

GPS Parent Council Minutes - 2017/2018

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19 June

Attendees

Name	Email	Phone
Tanya Fraser	On file	On file
Katelyn Good	On file	On file
Bruce Good	On file	On file
Mukesh Patel	On file	On file
Nicole Whitarcar	On file	On file
Luke LaRocque	On file	On file
Sam Bigley	On file	On file
Seth Martin	On file	On file
Sandi Martin	On file	On file
Jheniffe Gauthier	On file	On file

Agenda (Meeting minutes in blue)

1. Welcome
2. Principle Updates
 - Tanya is going to Glen Orchard, being replaced by Paul Goldring, new VP will be Jennifer Richter
 - Discussions with staff divisions re: parent council focus for the upcoming year. All divisions agreed:
 - Kinder Yard – needs lots of work, which will be expensive to meet regulations and be sturdy enough to last for a long time
 - Tanya will talk to the Kinder teachers to get a wish list together so we can start to create a budget, construction phases, and long term fundraising goal
 - Equitable enrichment – money towards a year end trip or a play, something that would be across the grades

- **Council members present agreed to support both projects and develop a set of goals for funding**
 - Tanya needs a short write-up for the last PA day about parent council reps being appointed from each class (Luke will handle this)
 - Math Career Fair went really well, expect similar events in the future. Link to watch short video here: <https://youtu.be/XPAelqsOlf0>
- 3. Teacher appreciation lunch: Michelle
 - Michelle was not able to attend meeting.
- 4. Playground renewal proposal: Mandy Dart
 - Mandy was unable to attend, has sent her presentation for us to consider before the August 21st off-site planning meeting (can be viewed here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=174G7FcR9TAeOHYwA6Syo4BCuDtAtCwdj>)
- 5. Track and field update: Michelle (Katelyn reported)
 - where the funds are going from track (Katelyn/ michelle)
 - Raised \$900,
 - **CORRECTION:** Michelle & Dave donated burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments & napkins
 - **CORRECTION:** Mukesh donated Gatorade and fruit
 - Office has asked for a BBQ for our school so we don't have to borrow from the high school
 - Mukesh will ask Canadian Tire to assist
 - Custodial staff has asked for funds to go to purchase folding chairs for our school so we don't have to borrow from high school
 - Tanya: Furniture is a budget line that can be applied for by the school instead of parent council, purchasing end date is June 1st.
 - Jheniffe: The kinder yard has been a commitment for years, and it would be nice to finish that commitment.
 - Jheniffe: This school hasn't been applying for the Pay it Forward Muskoka Grant. Would be happy to look at it when it's time to apply. Normally due April 13th. Anything around filling a need for the community.
 - Luke: has looked into Terence Haight grant from the town, would like to try for that funding as well
 - Sandi: Would like requests for funding to be presented to council so that we can evaluate them according to what we've already committed to and what we think is realistic given our fundraising plans for the year, rather than agreeing piecemeal as requests are made. This will let us focus our limited resources on the projects we as council want to fund most.
- 6. Meeting dates for next year
 - August 21 (off-site, pre-school year planning)

