

**Glad Park School Council Meeting  
Monday January 5, 2009**

**Attendees:**

Dalene Serebro, Tracey Grensted, Andria Stevens, Natalie Wood, Sarah Carrick, Carolyn Dobson, Lisa Hume, Maria Nadeau, Graham Scrimgeour, Kelly Atkinson, Diana Bohemier, Michelle Rennie, Jennifer Rose, Janet Park, Drew McNaughton, Natasha Baage,

**Regrets:** Jodi Yasuda, Dalene Serebro, Catherine McCowan, Maureen Ramandan

**Call to Order 7:04pm**

December minutes were reviewed and approved by Diana and Carolyn

**Health and Safety:** Diana Bohemier

Hand washing campaign was a success

Nothing new to report

1200 slices were ordered and just over 300 whole wheat crusts were ordered for term 2 or approximately ¼ of the orders were W.W.

**Environmental Committee:** Jennifer Rose

Eco Club moving forward

**Fundraising:** Michelle Rennie

**Fun Fair meeting** Wednesday January 7 8:30am at Tim Horton's

Drew noted that all profit raised towards play will reimbursed to Council \$1000.00 start up costs that was approved at the December meeting.

**Community Representative:** Jim Thomas

Thanked follow council members for support in the safety concerns presented to the Town Council. A legal crosswalk and additional crosswalk signage is now in place. The speed limit on Millard has been reduced to 40 km/hour. A private consulting firm will be hired by the town to conduct a safety analysis.

Jim noted that he agreed to support and report on student safety in and around the school and playground areas

Tracy Grenstead and Natalie Wood shared that Jodi Yasuda's presentation at the Town council was strong and effective. Way to go!!!

Michelle spoke with Ward 2 Councillor Phil Bannon regarding safety issues and he would like to join a council meeting at this New Year.

**Literacy Committee:** Carolyn Dobson

Winners will be presented at the end of each month at the student assembly. One winner will be awarded per grade level. A rubric is being constructed to grade writing pieces. All grade 4 and grade 8 students are invited to participate in the January writing contest. Winners will be invited to have their piece of writing published in the newsletter.

**Chair's Report:** Michelle Rennie

Melissa King Literacy Lead/Teacher Librarian and a collection of teachers to present smart board usage at the February meeting. Drew will invite

**Highlights of the 2008 Quest Pre-Conference:** Zoie Williamson

Zoie Williamson and Mrs. Susan Stapley, teacher at GP attended this year's Quest pre-conference titled: "The Quest for Increased Student Achievement: Focused Leadership That Deepens Learning." Zoie shared highlights from presentations including:

- As parents we need to focus more on the process of learning and achieving and less on the end result or achievement, learning is on-going
- Children learn best impromptu, when they least expect it!
- Let go of some control, do we make decisions for our children or allow them to make informed decisions with our support?
- Teach each other, learn from your kids, ask them to explain a concept /idea verbally or write a letter or email to a relative about a specific topic or lesson from school

**Treasurers Report:** Not available at meeting

**Principal's Report:** Drew McNaughton

2008-2009: Budget Estimates

\$90 000 is our approximate annual operating budget

**School home communication:** snow ball letters sent home as improved safety and incidents at the schools

**Families Helping Families:** Thanks to those who supported our winter wish initiative again this year. The families were thrilled.

**School Improvements** in addition to the painting of all interior doors (exterior doors to be painted in spring) and resurfacing of north-east stairs in December,

the boys washrooms were outfitted with new urinals and plumbing over the Winter Break

**Principal Profile** must be created by school council for and by Feb meeting

**Misc.**

- Ottawa Trip all 7 intermediate staff including principal and educational assistant will attend
- Quarters for Kids raised over \$5000 for Sick Kids Hospital – way to go
- Primary Winter Concert on Thursday, December 11 was a big hit

**General Questions and Comments**

Ski Winter Electives is expensive when payment is due prior to holidays  
Can winter electives be shared in future years? i.e. One day skiing, one day skating etc to alleviate the pressure of the costs, especially for families with multiple children.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm  
Next Meeting: February 2, 2009