is being held on Wed. Dec. 13, 2023 at Grand Bend PS beginning at 5 pm. This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the gym.
- Assembly for Legion Remembrance Day poster and essay contest winners was held this week and was attended by the entire school, Legion members and parents.
- LKDSB Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice Team – Overview of the Inclusive Winter Circle that was shared by LKDSB (Lambton Kent District School Board). This circle includes days of significance that occur in the winter such as Diwali, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, etc. Moving forward schools have been asked to honour holidays in an inclusive way and in a way that de-centres Christmas as the most significant as society and our schools consist of individuals who come from diverse faiths, beliefs and backgrounds.

Teacher's Report:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

- General School Council budget line currently has a balance of \$6125.30.
- Hot Lunch budget line has \$2329.79.
- Outdoor Classroom budget line has \$23085.01 plus an additional balance of \$10 000 in a board central account.

Holiday Lunch:

- Carolyn Bristowe spearheading the Holiday Lunch Committee
- Received a \$300 donation from Rotary Club that will go towards purchasing drink boxes, hot chocolate, cream etc.
- All those who have donated to the Holiday Lunch have been invited to attend the lunch
- Permission forms are beginning to come in
- Gym is booked on December 14, 2023 so volunteers are able to set up the night before
- Dinner will include: turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, buns, salad
- There will be options for those attending who are vegan or vegetarian, have allergies, food sensitivities, etc.
- Volunteers will be going to the Legion the night before to peel and cut potatoes – volunteers are needed for this
- Remind parents/guardians to pack and send a normal lunch for students that day

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00pm in Room 109A