

September 26, 2023 Parent Council/Association Meeting

Attendance: Principal - Cindy Kohinski , Vice Principal - Melissa Wilson, Nakita Dostie, Jen Pasto, Marlee VanHelvert, Stephanie McPhee, Dayna Jackson, Amanda Howley, Corrina Geofrancesco, Yvonne Mason, Bianca Muller, Janine Perry-Flagg, Sara Dill, Marilyn Arellano, Vipul Gorg, Rashmi Gorg.

New Business:

Cindy Kohinski, new principal, is excited to be at Garrison Road Public School and we are excited to have her too!

First week of September, names put forward for Student Council members. Formal vote this evening. Election as follows:

Dayna Jackson, Chair - acclaimed

Corrina Gianfrancesco, Co-Chair - acclaimed

Yvonne Mason, Secretary - acclaimed

Amanda Howley, Treasurer - acclaimed

The Staffing at school remains the same. No changes made. Breakfast club started successfully the first week of school with some wonderful volunteers. All students are welcome.

Meet the teacher is Thursday September 28th from 4-6pm and all are welcome.

Bingo volunteers are welcome. Thousands of dollars are provided to the school each year through bingo volunteering and used to pay for a variety of resources. It can be anyone connected to the school e.g. parents and grandparents. More information available on the school Instagram page. Parent association to be available during meet the teacher to provide more information to parents regarding parent association and bingo volunteering.

ArtShine is providing opportunities for after school art activities. The DSBN Instrumental Music Program is also available for interested families. The DSBN will be offering more academic programs this school year.

Unfinished business:

Portable has been removed. The Fundamental Skills Program has been moved successfully to Peace Bridge Public School.

The side of the school was retarmacked during the summer due to damage being caused to the building by drainage.

The playground was deemed no longer safe and was removed when the surface was retarmacked. Each class has a set of recess toys e.g. a variety of balls, scoops etc which the students thoroughly enjoy. All students are now able to access the back field as well as the side yard. 'Creative Playground' has drawn a sketch of games to paint onto the side yard. These typically last about five years. The grades 1-3 are outside at a separate time to the grade 4-6. Likewise, the grade 7-8 students have a separate play area to the grades 4-6. A new

playground was discussed and a new playground is estimated at approximately \$80,000 that would need to be fundraised for. Ideas that were considered are a natural playground, additional toys etc. Staff reported students having a lot of success outside at recess time.

Principal's Report: Welcome to Cindy Kohinski!

'School Council Handbook' shared with everyone in attendance.

Next meetings:

November 28th

February 27th

April 30th