- September 11 (6:30pm)
 - October 9 (6:30pm)
 - November 13 (6:30pm)
 - December 11 (12:30pm) (if needed)
 - January 15 (6:30pm)
 - February 12 (6:30pm)
 - March 19 (12:30pm) (if needed)
 - April 9 (6:30pm)
 - May 14 (6:30pm)
 - June 11 (6:30pm)
7. Spirit wear fundraiser (year round)(luke)
- Portage has started downsizing their school offerings. Has recommended that we are careful with buying inventory and don't run it each year.
 - Do we run it as a fundraiser or at cost?
 - No decision at this time
8. Setting a certain number of fundraisers/which ones (See table from May 29th)
- Sandi to find out when the Recipes in a Jar could run – ideally for Christmas. Will speak to Jillian Foxcroft re: dates
 - Little Caesar's pizza kits – Fall
 - Recipes in a Jar – pre-Christmas
 - MacMillan's – Spring
 - Jheniffe: Can we explore pooling resources with Beechgrove, so that community partners can donate to "community schools" without having to choose between them? Jheniffe is happy to do some of the networking and preliminary legwork to present this idea – we could split the money 50/50, and local businesses can allocate annual resources
9. Roles we want on the school council
- Katelyn: would like to continue as chair
 - Luke: would like to maintain the website & head up communications
 - Sandi: would like to keep minutes & financial records
 - Jheniffe would like to be the social advocacy lead
 - Jheniffe: we should have an org chart poster so parents know who to connect with
 - Sandi/Luke: we should designate event leads - not that whoever is in charge of bake sales, for example, is responsible for being at every one of the sales, but that one person is the main contact & delegator for everyone else
10. Letter I (Katelyn) will be giving to staff at GPS
- We will develop a list of event leads (see above) to give to teachers so they know who to contact for requests or partnerships
11. Adjournment

29 May

Attendees

Name	Email	Phone
Tanya Fraser		
Michelle Gemmell		
Sandi Martin		
Luke LaRocque		
Seth Martin		

Agenda (Meeting minutes in blue)

1. Welcome- Introductions
2. Principal/Vice Principal Update
 - o Year end assembly is on June 28th, parents are welcome to attend
 - o All remaining dates and reminders went out today in the newsletter (look for a green piece of paper)
 - o Website issues have been resolved, and it will be updated more frequently from now on (see last item in agenda for more parent council/website details)
3. Mass Band - Michelle
 - o Fundraising opportunity for future years: we can sell baked goods and beverages to help raise money for GPS
 - o Dates to be confirmed for the 2018/2019 school year
 - o Tanya: it's a board event, and a really cool one.
4. Pro grant planning and application- Katelyn
 - o Application deadline June 5th, 2018
 - o Suggested: Creating Healthy Boundaries with Marcy Hill
 - o Tanya will email Marcy; Sandi will complete PRO Grant application and submit by deadline
 - o Michelle: Grant applications go through the ministry website (https://education.factorial.ca/s_Login.jsp?&lang=1) and we are required to report on the effectiveness of the program by the end of next school year
5. Welcome to Kindergarten night - Sandi

- Mrs. Ferrari asked us to run the healthy lunch table, and we'll be promoting & recruiting for school council
 - Luke, Sandi, Erica, and Michelle are all available, event is from 4-5pm
 - Tanya will have a copy of the daily schedule so we can talk to parents about what to expect for their kids' lunch breaks
 - Luke is making a flyer with dates of 2018/2019 meetings to share with new parents, and we'll collect email addresses at the event
6. Fundraisers Update:
- Macmillan's- Michelle \$850
 - Badminton Tournament Update May 3rd (9am-2pm)- Katelyn \$365.10
 - Swap and Play Event- Update May 5th (9am-1pm)- Luke \$791
 - Robotics Fair- Update May 18th (9am-2pm) Katelyn \$795
7. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Michelle
- June 19th
 - Volunteers needed to bake and cook potluck style meals for teachers and staff to thank them for this school year and the great job they have done with our kids.
 - Examples of Food needed: fruit salad, garden salads, pasta salads, sandwiches, wraps, desserts
 - Michelle is the lead on this event. A request for help went out in the newsletter (green sheet)
8. Track and Field Meet June 6th/7th (GPS only) - Katelyn (Now June 12th, Regionals)
- Volunteers needed to help organize event, bake, bbq, sell food and beverages
 - Sandi, Luke, and Erica not available on the new date. Michelle was not available but is going to work with Katelyn to make it happen
 - Kinders are going to sell freezies to raise money for class trip or their yard updates at the meet on the 6th
9. Fundraising Events for 2018/2019 School year
- Michelle tries to run no more than three per year, effort made not to duplicate GHS/Beechgrove fundraisers. Macmillan's ran twice this year and she recommends only running the one in the spring because it includes meat. Most vendors offer promotions to sign up by a deadline (usually before June)
 - Tanya & Luke: Let's concentrate on taking Swap & Play and doing it really well. Need to do a cost/benefit to make sure that hours and effort put in are worth the money raised

