

# **GLEN WILLIAMS SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 3, 2013**

**In attendance:** : Vince Cundari: Principal; Sheri Binsell: Chair; Lisa Gombocz: Co-Chair;

Kara Jackson: Teacher Representative, Vanessa Legair Parent Representative, David Sullivan: Parent Representative,

Tasha Evans: Parent Representative.

Regrets: Tracey Bastedo

**Guest Speaker: Mark Zonneveld** Superintendent

To discussed Full Day Kindergarten at Glen Williams School

- Need 3 classrooms next year (to accommodate up to 30 students), with 2 staff in each room (Glen is projecting 23 or 24 students per class) – new classrooms will be 1200 sq. feet, with washrooms, cubbies and easy access to the outdoors
- Conservation authority has already approved – now need site plan approval and building permits from town
- Ms. Whitehead's room will be changed into a kindergarten classroom and 2 new classrooms will be added; also new staff room will be built; since one staff washroom will be lost in the reno, still looking at adding another one
- Outdoor play area will go along the back of the school – will be a combination of asphalt, mulch, garden areas, grass – trying to create a more natural play environment in the kindergarten area (schools with similar areas are Joseph Gibbons, Park, Mackenzie-Smith Bennett)
- Will start at the latest March Break, weather dependent, and construction will last up until end of August
- As part of the plan, the landscape plan will include adding new asphalt to the playground to replace what is being taken away. Current kindergarten area may become part of the larger playground.
- Our existing 2 kindergarten classrooms will be renovated depending on what grades will be going in there – washrooms and cubbies may stay
- Portables will stay

**Acceptance of November 2013 minutes** – Vanessa Legair and Sheri Binsell approved the minutes

**Trustee Report** – Alice Strachan may be attending our holiday spectacular

## **Principal's Report**

### **GET EMAIL**

- Reviewed Bullying Prevention and Intervention Action Plan – identified types of bullying, goals that have been set and strategies that are in place to meet goals (Sheri will look into joining with other schools to do cyber-bullying presentation)
- Reviewed field trip plans for this year
- Holiday spectacular: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, start 6:30 on the back tarmac; have 40 hay bales donated for seating and choir; choir will present songs, whole school will complete activity, all classes will sing together; 20 minute video will be presented; will look into purchasing glow sticks (for choir) and mini candy canes (for all kids)
- Safe welcome initiative – will be implemented on December 16<sup>th</sup>; portables will have extra access cards
- Fundraising flyer to be sent home – exchange Terra Cotta cookies with citrus fundraiser

## **Teacher's Report**

December	(beginning of numeracy TLCP – open ended questions)
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of bowling; food and unwrapped toy drive has started (until Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> )
Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten dental screening
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Trade and save; sub day
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten/Grade 2 dental screening
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday spectacular
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Glen gathering; wear festive colours/Christmas hats day; pita day
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten – Scientists in the School; start of Safe school initiative
Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	B day Scientists in the School
Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of food and toy drive; Grade 5's go to Mountainview Residence
Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Early dismissal (1:05)
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	PD day

## **Financial Report**

Parent council – balance available \$5270.22

Vince to look into the cost of math night/grant to determine final amount

If ice is bought from Preston's, we can't submit receipt since Preston's doesn't give itemized receipts

## **Business arising from minutes**

- Ongoing fundraisers – amount made wreaths (\$309.50), poinsettias (\$182.65)
- Terra Cotta cookies made approx. \$640.00
- Bullying presentation – parent council will use money from wreaths and poinsettias to put towards cost
- Teacher wish list: 4 ipads (\$500); guided reading (\$1800) – would like more detail on how money will be spent; math manipulatives (\$2500) – magnetic white boards with markers and erasers (10 per class), 50 protractors, 40 calculators
- Once we have info, Sheri will send email to council to vote on what we want to buy (will allocate \$2000 to purchase resources)
- Approved 2 ipads to purchase with special lunch money
- School sign lettering – letters are ready to go and will be installed next week (total \$1376)
- Outdoor classroom sign – rock has been donated by Landscape Creations and sign is ready to be installed
- June BBQ – possible date of June 6<sup>th</sup>; town can't guarantee date; St. Alban's has offered their land for the bbq; Sheri to look into how Park runs their bbq

Next meeting: February 4th