GWPS School Council

Monday September 28 2026 - 6:30pm

Connecting the Pieces:
Students, Staff & Families

Agenda

To Contact School Council: gwpsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Welcome:

- Review of last meeting's minutes
  - (Aisha, Kim, Brenley, Christie, Amanda, Robin, Jonathan)
- Approval of today's agenda
  - (same)
- Nomination and voting for membership - School Council Handbook
  - Chair/Co-Chairs: Tanya (acclaimed)
  - Secretary(ies): Aisha Usman
  - Treasurer: Jonathan Hackett
  - PIC Representative: Kim Brightman
  - Super Council Representative: open
  - Non-Teaching Staff: Monika
  - Teacher Representative: Dragana Kantzavelos
  - Voting Members: Aisha, Kim, Robin, Sean [need nom form], Amanda, Christie [need nom form], Brenley,

Attendees:

Victoria Jordan (staff)
Jennifer Feke (staff)
Amanda Kent-Smith
Aisha Usman
Robin Anderson
Tanya Nelson
Kim Brightman
Sean Linton
Brenley Allison
Christie Shields
Jonathan Hackett
Dragana Kantzavelos (staff)

School News/Update:

- Teacher Update - (teacher representative)
    - Staff feel we're off to a positive start. Everyone adjusting the routines of the new learning model. Things have settled in
    - Lots happening in upcoming weeks:
        - T&R assembly Wednesday
        - Terry Fox run
    - Choir, cross country are underway
    - Preparing for the open house
- Principal Update - Mrs. Feke
    - Renovations finishing up from the summer, a little bit to come still
    - Display case has been refinished, getting a screen that helps communicate in the front entry, repainted entry
    - Installed buttons for doors to increase accessibility
    - The mural across from the office was painted over temporarily as parts are going to be knocked down. Once all the wall changes occur, then there will be opportunities to increase branding on the walls
    - Gym floor done, external doors and internal doors just being painted
    - Painting of lines didn't cure properly, working through deficiencies
    - Brand modernization and colour standardization to be done by staff with consultation of students and family
    - Upgrades for next summer: rooms on the other side of the hall, library, septic improvements
    - Ice cream truck will be there for the open house
    - Food programs are up and running, including popcorn on fridays
        - Working with each vendor to make sure there's always a cheaper option that can be ordered
        - Continue to fund people that need assistance with pizza program
        - Popcorn sales are great 100 or so kids for the first 6 weeks
    - T&R assembly
        - Prioritized invites for parents of participating children
    - For other assemblies, similarly prioritize, but also need to extend wider for remembrance day
    - Book fair
        - Working on volunteers
    - Academics
        - Several new initiatives from government that they're working through
        - Enhancements to 'math up'
        - Nelson system being rolled out
        - Itinerant resource teacher relieve for early reading screening
    - PA day, focused on planning, transitions, routines, co-ordination with the new model, consistency of communication
    - Field trips - working to get them booked and planned, targeting one before winter break and one after, but need to be prepared if there's a work action due to lack of contract

- Busses on time so far, but likely going to go back to a bus seating plan due to behaviour challenges

Treasury Update:

Financials from April 25 through August 31

Glen Williams PS
Royal Bank of Canada
SGF Chequing

Category Umbrella Overview Report(Select Date Range)

Report #5

Date ... Range
04/25/2025...08/31/2026

		Balance Forward	Expense	Revenue	Balance
Elementary School Council					
School Council					
SC FOOD Pizza	700005	$0.00	$23,434.03	$23,434.03	$0.00
SC FUND BBQ	700002	$2,114.86	$5,626.03	$3,511.17	$0.00
SC FUND Fresh From the Farm	700011	$0.00	$568.00	$568.00	$0.00
SC FUND Fundraising	700000	$6,901.79	$6,884.11	$7,671.95	$7,689.63
SC FUND Movie Night	700004	$0.00	$884.02	$884.02	$0.00
SC FUND Terra Cotta	700008	$0.00	$1,566.00	$1,566.00	$0.00
zzz_yrenddelete_SC FOOD Lunch Lady	700010	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
zzz_yrenddelete_SC FOOD Lunchbox	700009	$0.00	$4.16	$4.16	$0.00
	Umbrella Total:	$9,016.65	$38,966.35	$37,639.33	$7,689.63
	Umbrella Type Total:	**$9,016.65**	**$38,966.35**	**$37,639.33**	**$7,689.63**
	Grand Total:	**$9,016.65**	**$38,966.35**	**$37,639.33**	**$7,689.63**

Auditor request: need to be very explicit as to where the funds are being dedicated towards [Come up with fundraising priorities to agree at the next meeting.]

- Technology
- Library enhancements

PIC and Super Council Updates:

N/A

Agenda items for discussion:

- Early events and identification of leads/committees for each
  - Movie night on the open house night
    - Have the license already
    - Hotdogs went well last year
    - Push back from people as to whether it's the right timing, maybe too early
    - Potential to do January movie night
  - Halloween Dance
    - Chair: Christie Shields, Brenley Allison
    - Amanda also volunteered to help
    - Around 2 hours total time commitment

        - Motion: Christie and Brenley to chair, budget of $250 for glowsticks or ancillary expense
            - Carried with majority of voting members
        - Ms. K advocated for a short time like last year, age grouping like last year. Teachers are happy to volunteer, take on some tasks
    - Winterfest
        - Committee: Brenley Allison, Tanya, Christie, Robin
        - To come back to next meeting with strawman
        - Potential dates: Dec 3, Dec 17
    - Other ideas
        - School night at a sports team
        - Skating event
- Fall fundraiser
    - Choice of fundraising and timing
        - Past options: TerraCotta Cookies, Fresh from farm (not as big income, but raises money for food bank), Mabel's labels (20% kickback), Mcgregor meats
            - Could still do a donation on behalf of the school, even if it's not built into it
        - Could do a fundraiser as a dance-a-thon for halloween dance
        - McGregor as a spring fundraiser
        - TerraCotta
    - Target use of funds (e.g., Technology / chromebooks)

Meeting Close and Action Items

- Look at fundraising priorities and intended use of funds at next meeting (Chromebooks/ tech or library enhancements)
- Review Winterfest committee's initial plan and finalize date.
- Reach out to McGregor to inquire about a possible Spring fundraiser
- Coordinate Halloween Dance planning, including age groups, event length, supplies, and volunteer roles. $250 budget approved.
- Decide whether to hold a Movie Night in January or at another time.