

# **Glebe School Council**

## **20 March 2017**

**Present:** Carol Malatesta (Chair), Steven Massey, Richard Deadman, Nancy Gardiner, Kerry Anderson, Marta Farsang, Sandy McIntyre, Dee Barnabe, Paula Leitch Blais, Heather Morse, Kathleen Clancy, Sharon Chartier. Students: Georgia C and Alex H.

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda:** March agenda approved.

**3. Approval of February meeting minutes:** February minutes approved.

### **4. Reports & Presentations**

- **Student Council report: Georgia (President)**
  - **March:** Pancake Breakfast, Spirit Week, Monthly Assembly: YLAC (Youth Leaders Advisory Council) presented about engagement, various clubs presented about what their clubs do.
  - **April:** TWIGS (Those Who Initiate Greener Spaces) - big project from Apr 15 - May 15 Cleaning up the Capital. Focus on environment this month.
  - **May:** Oscars evening May 5<sup>th</sup>; Movie Night /Food Drive May 25<sup>th</sup> (cost = 2 cans of food); May Assembly: Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM), non-profit organization presentation and UN Summit.
- **Student Services - Paula Leitch Blais**
  - Looking for feedback from parents re: spring parent info session: pathways, impact of decisions on future post-secondary choices, wide range of options, info provided by Universities/Colleges, timelines, admissions process, early admission, consider evening session with Univ/Colleges for parents and students.
  - Student Services provides support for course changes, mental health triage, grade 8 planning, Link Crew support, meet with other support professionals (psychologists, agencies, hospitals) etc. 4 guidance counsellors = 350 students each.
- **Principal's Report - Steve Massey**
  - Parent/Teacher Interviews Thurs Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Dept Heads visited Gashan, which is a feeder school to Glebe, to get a sense of incoming grade 9 students and to meet teachers to be sure to offer best support.
  - Safety issue with front driveway and traffic flow: Starting conversation now. Long term solution being sought involving Board facility staff and City of Ottawa.
    - need communication to parents and students
    - consider a survey about why parents drive kids to school
    - TWIGS will come to discuss re-design of school front at April meeting
- **Vice-Principal's Report (Dee Barnabe)**

- Mar 30 Ont Secondary School) Literacy Test (OSSLT). Required for graduation, tests at grade 9 level but students write in grade 10. Extra help will be provided to those students looking for extra help to take the OSSLT from March 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mar 29, 30:** Grade 9s will be attending Jeff Wright, The Odyssey, The Trojan War presentation.

## 5. School Council Committee Reports

- **Fundraising: Apr 30 Anything on Wheels fundraiser with Hopewell.**

Funds raised will go towards Prom.

- Article in OSCAR and Glebe Report re Prom and fundraising. Information/poster for Anything on Wheels will be sent to OCDSB Communications department to be added to weekly Newsletter. SynreVoice messages will be sent by school closer to the date.
- Various other Prom fundraising ideas underway: Yoga, coffee houses, etc.
- Parent Info session April: Shauna to reach out to Paula Leitch Blais to confirm date.
- Archiving of Daily Announcements on Glebe's school website: continuous with each day added above previous day

- **OCASC/Secondary School Council:**

- SSC discussed need for post-secondary info and how more can be provided.
- Specialist High Skills Major, DELF, technical programs and other programs were discussed.
- Next meeting to focus on Leslie Park School Council experience with missing funds, interactions with OCDSB.

## 6. Other Business

- Draft OCDSB school calendar distributed
- Opioid crisis discussion:
  - Info has been sent to parents
  - Info session held Thurs before Marc Break for parents, students, etc
  - How to get right info to students since sometimes students reach out to peers rather than other trusted adults? Community has come together to respond.
  - Public Health and Board deciding how to communicate with students e.g. assembly or some other vehicle.

## 7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.