- Sandi: Had an idea to do a “night out” for parents; movie & babysitting for kids (should make it a limited attendance) and partnership with local restaurants so parents can get a discount
- Luke: Could we set up a swag/merch (whatever the cool kids are calling it now) shop online through the Portage portal like they do for Beacon? Tanya would also like to have a portable shop that we could bring out at events with inventory ready to sell
- Fundraisers to choose from for 2018/2019: (Let’s pick three ASAP and get them scheduled for next year:

Fundraiser	Profit	Dates	Website
Fresh from the farm	40%	Out: Sept Due: Oct Delivery: Nov	http://www.freshfromfarm.ca/home.aspx
MacMillan’s	?	?	http://www.macmillans.ca/fundraising/fundraising-programs
Recipes in a Jar	50% when orders are compiled at school; 40% if they compile it for us	Custom - These would be great before Christmas (comes with online storefront)	http://www.recipesinajar.ca
Little Ceaser’s Pizza Kits	\$5/item	?	https://www.pizzakit.ca/
Learning Advantage	?	Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer	http://www.learningadvantage.ca
Deli Dude Pepperettes	40%	Custom	https://delidude.ca/opportunities/fundraisers/

10. School Council procedures for 2018/2019

- Cash box handling (permanent float from our own money, best practice is to verify float at beginning of event)
- Dedicated spot for council assets (Swap & Play signs, leftover water/supplies from events, Tshirts/aprons) - Kelly Loshaw has a spot in the mezzanine of the storage closet
- Tent has been ordered for athletics department, parent council can co-ordinate with Ms. McLeod if we need it for an event.

11. Last School Council meeting June 19th at 6:30pm

- Dates for 2018/2019 school year (Tanya would like to experiment with times to see if we can get more engagement):
 - August 21 (off-site, pre-school year planning)
 - September 11 (6:30pm)
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 - May 14 (6:30pm)
 - June 11 (6:30pm)
- For next school year: Attend first day of school as parent council reps, and get parent reps for each class
- Luke has purchased URL and set up temporary website with sign-up button - most parent council information will be kept at gpschoolcouncil.com
- Luke will set up new central email address and add aliases & filters so council can share the email without confusing who's read/responded to messages
- Link on GPS website will lead to parent council main site
- Minutes from parent council meetings will be posted on main site (Kelly can do this if we email the PDF to her after meetings)

12. Adjournment

24 April

Attendees

Name	Email	Phone
Sandi Martin	On file	
Seth Martin	On file	
Erica Battistini	On file	
Esther Childs	On file	
Kaitlyn Good	On file	
Luke LaRoque	On file	
Tanya Fraser	On file	

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13. Welcome- Introductions

14. Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Tanya: Trillium Lakelands Evening of Excellence (teachers/volunteers/community members who have gone the extra mile) It's been around for seven or eight years and takes place at the Rene Caisse theater. Parents can nominate staff, staff can nominate parents/volunteers.
 - The main awards are Impact Awards. It's on May 16th and open for anyone to attend (with registration through Eventbrite)
 - Nominations start in January and are due right after March Break
 - CARRY FORWARD to next year: Parent council should think about nominations
- Esther: Lots of Professional Development for the staff recently, some led by her on Friday (PD Day) and Monday (kindergarten teams)
 - Struck by how engaged teachers are even with us rolling into May. Lots of people excited about executive functioning (planning, managing time, shifting from one activity to another, flexibility)
- Facility Renewal Process - walkthrough happens every fall. Tanya has requested a new entranceway over the last four years.
 - Finally we're getting a new entrance! Architect is using a design element from the original school. Not changing anything about the old main entrance by the gym. It's scheduled for 2018, ideally finished by September
 - \$25K upgrade to music/library area, including built-in storage

