

Christina Gordon School Council

Meeting Date: April 28th, 2021
7:30 pm

Meeting chaired by: Chrissy White
Minutes recorded by: Karla Power & Charlotte Van Driesten

Agenda: Chrissy White

Attendees: Richard, Ian, Karla, Christine, Tanya, Sara, Charlotte

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:36	Chrissy White
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Tanya Drover Seconded by: Ian Barr Minutes Approved? Yes	Chrissy White
3	Additions/ approval of agenda Approved?	All
4	Principal's Report / AP summary Home Learning-It is going well. There is some level of stress, but we are well ahead of where we were with Home Learning in January. We listened to the survey and tried to make adjustments. For teachers, the challenge is to find a balance between the parents who want more work and those who are struggling to get the work done. Everyone's situation is different (some parents are home, others are working, language barriers, etc.). We are seeing lots of empathy towards our staff and we have lots of empathy for the parents. We are also trying to balance between technology and paper packages. The stress of online learning has replaced the stress that we felt teaching in person, as the number of cases were rising. We still would appreciate any comments about at home learning. Accountability pillar is still on the table. Grade 4 Survey's close tonight. We hoped for 72% and we topped 50%. Which will still be higher than most schools. 25th of May will launch the school growth plan. We have been asked to do publish two or three goals:	Rick Thorne

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - literacy - Numeracy - Parental and family involvement <p>Suggestions were asked on how we increase meaningful public engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offering incentives for engagement (ie rock star parking) - One question survey's / polls on Facebook - Meeting reminders in teacher emails. - Availability increases when it is online. Possibly a hybrid online and face to face. - Recording our google meet so parents understand what we do. Use clips of our meetings in a video. - Publish the agenda. - Share in parents language, not teacher language. - Please don't use google forms for surgery's. - Class representatives with the responsibility of attending the meetings. - Teachers should have the meeting minutes and be encouraged to pass this along to parents. - Creating a brief info graphic of the important points from the minutes that can be shared easily via teacher emails, or Facebook. <p>Parking- still taking suggestions. One suggestion was taking the staff parking and making it a staff and handy cap only parking lot. This would ease the amount of the st.Martha's parents. Again all suggestions are encouraged.</p> <p>Richard maintained fantastic focus and beat his personal best with a quick and efficient update ;)</p>	
5	<p>Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Report</p> <p>We held a virtual meeting with RMWB and a rep came out to discuss the location. Next step is to transfer funds. Then they will put it out to three companies for quotes Once a company is chosen, the building will begin! The final cost will be close to \$150,000. The city takes it and runs with it now! However Karla will be hot on the case!</p> <p>We fundraised \$800 for the adaptive bike program from the sock hops held last month.</p> <p>This Friday we are encouraging families to wear blue for autism awareness. We will also be launching a video series to answer some of the great questions that have come forward.</p>	Karla Power

	<p>GM would like to lend us their videographer. To talk about and highlight inclusion. They are passionate about our playground project and also believe “For when you know better, you do better”. This will be by donation. Which will then be shared into the community to raise awareness!</p> <p>Next meeting date: May 13th</p>	
6	<p>Fundraising Committee Report</p> <p>Fundraising- Growing Smiles deadline is this Friday. Over \$8000 in orders already. It’s been really really good! Distribution will happen from Jenn’s house again.</p> <p>The wish list has come to a close. Around \$30,000 will come from the fundraising committee to the school. With a large focus on classroom literacy and technology. Every classroom will receive \$ 400 for literacy. Some examples include benchmarking kits and field trips.</p> <p>Budget \$ 39,000 AGLC and raffles. \$7,000 in a general fund. Approximately \$15,000 left at the end of the year.</p> <p>Next meeting date: Unknown</p>	Rick Thorne
7	<p>Networks Committee Report</p> <p>Calendar for next year is approved. Family feedback received about staggered entry was great, it will likely be held again next year. PLF schedules- parents do not understand what happens at a PLF Friday. Working to make this more transparent. It was asked that schools make this information available to parents. Next year is an electoral year for the committee.</p> <p>Richard- The new curriculum has stirred the pot. FMPSD has decided not to pilot the new curriculum. Hopefully this forces it back into the hands of the government. It will continue to be a hot topic at the networks meetings</p> <p>Next meeting date:</p>	Chrissy White
8	<p>Staff appreciation:</p> <p>ATA appreciation is coming up.</p> <p>Richard- historically the CUPE staff have put together a luncheon in conjunctions with fundraising and school</p>	Chrissy White

	council. This would be very difficult this year. It was successful because of the parents.	
9	Social Media Update Charlotte to get in touch with Jenn and Richard.	Charlotte Van Driesten
9	Agenda items for next meeting Parking	Chrissy White
10	Next meeting date: June 2nd at 7:30pm Meeting adjourned @ 8:34pm	Chrissy White