



Great Village Elementary SAC
Meeting Summary
Thursday, November 18, 2021
@ 7:00pm

Attendance: Katie Kennedy, Michelle Smith, Jessica Langille, Jen Spencer, Terri-Lynn Kinsman, Joanna MacGillivray (chair), Valerie Rushton (via zoom), Samantha McMaster, Nicole Putnam, Debbie Smith (via zoom), Becky Spence

1. Call Meeting to order
 - a. Joanna called to order at 7:04pm
2. Approval of agenda
 - a. Joanna reviewed the agenda, made motion to approve, approved by Terri-Lynn seconded by Jen, **approved**
3. Review and approval of last meeting summary – October 28, 2021
 - a. Joanna reviewed the minutes in detail
 - i. Date Change needed in principal report for parent teacher meeting dates, to be re-inserted by Jessica
 - ii. Terri Lynn made motion to approve summary with the amendment, seconded by Becky, **approved**
4. Business arising from meeting summary
 - a. Election of Officers – Becky Spence has volunteered to be a community member - Thank you, Becky!
 - b. Buddy bench - Terri Lynn to take buddy bench home to complete
5. Principal Update
 1. **School Website Redesign Project**
 - a. Logo & colours (red, white and black)
 - b. More photos will be uploaded/updated
 - c. Content - we are updating so what we want will be transferred over.
 - d. Upcoming-steps: Education Center is working on getting sites ready (November/December). First version will be provided in January/February
 2. **Historical Postcard** - Joanne Bouley works at ReMax Fairlane Realty in Truro. Every year their offices choose a building or home in Colchester County that has historical significance and features it on the front of our annual postcard. Sharon Corcoran, the company Broker has been doing this for over 20 years. She has even received an award from the Colchester Historical Archives for persevering the area's heritage. She has chosen Great Village Elementary School for this year's postcard!





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6. New business

a. Outdoor Learning Spaces

- i. Media released that all schools will receive \$25,000 for outdoor learning space. Our education centre has 4 different designs to choose from and a summary of the cost/budget. We need to decide what we want for our space.
- ii. Option 1: Outdoor learning circle to encourage people to gather, learn about cultural significance, circle concept in Mi'kmaq culture, chalkboard facing the south if possible (\$25k)
- iii. Option 2: Smaller learning space, few benches, to “reflect”, small group setting, Mi'kmaq and African flags and directional aspects
- iv. Option 3: Amphitheatre (\$38k) - we have no natural hills, need to ensure accessibility for mobility, cost more to build up to make the hill
- v. Option 4: Raised garden beds - materials already here to make three garden beds with the kids, rain barrel for downspout so we already have the supplies to make this happen ourselves
- vi. Really up to option 1 or 2 - more leaning toward first option, discussion around distraction of road traffic if putting it out front (which seems to make the most sense space-wise, aesthetically and to avoid septic and electricity running underground)
- vii. Decision needed by December 10
- viii. Katie to ask whether some changes can be made, do we strictly need to use materials in the classroom area or elsewhere on the property? Maybe purchase fruit trees instead of shade trees
- ix. Can put in an order up to \$25,000
- x. Motion to go with option #1.1 Classroom circle by Terri-Lynn, seconded by Jessica L, **approved**

7. Set next meeting – date & time

- a. January 13 after H&S at 7:30pm

8. Meeting adjourned

- a. Meeting adjourned by Joanna at 7:41pm