

GFESS Parent Council Minutes

April 15, 2024

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

Start Time: 6:29pm

Student Council: (Hailey)

- **RPS at GFESS**
 - Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament on March 20th
 - 120 necklaces sold
 - Excellent participation
 - The winner had 26 necklaces
- **Cafe and Open Mic Night**
 - March 27th from 2:30-4:10pm
 - Grade 9 council organized this event
 - Great turnout, talent and treats
- **Egg Hunt**
 - March 28
 - Same as last year. Huge success: 200 students participated there were over 500 hidden eggs and 200 hidden ducks.
- **Prom Tickets**
 - On sale now. Not many sold but it's still early. May 10 - PROM
- **Spirit Week**
 - April 9-12, 2024
 - Always great participation from the students of all grades
- **Photo Scavenger Hunt**
 - April 17
 - Students get points for creativity, props and comedy
- **GFESS After Hours**
 - Planned by the grade 9 council.
 - \$5.00 to participate - variety of activities
- **Colour Wars**
 - May 31, 2024

Teachers (presented by Doug)

- **Report Cards** will be sent out next week.
- Marks are due Wednesday.

Administration (presented by Fred)

- May 4 - **Car Wash fundraiser**. Last year, prom committee was able to raise over \$1500.00
- **Fan Con** is Saturday May 27th - A FREE event for everyone. This is all things related to gaming, anime etc.

- **Staffing Update:** as of now- one retirement and enrolment is up. Prediction for 2024-2025 school year 1100 students.
- **Report Card Change** - GFESS and A.N.Myer piloting Family Portal. Report Cards will no longer be mailed out. Parents will have access to it online. More information to come.
- **Skills Ontario.** GFESS will be sending its largest group of students to the provincial Skills Competition.
- **Award Assembly tomorrow.** Teachers were asked to fill out a google and nominate students. These are awards based on character traits not only academics.
- **Badminton-** every member of the GFESS badminton team placed 1st or 2nd (except one). They will be moving on to the next level. There were over 100 students who tried out for the Badminton team, a clear reflection on the growth at GFESS.

Next meeting May 21, 2024

Meeting end time: 6:43pm