

GFESS Parent Council Minutes

March 19, 2024

Attendance: Hailey Hudson, Heidi Hopkins, Doug Gilmour, Susan Jovanovic, John Mollicone, Kristin Pisaric, Carrie McLennan, Fred Louws and Roxanne Rees

Start Time: 6:34pm

Student Council: (Hailey)

- **Prom Bake Sale**
 - February 23rd
 - amazing turnout
- **Celebration of Culture**
 - February 21st
 - Pot luck, cultural exhibits, etc.
 - Excellent turnout - highlight was the indigenous dancers
- **Grade Colour Day**
 - February 23
 - points go towards the grade for the final colour wars in June
 - Lots of games, activities and trivia throughout the day
- **Pink Shirt Day**
 - February 28th
 - ribbons, lots of participation
- **Wrap-Up for Black History Month**
 - Daily posts, announcements etc.
 - Students built kits for Black History Month and received a lot of positive recognition throughout DSBN and the community.
- **Cafe and Open Mic Night**
 - March 27th from 2:30-4:10pm
 - Grade 9 council organized this event
 - Event from the past which GFESS is bringing back
 - Board games, hot chocolate etc.
- **RPS at GFESS**
 - Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament on March 20th
 - 140 players and by the end of the day only one winner.
 - Necklaces for \$1.00 and throughout the day try to gain as many necklaces to win.
 - Happening in between classes and lunches
- **Egg Hunt**
 - March 28
 - Same as last year. The hunt begins during period one however, the main event will happen during lunch.
- **Photo Scavenger Hunt**
 - Done this event in the past
 - Students will need to take pictures of certain items

- Winning team gets a prize

Teachers (presented by Doug)

- **Progress reports** were sent out.
- **Parent-teacher interviews** this week. Make sure to sign up to meet your child's teachers.

Administration (presented by Fred)

- **Student Voice Survey/Staff Survey** - During Thursday's staff meeting, teachers and admin will start unpacking the data from the surveys and look at potential next steps.
- March 28th - GFESS hosting a **Job Fair** during lunch. This allows students the opportunity to see which organization/business is hiring. At times, interviews can be done on the spot.
- Meridian Bank will be providing grade 12 students with a **financial literacy presentation** in April. Alternative accommodations will be made for students who have full day coops.
- **The Fort Erie Fire Department** will be doing a presentation to the grade 12 students about fire safety.
- **Safe School** meeting on Wednesday to discuss new policies and protocols

Other

- Suggestion to have grade 9/10 students attend a **financial literacy** presentation since this age group are starting to work for the first time. Hailey suggested this could line up perfectly with the Gryphon Guides.
- Suggestion to have **Cadets** do a presentation to students regarding the benefits of joining the cadets. Fred suggested for them to come during lunch.
- **Major's Advisory Committee** has many volunteer opportunities for students to get their community service hours.

Next meeting April 15th

Meeting end time: 6:30pm