

Gandatsetiagon School Community Council (SCC)

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday September 18, 2019

In Attendance:

John Hamilton (Principal), Frank Samuels (Vice Principal), Megan Wright (Chair), Natalie Holyday, Maddalena Desira, Dionne Correia, Carol Charles, Kerri Callaghan, Christine Rayman, Jennifer Yule, Tara Harrison, Nadine Pyatt, Miriana Mangos, Eric Correia, Danielle Scholtens, Amanda Singh, Henry Chong

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by SCC Chair Megan Wright

Introductions of everyone in attendance

Principal Report

Bios of new Principal John Hamilton and new vice principal Frank Samuels

EQAO was discussed, school scored above board and provincial levels. Reports have been received by the school; they will be added to the students' files and sent home.

Mr. Hamilton is part of the principal and vice principal governing body and is sometimes away from the school for a period of time. When this happens, Mr. Jeff Anderson will act as the principal in his absence.

Kiss and Ride was discussed. Overall parents and guardians are following the rules and being courteous. Just a reminder about safety over convenience and using patience. Idea of a "walking school bus" was discussed. Encouraging students to walk together, pick up other students along their walk to school.

Staffing: Gandy is getting a 0.5 FTE coverage teacher and a 1.0 FTE Education Assistant to support students. We also have a new night custodian, Mr. James.

Request from staff

There was a request from Mrs. Shaw (our librarian) regarding fund allocation to the library. This was tabled at this time and will be discussed at our net meeting.

Public Health Nurse: Mr. Henry Chong

Mr. Chong discussed his role in Durham Region and at Gandy. Spoke to help with Bullying, Mental Health, Healthy Eating, and other areas of health.

Elections

Self and group nominations were done, the following roles were successfully filled:

Secretary: Dionne Carreia and Nadine Pyatt

Treasurer: Amanda Singh

Chair: Megan Wright

Vice Chair: Tara Harrison

Voting rights

Voting rights were discussed. It was agreed upon that one must make a commitment to attend most meetings in order to obtain voting rights in the SCC. This will be tabled until the next meeting, at which time the people will be decided and published for the Gandy community.

Fundraising

Laura Secord chocolate fundraiser was discussed. This is going to be our MAJOR fundraiser for the year. Friday September 27th will be the kickoff party for staff and students. This is also the date that one box of chocolates will be coming home with the youngest or only child for each family to sell. Box(es) can be purchased through school cash online. Numerous prizes will be available for top class, top student, draw prizes, etc. A parent letter will be coming home soon with all the details. Fundraising campaign will run from September 27th until October 15th. Any questions or concerns, please contact gandyscc@gmail.com.

Halloween/costume dance will be happening again this year on Thursday October 31. More details to follow.

Next meeting: Wednesday October 16th at 6:30 pm