- Fire alarm retrofit
 - \$15K for boundaries and fencing
 - Whiteboard replacement, ceiling tiles, washroom signage
 - A little lending library (in partnership with high school)
- **Free Parenting event on May 24th 7-8:30**, Dr. Alex Russell presenting at the Board Office in Bracebridge. The importance of raising resilient children.
Register at <http://bit.ly/tldsbevent>
- Muskoka Family Focus runs a resilient children workshop twice a year

15. Pro grant planning and application- Katelyn - This is the \$1,000 grant

- Application deadline June 5th, 2018, must spend money by June of next year, must send in a report to the ministry by June 30th, 2019.
- Knowledge Makes Cents is one of the only suggested programs we haven't done (it was Jump2Math this year, Scientists in the classroom last year)
- Tanya: remember that it doesn't have to be one of the suggested activities/businesses. This is meant to be an outreach to parents - grant can pay for workshop, speaker, materials, childcare. Could run another book program: Alyson Schafer, Paula Kluth, Leaky Brake Shop, Dr. Paul Wells. Could tie it in to a meal, or a nutrition based activity
- Tanya is willing to work on ideas for this, and will co-ordinate with Katelyn before the June 5th deadline.
- Esther: Would like to think about an arts program. Lots of grant money available in Ontario arts.on.ca for some major art project. Esther suggested Nicole McKeague might spearhead this, applications due June 20th.
- No application necessary for the Parent Engagement Grant (\$500)

16. Badminton Tournament May 3rd (9am-2pm)- Katelyn

- Volunteers needed to bake, sell pizza, beverages and help organize event.
- Michelle and Ms McLeod usually send out an email to the other coaches to get amounts. Cara says Michelle hasn't sent anything to her yet but in the past has sent a price list.
- Katelyn will talk to Michelle about what she's planned so far
- We're going to start a shared folder + use Gsuite - Tanya wants us to send an email to a Board Tech to make sure it's aligned.
- Seth can bake cookies

17. Swap and Play Event- May 5th (9am-1pm)- Luke

- Volunteers needed to help with setup on May 4th in the gym 4pm-6pm
- Volunteers needed May 5th to help with event 9am-1pm
- Volunteers needed to help put up posters, flyers and signs around town 1 week before event
- Luke is going to have posters done and printed by the end of this week. He'll take care of digital communication with vendors & on Facebook

- Volunteers needed to put up posters Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Katelyn and Sandi will take care of that.
- Family Vendors in the night before (Sandi, Michelle, Luke, Jackie), Business vendors in the morning (Michelle coordinating events, Luke troubleshooting with vendors, volunteers for food haven't been organized yet, Jackie will come to help with the transition). Weather check the night before to see if we need to bring outdoor stuff inside.
- Stage should be empty so we can run some events on it.
- Katelyn will contact the Nest to see if they could work with us to pick up on Monday (can leave bagged donations on the stage over the weekend)
- So far have raised \$250

18. Robotics Fair- May 16th (9am-2pm) Katelyn

- Volunteers needed to bake, sell pizza, help organize event
- Erica would like to tap the GHS Robotics team to volunteer that day
- Seth can bake

19. School Council Planning- Sandi

- Ways we can reach out to the entire school body to increase membership & the pool of volunteers, and/or collaborate with the councils at K.P. and Beechgrove
- Can Tanya ask other teachers who use Seesaw/Class Dojo to send out the word for these meetings
- Tanya is able to send out email/phone messages at the beginning of the year - we can use this to invite people to parent council
- Trifold we can set up at every event + website + bulletin board in hall
- TShirts - Ask me about parent council - Katelyn can get these, would need sizes + some spares for future members
- NEED A Mission Statement:
- We work with Administration, Staff, and Parents to
 - Erica: My son is a very difficult student and I felt that I need to give back to the school. The education environment in the school can always benefit from a helpful, involved parent. Couldn't come to evening meetings, but it was always incredibly important to give back
 - Esther: It is about fundraising. Where there is a large, engaged pool of parents they do raise a lot of money. Coordinating volunteers in the school. It helps staff stay on top of their game to know that parents are interested in what's happening at school
 - Luke: Grew up in an educator's household; healthy respect for the work that goes into running the school, and parent council is a way for parents to step into the gap that a lack of resources can create
 - Kaitlyn: to support our kids and staff and to give back

