

**Glad Park School Council Meeting
Monday April 6, 2009**

Attendees:

Dalene Serebro, Andria Stevens, Carolyn Dobson, Maria Nadeau, Kelly Atkinson, Diana Bohemier, Jennifer Rose, Drew McNaughton, Natasha Baage, Jim Thomas, Zoie Williamson, Catherine McCowan

Parent Members: Maureen Ramanan

Guests: Gloria Rincon,

Regrets: Diana Bohemier, Jodi Yasuda, Lisa Hume (attending Joint council), Janet Park (attending Joint Council), Graham Scrimgeour, Tracey Grensted

Call to Order

7:08pm

March Meeting Minutes were reviewed by council and approved by:

1st Andria Stevens

2nd Natalie Wood

Staff Presentation: Mrs. Tanya Robinson

New teacher to GP teaches grade 3. Presentation on Smart Board uses in school. Smart boards are a Canadian invention with a home base in Calgary, Alberta

Glad Park now owns 5 Smart Boards, a set of clickers purchased in partnership between the school, school council and the Board cost-sharing program

- Smart Boards are very education- and student friendly
- Demonstrated a variety of educational games that can be played on the board to promote literacy skills
- Promotes cooperation and gets students involved in their lessons
- Most children are visual learners especially boys, technology gets students engaged
- In 6+1 writing traits initiative, the smart board is used to assist students in brainstorming and organizing ideas
- Media literacy and comprehension
- Can hide text so Smart board can be used with Q and A to check reading and listening comprehension
- As a tool to teach math: sorting odd and even numbers
- Geography maps instead of an Atlas can move countries to the location and then label
- New boards are smart book 10 with additional features like record and replay
- Can add microphones and use smart recorder to allow children to hear themselves read
- Document camera is like an overhead projector

- SMART Print Capture will allow you to transfer web page to smart notebook and then you can write on it with the class
- Translates hand scribed words into text
- Steve Vandervelde has created numerous files for the smart board that can be downloaded to a centralized file that can be accessed by all teachers and modified to suit their lesson and grade level
- Comes downloaded with galleries of symbols, pictures, teacher tools, games,
- SMART manages a website that has a lesson data base that teachers can download share and borrow lessons to use
- 1 in library
- 1 in each student support centre
- 1 in Mr. Vandervelde
- 1 is roaming and can be borrowed by any teachers
- Clickers can be used as an assessment tool through created a visual test with remotes to answer anonymously, marks can be imported into excel for assessment purposes
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Committee Updates

Health and Safety: Dalene Serebro for Diana Bohemier

More families are choosing whole wheat crust for their pizza orders 26-40 % whole wheat.

14 children currently participating in You're the Chef

Fun Fair H&S committee will run a watermelon table

Student Achievement & Literacy: Carolyn Dobson

Writing contests ongoing

Environmental: Jennifer Rose

Eco-club has been established with 12 members and meets every other Monday April is Earth month and Wednesday April 22 is Earth Day. During that week the committee will present short skits in various classrooms around liter less lunches. Golden Trash Can award will be presented at the April Assembly to the class with the least amount of lunch garbage and the golden mug award to the teachers that use reusable mugs as opposed to paper cups for their coffee.

Fundraising: Natalie Wood

Fun Fair Committee has started booking events \$700 deposit for inflatables

Purchased \$300 for game awards

Volunteers are still needed

April 15, 2009 8:45 am next planning meeting

Community Representative: Jim Thomas

4-way stop at Millard Ave and Glad Park Ave has been rejected by the town following a traffic analysis
A crosswalk has been created at this intersection which immensely increases safety of students
Jim will continue to address one safety issue in each monthly newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Catherine McCowan

No playground reserve as it was deemed to be an excess
Board recommended that we keep 10% or purchase cost on hold for maintenance for a 10 year period
\$500 on hold for grade 8 grads
Fun Fair monies borrowed will be replaced

Currently with a balance of \$8500.00

Principal's Report: Drew McNaughton

Confirmed that \$500.00 donation to grade 8 graduation is supported by council and will be used towards the cost of the DJ
Grade 8's \$10 to cover cost of meal
School Pays decorations, awards engraving
Parent Reaching Out Grant May 12, 2009

Upcoming Events:

- Willy Wonk - April 27-30
- Professional Activity Day - May 1
- Welcome to Kindergarten (Kindergarten Orientation) – May 7, 6PM
- GPPS Track & Field Meet (Gr. 4-8) – May 11
- Volunteer Tea – May 14
- Heart & Stroke – Friday, May 15, 2009

Zoie, Carolyn, Andria supported \$500 to grade 8 grads unanimous!

Chair's Report: Dalene Serebro

Janet and Lisa are at the SDSS Joint Council Meeting
Zoie's son has left the school. Zoie will remain on Council until the end of the school year and will fulfill fun fair coordination commitment

After reviewing the sound and stage improvements that was originally proposed in 2007 to upgrade lighting, wiring,

\$6000.00 on reserve from last year 2007-2008
\$6731.00 contributed by GP \$6000.00 plus \$731.25 GST
Drew is requesting \$3795.00 from Council for a total of \$16 526, 25

Lisa confirmed that the pricing from **Christie Lites** Board Approved Vendor was competitive

Pending School Community Support the Council Agrees to provide GP with an additional \$3795.00

Dalene and Drew will put the notice out to the school community via memo home to parents, via the school website regarding support of the \$3800.00 by Tuesday April 7, 2009. Concerns must be addressed by Council by April 15, 2009. Council will move forward with work order once sufficient notice has been given to the school community

1st Natalie and 2nd Catherine

Questions:

Ski Field Trip Safety

Helmets are not enforced or required

More supervision, helmets, parent volunteers

Visibility reduces risk

Increase safety awareness and school

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Next Meeting: May 4, 2009