



GNAG Board Meeting, Thursday Oct 22, 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Elizabeth Izaguirre, Elspeth Tory, Kate McCartney, Geoff Kellow, Kellylee Evans, Sheri Segal Glick, Brad Sigouin, James Meloche, Mary Tsai, John Richardson, Clare Pearson, Sarah Wilson

Regrets: Heather Moncur, Dominique Milne

Welcome

Quorum established

Review / Adopt agenda

(Kate McCartney/John Richardson)

Review / Adopt minutes from previous meeting

(Brad Sigouin / Kate McCartney)

Chairperson's Report (Elspeth)

- No updates

Executive Director's Report (Mary)

- Programs have been impacted by Stage 2 (Ontario COVID)
- 28 day stop of fitness and dance programs. We had a number of classes in the main hall that never exceeded more than 10 people. It hasn't affected our financial situation since classes have moved online, including adult dance. It was part of program registration guidelines.
- BC program is being cancelled and will run until November. All affected parents have been notified. There were 5 kids registered for BC. Recently, 2 children gave their notice that they will no longer be attending and there was one child that had never shown up. This triggered the cancellation..



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- Mutchmor rink – Sandra (Mutchmor Principal) has told the City of Ottawa that they will not be reinstating the rink this year. They cannot lose the space this year for the children. They need all of the space in the yard this year. The rink took up one of the zones set for the kids. The GCA was told and are in favour of that decision. All negotiations for the rink are between GCA (education rep), OCDSB and City of Ottawa.
- As a temporary stopgap, St James Tennis Court is being considered. Looking into doing a skinny version. 2/3 of the court. That would be a negotiation that GCA would need to take on. Glendale may be an option. Either way, GNAG would be happy to program at either of these places.
- Mary asked about putting lights in the yard to extend outdoor time. It would be along Third Avenue side. Sandra (Mutchmor Principal) was on board with lights.
- GNAG Registration is happening on Monday for half a term. Mostly online classes, some in person. If there is another closure, the in person classes will transition to online.
- We are still receiving a subsidy for the wages from the federal government. Unsure of how long this will be for – waiting for updates from the government.
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Treasurer's Report (Brad)

- 22-23k for salary plus 5 for operation costs. Burn rate is 54k a month.
- We are ok until June. We are continuing to receive government subsidies, and we have not burned anything from our reserves.
- Let's hope for a vaccine and normalcy. But we did buy time.

Other notes

- In one of the kindergarten classes at Mutchmor there was a positive COVID-19 case. GNAG did not hear from the school until 3 days after the child received a positive test. GNAG contacted the school after learning about it. The school could not discuss it. It is Ottawa Public Health's role to discuss, notify and advise all affected. OPH does the contact tracing, contacts those people and provides steps to take. OPH handles all communication.
- We have had 2 incidents where a school had a positive covid case. Participants would let GNAG know that they couldn't come in and have to isolate. Any person coming to the facility has to do a daily screening, with names recorded. Everyone. This includes facilities staff, GNAG/GCNS staff, kids, etc.



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- Mary feels the centre is very, very safe. GCNS communicates what is going on on their end and provides updates. Everyone is always masked up. Very impressed by how people have adopted the policies and how careful they are. GNAG goes through a lot of disinfectant and hand sanitizer.
- GNAG policy – if an individual goes for testing, we take a record of that and notify the city of Ottawa. They date it and then update the form with the test results.

Brainstorming session about GNAG events during pandemic

- Please let Elspeth know if you are interested in meeting and brainstorming

Topics:

Taste of the Glebe - Cookbook, virtual cooking lessons, ideas to support local restaurants

House Tour - Zoom tour or lookbook

GNAG Branding

Community engagement -: Teenagers would like to be busier. Maybe create a community engagement group made of teens. This may be complicated with COVID but worth looking into . (i.e. Reading english/french with kids online)

Adjournment