- Tanya: We all work under the same umbrella: bringing our students along, from wherever they're at, in their academics and well-being. To make everyone's life that much better in small ways. Parent council lets Tanya touch base with locals. When we do our work, the impact of our event needs to be longer lasting than the event itself.
- Sandi: To take at least one thing off the plate of the people who have a lot on their plates
- Seth: Just here to be a part of it, part of the school community
- Esther has a good mission statement she's shared the link to: <https://www.tcs.on.ca/who-we-are/parents-association-advisory-council>
 - "In partnership with the School, the role of the GPS Parent Council is to support the School's mission and vision by creating opportunities for parents to connect, support and strengthen our community. We encourage parental involvement in a caring and inclusive culture.

The association hosts many events for parents and families each year. In addition, you can find dates for the Parents Council meetings at the bottom of this page. We hope you will be able to join us either as a participant, volunteer or donor at one or more of these events.

We take pride in our contributions, value the relationships formed and find joy in working together. To learn more about the GPS Parent Council, please see below."

20. Track and Field Meet (date June 6th, Rain date June 7th)- Katelyn
- Volunteers needed to help organize event, bake, bbq, sell food and beverages. Will send out this date with the minutes - also ask for shirt sizes for members. Luke can design.
 - Sandi & Seth can be there on the day

21. Rescheduled Meeting Date: **May 29th at 6:30pm**

22. Adjournment

16 January

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Tanya Fraser	On file	On file
Mukesh Patel	On file	On file
Luke LaRocque	On file	On file

Esther Childs	On file	On file
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Kristen Dalby	On file	On file
Erica Battistini	On file	On file

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1. Welcome- Introductions, Principal Update 5min
 - Introductions for new attendees
 - Academic theme: Learning Styles - how do you learn best and how can we respect and honour the way others learn
 - Report card writing time - they go home Friday, Feb 16th (check)
 - Reviewing IEPs now as well, just had a good meeting reflecting on how to get even better at writing report cards to be a really meaningful communication tool
 - Christmas Concert - had a full house, thanks to all for coming out
 - Time for Winter Electives - forms have gone home for that
 - Kindergarten is doing their own thing with Great Moose Adventures for three Fridays, all three classes are doing it together & the high school is providing hot lunches
 - Holiday dinner for whole school was catered by GHS Culinary program, ongoing collaboration with colleagues and students there has been great
2. Fundraiser Updates:
 - Basketball Tournament
 - i. \$500
 - Christmas concert bake sale
 - i. \$720 including raffle ticket sales
 - Silent Auction
 - i. Michelle is not sure, could have been \$3,200-\$3,300, will check with Joyce
3. Fundraising goals:
 - \$10,000 already given to music program cumulatively over the past three years - that goal is now complete

