**Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Agenda**

**February 16th, 2022 - 7:30 pm via Zoom**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405023473?pwd=N2FvYTJ3SE9qL3JJUlUrRTRheUZBdz09**

**1.0 Attendees:** Karla Power Cora Goodyear Gillian Holloway

Cagney Edwards Kali MacDonald Mary-Lynne Luco

Marcie Falloon Andrea MacPherson James Sedgwick

Kim Lemay

**Apologies:** Cara Payne Christa Fudge

**2.0** **Called meeting to order:** 7:32 p.m.

**3.0** **Meeting chaired by:** Karla Power

**4.0 Minutes recorded by:**  Karla Power

**5.0 Old Business**

**5.1 Invitational-** We hosted an Invitational on Jan.12th. We had 6 guests, including 3 parents from other schools, Barb and Linda Mysaart (board of trustees). We went over the projects we have worked on over the last 2 years as well as how we run a meeting. Thank you to everyone who spoke and came to the meeting. Hoping to do another Invitational in the future, perhaps at the beginning of next school year. Karla reminded members to feel free to invite parents and staff from other schools to any of our meetings.

**5.2 Playground –**We were told that there was 1 bidder for the project and that the bid was over budget. Karla called Lindsay Pearson from RMWB to ask if there is anything we can do and she felt that the council would cover the rest of the project. ***Karla is going to check back in before our next meeting.*** We are still hoping that the playground will be complete by September 2022.

We had a brief discussion about how we are going to permanently recognize the sponsors for the playground (signage? benches?) and how we will celebrate the opening of the Inclusive Playground (ribbon cutting? BBQ? Special invites from RMWB?) ***These 2 topics will be discussed in more detail at a further date.***

Lindsay also asked for advice on how to make other RMWB playgrounds more inclusive, as they are hoping to change out/add equipment to some of the parks.

**5.3 Inclusion talks with students-** Karla has been to see Grade 2-6 students so far and will start with Grade 1 next week. Students started some of the projects that were suggested. ⅔ Park started the rainbow wall; Grade 5s are writing persuasive letters to the Mayor about rubberizing the playground ***(Gillian is going to reach out to contacts in Edmonton about how they got so many of their parks to be rubberized***); and classes began making inclusive posters. The Fundraising Committee is looking into getting some of the student posters professionally printed.

**5.4 Special Days Calendar**- The Fundraising Committee is looking to make our calendar into a magnet that they can sell as a fundraiser for our committee.

Dates coming up:

**Feb. 17th-Random Acts of Kindness Day** (Karla will ask James to share information about this on our Facebook Page)

**Feb. 23rd-Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)-**The office will post information for this day.

**Feb. 28th- Rare Disease Day-** Ms. Canning is willing to share some information for this day with us.

**March 1-International Wheelchair Day-** Rick, Karla and Jenna will be working from wheelchairs on February 25th to promote this day. We will be collecting donations for the Wood Buffalo Special Olympics. Here is [the poster](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GqkUuEolDPtbzhtbaJz_Nm_ZAzs4habI/view?usp=sharing)

**5.5 Inclusive Dolls for Early Years Classes:** We have put the 1st set of dolls from the document on our wishlist and are hoping to get a set for each Early Years class:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fSa9alhC7n2ohOORWIjCMsqwtcDvNY5xEmj66UVW4hw/edit?usp=sharing>

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1-Mission Statement-**We walked about creating a mission statement for the Inclusion Advisory Committee and came up with some words that would fit nicely into it. Kali created a doc to help us organize our ideas before the next meeting: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ThgkO1450XorVpwVr6MCHK8jxKpFxuz6dCjN_hL76qc/edit>

**6.2-Life skills for students/leadership roles-**We discussed the idea of having our students participate in some life skills groups with other peers. They could learn things like how to make toast, tie their shoes, do their hair (just a few examples). ***Karla will talk to our OT Shae, as well as Jen Africa and Cara Payne about the idea.***

**9.3-Upcoming activities/opportunities-**Wanted to promote some activities that are happening in RMWB that parents may not know about:

Challenger Baseball: <http://www.fmmba.ca/content/challenger-baseball>

Norfort Special Needs Gymnastics Classes: <https://norfort.uplifterinc.com/registration/product-detail/SpecialAbilities>

Wood Buffalo You Can Ride 2 Adaptive Bike Program: <https://cms.cyanicare.com/pages/wbycr2/borrowBikeRegistration>

**9.4 Wood Buffalo You Can Ride 2 Fundraiser:** We would like to do another sock hop to raise money for the adaptive bike program that so many of our students utilize. We were hoping that we could do a full school event when cohort restrictions are no longer in place, in April? Kali made a great point that a full school event like this could be overwhelming for the students who actually use the bike program. We would like to have 3 separate sensory friendly areas set up in the Atrium, Learning Commons and Music Room where the music will not be as loud and there will be options for sensory exploration, rather than dancing.

**9.5 Braille/Sign Language Resources-** We would like to put forward a list of books to purchase that have Sign Language and Braille, as well as some more Inclusive Titles to add to our Learning Commons. Kali and Gillian have helped comprise a list that can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-T0tb4zkWT93fJ0S2JgLivCIER9BCX7nRZW2QWZr6G0/edit>

**9.6- Appointment of Secretary**- Kali has volunteered to be Secretary for the remainder of the school year.

**10.0** **Kudos for what’s going well**

**12.0 Agenda items for next meeting:** Playground update/ideas for celebration, Special Days Calendar, Mission Statement, Life Skills/Leadership Roles, Sock Hop Fundraiser

**13.0** **Next Board Meeting:** March 24th at 7:30 p.m. ***(Possibly Hybrid- in person and online?)***

**14.0** **Meeting adjourned:** 8:46 p.m.