

**Gesner Street Elementary School**

**10 Gesner Street, Oromocto, E1V 2S8**

**Parent School Support Committee Minutes**

**Date: April 17, 2025**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: In Person & Virtually on Teams**

**Attendees:** Sheila Baker, Angela Penton, Lyndon Morehouse, Sherry Jonah, Joy Burgess, Wendy Wood, Jolene Hoadley Norquay & Sophie Quigley

**Virtual:** Lisa Bernard
**Regrets:** Kelly Till, Thomas Geburt & Sarah Purcell

**Call to Order:** Jolene called the meeting to order at 6 pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** Sherry approved the agenda and Angela seconded.

**Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** Angela approved the minutes from the previous meeting and Lyndon seconded.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

* School WIG: Wildly Important Goal-Updates/ Data Tracking-Green Great Gecko awards
	+ As a school the students earned 1000 Gecko awards. They were rewarded with a Freaky Friday where the students could play on a different playground. It was a great success! The next goal is a 1750 Gecko awards. The students will receive a glow stick party as a reward. When they earn 2500 Gecko awards, the students will be rewarded with Bouncy Castles.
* PBIS-Launching new school wide behaviour matrix, new school rules in the fall
	+ This is a multi-year project to promote a safe learning environment.
	+ The school created a staff handbook that includes a section on PBIS. They updated their school mission and vision.
	+ In the fall 2025, the school team will be implementing new school rules:
		- Be Kind
		- Be Safe
		- Be Responsible
	+ The school team will be implementing a new behaviour matrix in fall 2025. They received both staff and student input in designing the matrix. Students from OHS will be coming to Gesner soon to create some videos to explain the behaviour expectation. These videos will be used to help teach Gesner students the new school rules. They will be printing posters for each learning environment with the behaviour expections listed on them.

**New Business:**

* School events-French Pride Week, TNB *Tree Boy* Performance, Indigenous Drumming and Dancing Performance, Earth Rangers Presentation & Recycling Depot for a Field Trip.
	+ Sheila shared an update and pictures of each event/activity.
* School Recycling Project: A grade 1 student, who is in Beavers, started a recycling project at the school to collect fruit Pouches and Baby Bell cheese wrappers.
* School Upgrades- New ventilation system, roof repairs this summer
* Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for May 30th, 1:30-2:30 PM
* Drama Presentation: Grade 1 & 2 students from the school will be attending a drama festival at OHS on May 8th. The play is called Go Fish.

**Updates from the volunteer committee:**

* Online auction closed today. The committee will be giving out the items on April 25th and 26th. The money from the auction will help fund school related activities, such as fieldtrips, French books, inclusive items.
* Scholastic Book Fair-April 22-26
* Spring Into Spring Market-April 26, 9 AM-1 PM

**Question:** Is it possible to add an open donation option on School Cash online for parents/caregivers to donate to the school? Sheila will look into it.

The VP position at Gesner is currently posted. Stacey St. Peter is the current acting VP, and the advertised position will be permanent for the next 5 years.

The school welcomed a new a EA on Monday.

**Upcoming events:**

* April 23rd is Admin appreciation day. The school has a plan to celebrate Mrs. Chapman.
* The school is planning a school wide teddy bear picnic instead of the family picnic in June.
* The school will have Play Days the last week of school.
* They will have Worlds UNBound come in for a science related presentation.

**Date of Next Meeting: May 15, 2025**

**Agenda for next meeting:** Portal AC Units, Report Card Data, WIG update

**Adjournment:** 7:00 pm