

GMS meeting – February 28, 2012

In attendance:

- Jacqueline MacKenzie
- Tracy Smith
- Michelle Clarke
- Rosanne Wall – acted as secretary for this meeting
- Jen Sammon
- Robyn Darragh
- Chantal Racine
- Andrea Easton
- John Harvey

1. Welcome – Jacqueline MacKenzie

- i. Introductions were made around the table
- ii. Mention was made that a new chair will be needed for next year as this is Jacqueline's last year at GMS. So far no one has agreed to take on the position.
- iii. The minutes from October need to be brought to the next meeting so that they can be approved. The minutes were written up by Tracy Smith and emailed to Rosanne Wall. Rosanne will email them to Jacqueline.
- iv. The agenda was approved (Andrea and Jacqueline) with the addition of 'milk sales' and 'tea towels' under new business.

2. Principal's Report

- thank you to Robyn who has applied and receives on a weekly basis apples for the students. The students love them and look forward to their delivery once a week. The apples are made available through an educational foundation.

* (emailed to Rosanne after the meeting by Chantal)

- Term 1 Report Cards went home, as always we encourage you to complete the goal-setting portion with your child and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. No interview day but we hope that you've made contact with the teacher, shared dialogue to best support the student.

- Grade 8 options sheets for SC should be in now. Please complete one even if you are applying to other schools.

- Spring staffing process is just beginning –most happens in April

- Winter activity days—4 options this year including skiing.

- Hallway/sweeps—instituted because students hiding in classrooms, washrooms, items gone missing. Locking classrooms at start of recess—students are expected to use the washroom on their way out. Lunchtime no passes being issued to come in (unless emergency) and grade 8 door locked to prevent sneaking in.

3. Vice-Principal's Report

- The staff has been focusing on professional development in the mathematical department for the school improvement plan.
- A numeracy feature has been added to the GMS website which contains math articles, resources and additional helps with all grade levels and with EQAO.
- Last year an effort was made to involve the grade 5 teachers in the feeder schools so that the students could benefit from math being taught in a continuous manner from one school to another school.
- Jacqueline suggested that coordination like this also be applied to South Carleton High School as there seems to be some disconnect between teaching forms from middle school to high school which is a disadvantage for some of the students especially for those children who have a mind for math.

4. ^{Teacher's} Teahcer's Report

- Preparations for the school musical are going well and the students are having a great time.
- A leadership club has been started at GMS lead by Jen Sammon, ? & ?. There are 25 students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who are working together in groups on local, global and school based initiatives. They recently completed a food drive that will benefit the Smith Falls food bank.
- Mrs. Sammons grade 6 english class (Norton center) put on a Christmas bazaar in December. Their goal was to raise \$300 to buy 100 people Christmas dinner through the Ottawa Mission. They surpassed their goal and raised \$1200 for this charity. The bazaar was entirely student lead and they did an awesome job.

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(emailed to Rosanne after the meeting by Jen Sammon)

5. Treasurer's Report

- i. See separate sheets supplied by Andrea.

6. Health Bar Report

- i. Michelle stated that the milk program is going well.
- ii. There was one incident this past week where the milk was expired but was quickly replaced by the company.
- iii. Rosanne reported that the food program is also going well.

7. New Business

i. Milk sales

- A parent has asked why milk can not be sold on a daily basis from the health bar.
- Michelle stated that this has been tried before but has not worked; numbers to be ordered are always changing. There is either too much milk at the school or not enough milk.
- It seems to be only Tuesday (the food program day) that students are interested in purchasing extra milk.
- The numbers of students interested in buying milk is not very high – this week it was only 1 student.
- Chantal suggested investigating if we can get a vending machine for milk that is operated by the company so the council does not have to worry about numbers.
- It was decided that if any student wishes to purchase milk they may do so only if milk is returned to the health bar due to a student being absent.
- It was noted that 1 white milk & 1 chocolate milk is taken down to the office daily for students who are hungry in the afternoon.

ii. Tea towels

- It was discussed that the tea towels & wash cloths in the health bar room are not in good shape.
- Andrea will purchase some new ones.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30pm