

# George Peck School Council

## September 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Elaine Suessmuth, Lois Concannon, LJ Race, Veronica Servellon, Stacey Dinadis, Anica Iordache, Joanna Crabtree, Andrea Levendakis, Doris Skrivanos, Nancy Silveira, Sabahhattin (Sabs) Wyanik, Olena Plouskas, Mark de Soysa

### **The council voted on positions for the 2014/15 council:**

#### ***Elected:***

Treasurer: LJ Race (Veronica Servellon to train with LJ for next year)

Secretary: Stacey Dinadis

Chair: Elaine Suessmuth

#### **Review of Previous Minutes: Approved**

**Treasurers' Report:** There is \$770.33 in the bank at this time.

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

#### **School Improvements**

- solar panels on roof - end of October is construction completion date
- 30 new iPads (20 from school budget; 10 minis from Early Years Project for Gr. 1s)
- ISP classes received 2 new SmartBoards
- as a result of Safe School's meeting, we now have visitor's badges at the office

#### **Staffing update and Enrolment**

- Ms O'Neill AND Ms Krastins are back!
- LTO for Ms Prodanos, Jr/I HSP/Resource PM (leave extended to January) is Nikita Moudgil (Mr. Ampofo received a full-time contract)
- Mr. Manos officially resigned because of his health his wife, Dita Manos, has replaced him
- Karen Kowalski is our PM Gr. 5/6 core teacher (former teacher received a full-time contract)
- George Peck has 250 students, on target for our projected enrolment; we did not receive another teacher, nor did we have to reorganize.

#### **EQAO Results from 2012/13:**

Grade 3 results – of the students who participated...

50% were at or above provincial standard in Reading;

73% were at or above provincial standard in Writing, and Mathematics.

Grade 6 results – of the students who participated...

71% were at or above provincial standards in Reading;

74% were at or above provincial standards in Writing; and,

55% were at or above provincial standards in Mathematics.

This is what it looks like... [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

On October 1 the Gr. 3 and 6 teachers, Mr. Wong and Ms Tam, and I will be attending a Regional workshop to examine our EQAO school data.

#### EQAO Results from 2013/14 (Method 1):

Grade 3 results – of the students who participated...

74% were at or above provincial standard in Reading;

78% were at or above provincial standard in Writing, and Mathematics.

Grade 6 results – of the students who participated...

63% were at or above provincial standards in Reading and Writing;

30% were at or above provincial standards in Mathematics.

#### EQAO Results from 2013/14 (Method 2):

Grade 3 results – of the students who participated...

85% were at or above provincial standard in Reading;

90% were at or above provincial standard in Writing, and Mathematics.

Grade 6 results – of the students who participated...

68% were at or above provincial standards in Reading and Writing;

33% were at or above provincial standards in Mathematics.

Accountability: 7 students in Gr. 6 are on IEPs and/or are not working at the Gr. 6 level.

Each student represents 3.7%. If all other students achieved Ministry standards, the highest percentage we could get would be 74%. There is a downward trend in Gr. 6

Math scores across Ontario. In our School Improvement Plan we will address ways to support the Gr. 7 students (last year's Gr. 6 students who did not meet Ministry expectations in the EQAO), and all other students, to improve their academic success.

Pediculosis Check – four minor cases of lice reported to date; Diane Ferrara is the TDSB's Pediculosis Program Advisor who works with us. THANK YOU to Olena Plouskas for assisting with the checks. Let me know if you can help too!

Pest Control – ORKIN is coming in at the end of each month to address the “hot spots” for pests (kitchen, staff room, day care rooms or other reported areas). They have been trying to get rid of our wasp problem.

**Spirit Day** – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month (theme for Oct. 3 is favourite team Jersey OR black and orange day)

**Gr. 8 Career Conference** at Science Centre – Oct. 8

**First fire drill** – Had 1, require 2 more and had our practice **Lock Down drill**

Baseball and Cross Country have begun.

Improvements required:

- BB diamond
- Backboards for Basketball
- Old equipment push out to classrooms and update gym equipment

Thank you to Gino's Pizza - they brought two free pizzas to our meeting in a bid to be the pizza provider on school pizza days.

**Kindergarten Sub-Committee**

-The Sub-committee met with Stacey Mitchener (Superintendent), Brad Duguid MPP, and Trustee Smith back in March. At this meeting, Stacey promised to work with us to get a resolution on the issue with kindergarten space. There was no follow up by Stacey, and Elaine spoke to her a couple of times before the end of school in June, and was told people were too busy to discuss, and that summer would be the best time to have the issue vetted. There was no contact from Stacey throughout the summer, and Elaine finally reached her at the end of August. Stacey said that she could not do anything about the issue, and that the TDSB considered the space adequate. She indicated there was no case to be made to the Ministry either.

**\*\*Council voted on whether this resolution is acceptable and/or whether to continue to address this issue. Overwhelmingly Council voted that we should continue to pursue the issue. The sub-committee will set up a meeting to talk about this issue and to explore more options on what to do next.\*\***

## **Fundraising:**

1. Pizza Lunches-will continue this year. However we need a volunteer to help coordinate these. Yota will be unable to continue. Please contact Elaine if you are interested.
  2. Chocolate fundraiser-will continue again this year. Chocolates will go out on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, before Thanksgiving.
  3. Popcorn-was very successful last year, but there are some concerns over a child that is allergic. Lois will follow up with the parents of the child, and depending on the outcome, we will decide on whether or not to continue selling.
4. The council also discussed other options, bake sales were suggested by a parent present. This is an option, however we would need to have someone step forward as volunteer coordinator. It was also pointed out that the grade 8's use these for their own fundraising events. Will discuss further if interest is expressed by a volunteer to coordinate.

## **Other items:**

1. Dogs on property continue to be an issue. Lois will contact other schools to find out what they are doing.
2. Kindergarten Gate will now be locked.
3. Yard - there are two dead trees that need to be looked after.
4. Volleyball net – Lois indicated we no longer have one for outside. Council could consider purchasing one. Will add to wish list.
5. Money from Grade 8's last year - will be given to the grade 8's this year.
6. Gardens - Thanks to Mark for volunteering his time to the upkeep. We need more volunteers to keep them up. Please speak to Elaine.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 6:30-8:00pm, Library**