- i. Suggestion from Erica: put out a thank you letter to community partners (maybe via newsletter?) Also thank you to the Rotary for funding Raz Kids for this school year
 - ii. Maybe Mr. D with his intermediate music students?
 - o \$1,000 has already been given to the library
 - o \$3,000 has been asked for by Ms. McLeod for gym equipment (2 tents for GPS sporting events, new volleyball poles & net, new outdoor basketball nets)
 - i. Mukesh wonders what the funding process is for this - Tanya articulates that they can make do and run their curriculum with the existing equipment, but that the gym facility is in demand for tournaments and events, and could be enhanced with more efficient equipment
- 4. Volleyball tournament
 - o March 5th
 - i. School day hours (9am-2pm)
 - o Volunteers needed to sell food and beverages and bake items
 - i. Erica Battistini
 - ii. Sandi Martin
 - iii. Seth can bake cookies
 - iv. Kinders can bake rice krispie squares
 - v. Luke can bake something
- 5. Anti Bullying Magic Show - 2017/2018 (\$500 Parent Engagement Grant)
 - o April 12th
 - i. set up at 5:30PM; event start at 6:00PM
 - o Volunteers needed in the evening
 - i. Mukesh Patel (tentative)
 - ii. Luke LaRocque
- 6. PRO Grant 2018/2019 (Parents Reaching Out)
 - o Deadline for application is April/May - application not yet released, Michelle will send to Katelyn once received
 - o \$1,000 - in the past have used for Scientist in the Classroom, Jump2Math - Katelyn has the links - they ask that we don't pick the same thing every year
 - o Suggestion: Will send out list of suggestions to consider in advance of Feb 20th meeting, Sandi will send to Parent Council list & we'll decide on the 20th. Michelle will also send out application guidelines
- 7. Council Meeting Dates: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm- Michelle 1 min
 - o February 20th
 - o April 17th
 - o June 19th
- 8. New Business:
 - o Mukesh update: Rotary club has paid for the Raz Kids program for this school year

- Tanya updated us on the Math in Real Life series the Grade 4s are doing every month - this month is featuring a broadcaster from The Moose - math activities will include calculating the time between the news starting and how much time there is for ads and other programming.
- Battle of the Books: Tanya will put out the date when she tracks it down in the calendar

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21 November

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Erica Battistini	On file	On file
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Luke LaRocque	On file	On file
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10. Welcome- Introductions, Principal Update 5min

- Mandated school climate survey. As many parents as possible are needed to (anonymously) fill out the survey. Links are sent out on Twitter, voicemail, computer stations on Thursday night (parent teacher interviews) **December 1st deadline**
- Reminder that Friday November 24th is a PA Day
- Lori Benton-McGaughy is officially off on leave, return date TBD; Erin Hills has returned to take her place temporarily

11. Raz Kids Reading Program- Mukesh Patel 5min

- Son in Grade 1 was behind in reading & comprehension
- Looked for program to help: with research found Raz Kids.
- Sponsored whole class and by mid term he was reading at Grade 3 level; by end of Grade 2 was reading at Grade 4 level.

- Sponsored all Grade 3 for all last year, huge change in EQAO results
- GPS is now almost at the board average levels
- For this year, Mukesh is sponsoring all Grade 3 classes again for Raz Kids
- The Rotary is interested in sponsoring some classrooms as well, and Council will also help sponsor it
- There are 5 primary classes (grades SK-4) to be covered, plus Mukesh suggests that the kids in grade six also have it, since they missed EQAO in grade three because of the teacher strike.
- Luke: could we do something like “Adopt a Classroom” and approach local businesses to cover the licenses? Or possibly Rotary could be a permanent funding solution for an app like Raz Kids and Reflex Math and the Adopt a Classroom could be another marketing/community outreach strategy for other supplies/trips, etc.

12. Hot Lunch options- Mukesh 5min

- Beechgrove is participating, there’s lot of paperwork for parent council to co-ordinate
- Work involved would be to collect money on Mondays, deliver on Wednesdays
- Luke suggests that we do a trial for January & February
- Tanya would be happy to trial run it: would need volunteers to sort the orders, count the money, place the order, pick up on delivery date, and distribute

13. French Immersion - Luke LaRocque 5min

- There’s been a registration drive for immersion program starting at GPS September 2018, **registrations close November 30th.**
- Event at Kidzone had 32 families, heard of at least nine recent registrations. There’s ~27 known registrations, but there’s no indication from the board how much demand there has to be for the program to be started.
- Anecdotally there’s more interest from SK-1s than 2-3s
- Have also requested that parents with children too young for the program to express interest - received 7 of those at the event as well.
- If it’s successful, there will be a playgroup starting in January for kids in the program, as well as a two week class.
- The board has said they’ll do no more than two classes in a grade.
- Will hear results on **December 12th.**

