

**Senator Gibson Public School
School Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday October 25, 2016 – 6:00pm
Learning Commons**

1) Welcome

- In attendance: Simon Hancox, Heidi Talukdar, Janelle Wood, Dyana Spencer, Kelly Phillips, Sara Karklins, Marietta Hopkins, Cheryl Behroozi, Sara Acheson, Tricia Troup, Tracey Orlando, Stacey Tallman, Robert Accadia, Pauline Wilts, Erin Accadia, Tracey Hockridge, Angie Evans, Elizabeth Timleck, Mike Bolibruck (Mr B)

2) Council Update

- Heidi presented \$175.00 being donated by last year's Graduating class to be used towards the purchase of a tent to be used at sporting and other school events. Order to be placed as soon as possible. Total cost w/school logo quoted at \$570.00. Council voted, and motion passed to go ahead with this purchase. Suggestion of including "Donated by the Class of 2016" is being considered.
- Mistletoe Market: Planning meeting schedule for November 7th at 8:30pm at Conversations Café. Robert and Erin presented samples of items that would be purchased towards this event. Cost to the student buyers would be kept low at \$1-\$2. This is a not for profit event geared towards helping the students purchase gifts for family at Christmas time. Event to run December 15th during school hours (setup on the 14th)
- School Dance: Proposed date of January 27th. Two DJ companies have been contacted for quotes. Parent volunteers will be needed for set-up/clean-up, as well as during the event.
- Spirit wear orders were placed on October 26th. Grad hoodie order will be placed as soon as the logo is complete and all forms are received to ensure accuracy in spelling of the students names.
- Pita Pit ran well. More orders are still being placed through the school rather than Cash Online system.
- Roberts updated on "Fresh from Farm" campaign. Flyers received quite late, so not able to run this year, but will save them towards next fall to start campaign as early as possible.
- Mr Hancox and Mr B gave updates on the proposed new scoreboard. Ideas looked at were purchasing a large TV that would allow for Wi-Fi programs to control the display. Options for scorekeeping, as well as anything else we wish to display (during assemblies or other presentations). One main issue is protection and security for any new devices. Quoted cost of alternate plan of LED scoreboard \$4700.00.

No final decision made at this time as further fundraising will need to be done towards this purchase.

3) Financial Report:

- Current balance \$2834.95. Pita Pit money has not been deposited by the time of the meeting, but expected to be in before the end of the month. No transactions taken place since last meeting.

4) New Business

- Mr B took point to discuss his plans for “branding” in the school. Boost student morale and team spirit in everyone, not just those on the teams, by promoting our Gator brand and making it more visible. Some aspects such as new sport/gym uniforms will take time to come into place, and further fundraising, but would provide all students with instant “Spirit Wear” for events and spirit days. Also discussed (design samples passed around) was painting the gym mats on the gym walls with Gator logos.
- Mr B also looking at an option to fundraise by running concession stands at certain tournaments and interschool events. Volunteers would be needed should that go ahead, and possible opportunity for the 7/8 students to earn bars.

5) Principal/Vice Principals report

- Student survey results: students were given a survey. Some topics covered were feelings about personal safety, bullying, etc. The results showed a positive feeling from students about school atmosphere. Example of ways this survey is used was given. A few years ago there was a worry about not having enough staff/adults monitoring activities outdoors. Solution to have all monitoring staff wear safety vests was implemented to improve visibility and faster access to help when needed. Had a positive response. Parent survey is scheduled to go out in the New Year.
- Progress reports are due to go home on November 10th. Parent/Teacher interview night is scheduled for November 17th. Notes will be sent home for the parents to help coordinate meeting times with their children’s teachers.
- Last year’s reciprocal reading project with the Grade 3 and 6 students showed a great improvement in students reading and comprehension levels. This year all teachers will be introduced to this method and all grades from K-8 will take part. Reciprocal reading involves the children by having them read aloud with partners, and asking each other questions to improve comprehension and retention. The recent

addition of 3 new carts of books and other materials for this project totalling more than \$1000 are now in use.