

## **Grand Bend P.S. School Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Andy Parnham, Terri Legault, Breanne Patten, Erin Dykstra

**Regrets:** Carolyn Bristowe, Kim Hammond, Julie Weber, Terri Eagleson, Melissa Newton

**Additions to the agenda:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the Sept. 17, 2023 meeting were approved as is.

**Teacher's Report:** No Teacher's Report tonight due to Mrs. Hammond's absence.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Reviewed the November Newsletter and Calendar events
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Fri. Nov. 10 at 10:15 a.m.
- FDK Communication of Learning: Initial Observations and Gr. 1-8 Progress Reports go home on Fri. Nov. 10
- Parent-Teacher Interviews take place on Thurs. Nov. 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and on Fri. Nov. 17 from 9:00-12:00
- PD Day – Fri. Nov. 17
- Treaties Recognition Week – Nov. 6-10
- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week – Nov. 20-24
- Special Lunch Days – need enough volunteers to continue to run them and distribute the food items in each classroom
- Daylight Savings Time – Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – clocks fall back 1 hr at 2:00 a.m.
- Students in Gr. 6-8 leaving school for lunch = issues in the community, accessing waterways, lots of safety concerns
- Picture Retakes – Wed. Nov. 22
- K-12 School Transition and Naming Committee Updates – Proposed name being recommended to the LKDSB is Lambton Shores Community School.
- Transition Committee Meeting being held at GBPS in the gym on Dec. 13 = Public welcome
- Jingle Bells Colouring Contest – Colouring pages being sent home on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and collected on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Garden Cleanup – Thank you to Melanie Baltessen, Terri Legault, her husband, Mike, and Heather Musser for cleaning up the front of the school
- Proposed Application being made to the Ontario Ministry of Education for a Future Addition to Grand Bend P.S. – At the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 LKDSB Board Meeting Associate Director Brian McKay “relayed that 3 Capital Priorities applications will be made, including a 4-classroom addition, including one resource room, at Grand Bend Public School.” He also “responded that the primary measure the Ministry will review is pupil accommodation pressure, a need for a new school, or communities with many portables. He explained that Grand Bend Public School and Plympton-Wyoming Public School currently have portables on site and there are more anticipated in the future.”

**Treasurer's Report:** General School Council account currently has a balance of \$1870.29 with pizza and sub days still to clear. Outdoor Classroom is currently sitting at \$28458.21 which includes a \$5000.00 cheque from the Optimist Club. Spiritwear total is not yet known, but Mrs. Hammond reported that it is approximately \$120.00. Note: The Spiritwear numbers are not yet factored into the closing balance.

**New Business:** Terri discussed that plans are well underway for the Holiday Luncheon. Businesses have been approached and the plan is to hold two seatings like last year. Timings, etc. will also be the same.

- Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 109A.