14. School Programming- Opera House- In Theatre School Programming- Michelle 1min

- Jillian Jiggs - Feb 21st grade K-3
- Tree Boy - April 19th grade 3-6,
- \$7 per child

15. Fundraiser Updates: Michelle 5min

- Fresh From the Farm
 - i. Ms Dent’s class raised \$1,123.60 for Ancient Civilizations
 - ii. Program cost \$1,528

- iii. Parent council covered \$379.40
 - iv. Miss Wright's class sold the most, 59 bundles. Won \$100 worth of books for their classroom library
 - o Macmillan's
 - i. Raised \$1,817.25
 - ii. Sold 419 items
 - iii. Paid for First Nations Workshop (\$903 total)
 - iv. Difference went to the rest of the Ancient Civilizations program and to music program
 - v. Delivered tomorrow
 - vi. Kristen notes that Macmillan's happens at the same time as some other fundraisers - maybe we should co-ordinate with high school
 - o Online Auction
 - i. Still calculating totals and arranging pick ups
 - ii. Estimated \$3,633 raised
 - iii. Stuff that came in too late or Facebook wouldn't allow to be posted will be raffled at the Christmas concert
16. First Nations Workshop Update- Michelle 1 min
- o Program cost 605
 - o Hotel accommodation 298
17. Ancient Civilizations Update- Michelle 1 min
- o 1528 program cost
 - o Received incredibly well
 - o Mrs. Dent would like to have that every year for the 4-5 grades if parent council is on board to pay the mileage cost and to help put together her fundraiser
18. Jump2Math Update- Michelle 1 min
- o 1,000 ProGrant used for program
 - o Food & beverage 363
 - o Mr Sub gave a discount for the subs
 - o MacTier foodland donated water & prizes
 - o YIG donated fruit for trays
 - o Tim Horton's donated coffee
 - o We purchased hot chocolate, plates, & napkins
 - o Service providers were difficult to work with; daytime program was cancelled because they couldn't work with the school schedule
 - o Luke suggests that he could run some good game night/parent engagement nights for next year
19. ProGrant applications are due in April (there are \$500 and \$1000 grants and Michelle and Katelyn will co-ordinate)
20. Christmas Concert Bake Sale- Michelle 2min
- o Volunteers needed to bake and/or help throughout the evening (date TBA)
 - i. Will send out call for volunteers through mailing list

- 21. Pot Luck Community Event - Tammy Miller 5min
 - [Postponed to next meeting](#)
- 22. Fundraiser idea- Gina 5 min
- 23. Upcoming Events - Volunteers needed to run the BBQ and sell food and beverages- Michelle 5min
 - Basketball Tournament - December 13th, snow date December 14th
 - Volleyball Tournament - March 8th, snow date March 9th
 - Badminton Tournament - May 3rd
 - Robotics Fair - May 18th
 - Anti Bullying Magic Show (Date TBA - Spring)
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Agenda (Meeting minutes in [blue](#))

- 1. Welcome- Introductions
 - [Mukesh has been working with Tanya & Mr. Williams & Ms. Sickinger to coach around EQAO, still waiting on results to analyze against previous year and against provincial results.](#)
 - [Sam is one of our Resource Officers](#)

2. Principal/Vice Principal Update

- Tanya sick, Esther presenting notes for her and Lori
- Focus on mind & body connection: healthy eating, Grizzly Gobbler running incentive, Evan Luker run, Mud run
- Thursday meet the teacher night, gearing up for that and book fair
- Board has announced new supports:
 - i. EA shared with other schools to support kids with behavioural difficulties,
 - ii. Another teacher to support our kids with autism
 - iii. Another instructional lead shared with other schools - Robin Allison
- Mukesh asked about a grant we had for 2016/2017 from TLDSB for Reflex Math, is wondering if we got that again - \$3,000 - **Esther noted that teachers are able to apply for small grants until tomorrow.**
- Mr. DeRose is planning a musical performance for the kids, will need parental support for that for costumes, sets. Etc. more details to follow
- Monthly academic focus: Growth Mindset - the brain can change, we can get better memories, better math skills. Teachers are coming to their classes with that philosophy and instilling it in the kids
- Student leadership this year: breakfast program prep & delivery, announcements, running assembly, student parliament
- New staff: Mike Fry - 4/5, Rita Wood: Special Ed, Gym, Reading Recovery
- Change in Pediculosis Management policy: Unless there is live lice, children won't be sent home. New letter that goes home offers help with treatment (they keep it in the office) - Becky Wood (Laurel Taverner's) mom has been here for two days volunteering to do lice checks
- **Esther will provide school event calendar so we can plan ahead**

