

SCC Glen Dhu Public School- Meeting minutes
Oct 1, 2020

Attendees: Lynn Beamish, Shareen Row Allison Dalsin, Keith Wainwright, Jeff Jackson, Katie Ward, Brenda Hance, Jenny Vasani, Heather Allison, Susan Maitland, Nina K., Claire Welch, Merissa Laht, Jessica Woeller, Alaa Ahmed

Nominations for positions:

Chair: Katie Ward

Co-Chair: Jessica Woeller

Treasurer: Jeff Jackson

Secretary: Merissa Laht

Principal's report:

- Tour of the new library
- 19 new classes including a new Kindergarten teacher
- Fire drill last week which including keeping distance
- 2 new teachers yet to hire along with 2 new EA's
- 6 teachers doing virtual from the school
- Recess has been challenging to keep everyone separated, new process to be implemented
- November will be a reorganization of students going to online. Approximately 40 students on the waitlist right now with more anticipated. This could result in reorganization of classes in person
- Approximately 160 students online at this time.
- Kiss and ride has been challenging has a lot of space has been lost and some unsafe practices have been noticed. The school has contacted the town of Whitby to find some solutions. Discussion continue with the board to determine solutions.
- Sick room in the school for isolation if needed. The school is following public health guidelines which includes some students to be at home for 24 hours symptom free and others to have a COVID test depending on symptoms.
- If multiple students in a classroom exhibit a symptom then COVID swabs may be requested for students to return (from that classroom).
- Discussion around how the separation at recess has been going by grade and class
- School nurse every Wednesday morning
- 2 or more confirmed cases in a classroom that class would be isolated/closed. Virtual class will start for those students and teacher vis google classroom. Supply teacher may cover if the teacher is sick.
- Some issues with supply teachers due to lack of ability to fill
- Volunteers and visitors need to call ahead when visiting the school
- Parents arriving for pick up come to the front or the side entrance and call school when they arrive.
- Very few lunches dropped off which is good at this time to reduce flow/traffic in the school.
- Thank you to everyone for your support in these challenging times
- Potential date for construction ending is November 20, 2020
- Discussed costumes for Halloween and this should not be an issue or concern
- Meet the teacher will be happening, no date yet. Will occur virtually.

Chair update (Katie):

- Staggered start was helpful and assisted for a lot of families
- Discussed since no fundraising to discuss one-time donations
- Discussed possible fewer meeting given less opportunities to plan vs. continuing monthly meetings

- Virtual fundraising potential discussed
- Discussion around indoor and outdoor recess ideas to keep kids engaged
- No cheques or cash likely this year
- No lunch fundraising at this time
- Tax receipt for \$50 or more in donations, written to DDSB and note for SCC Glen Dhu fundraising
- Importance of the home/school connection given the change of interaction between the two this year
- Discussion around day of the week – Thursday seemed to work best

Next meeting: October 29, 2020 6:30pm