3. Elections

- Michelle Gemmell - Chair
- Katelyn Good - Co Chair (will take over as chair 2018/2019)
- Sandi Martin - Secretary
- Erica Battistini - Treasurer, Back up Secretary
 - i. Procedure: **Need to liase with Joyce to check balances**, keep a running total, set procedure so that everyone has full transparency

4. Total fundraising goal - **\$12,486**

- Rest of jump to math \$1,750 (already allocated in the account)
- Magic show - \$350
- Rest of music program (\$10K over 2 years) \$4K
- Ancient Civilizations \$1,648
- First Nations workshop \$605
- Scientist in the School \$199/class - \$1393
- \$1K for Library - new books & shelving

- Transportation for a trip for each class - \$2,100
 - **Erica suggests that we start thinking about a future fundraising focus for our yard - there are grants through TD & Avira, as well as partner with community groups - it'll be big**
5. Meet the teacher BBQ
 - Thursday September 21st
 - School Council table: Recruitment needed, sign up sheets and volunteer sheets
 - Fresh from the farm fundraiser display
 - Balloon Animals By Sandi Martin, welcome cookies by MG
 6. Parent Engagement grant - \$500 was granted
 - Meant for the Anti-bullying & magic show \$850
 - Last year Tim Hortons donated treats for the evening, Michelle donated other treats & covered the balance that the grant didn't cover
 - Not booked yet, Michelle is hoping to book them in the Spring
 7. Fundraiser Initiatives for this school year
 - Fresh from the farm
 - Macmillan's (Fall and Spring dates)
 - Christmas Bake Sale
 - Track and field BBQ, Robotics Fair, etc.
 - Esther suggested getting the Hewitt's CSA program here as well. As a group, a 10% discount is available that we could also maybe operate as a fundraiser. Katelyn also knows some other suppliers, **they will compare notes**
 - Michelle wants Scientist in the School for K-3s and First Nations event for Gr 5-8s
 8. Ancient Civilizations for grade 4's and 5's
 - October 27th 9:30am-1:30pm
 - 6 volunteers needed for 4 hours to act as museum guides (must be available from 9am-1:30pm)
 - Volunteers needed to set up gym the evening before (5pm)
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 9. Fresh From The Farm Fundraiser
 - Proceeds raised will be used to offset costs for the Ancient Civilizations Workshop
 - Delivery date in November (date and time to be confirmed)
 - Volunteers needed to sort produce orders
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 10. Jump 2 Math Event
 - November 14th

- Volunteers needed
- Michelle applied for the Parent Engagement grant, will find out if we got it at end of September (\$1K). Kept the money aside from last year's fundraising for music program and will reimburse it if we get the grant.

11. Macmillan's Fundraiser

- Proceeds raised for our music program
- Delivery in November & Spring
- Volunteers needed to help sort out orders

12. Council Meeting Dates: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

- September 19th
- November 21st
- January 16th
- February 20th
- April 17th
- June 19th

13. Other Business

- First day of school parent council orientation volunteers
 - i. Teachers could wear nametags
 - ii. Parent council volunteers with tshirts
 - iii. Signs for the door
 - iv. Add a few directions to the voicemail
 - v. Add this to the agenda for June**
- TShirts
- Minutes, Events, and Treasurer documents

14. Adjournment