

Christina Gordon Public School
School Council Meeting
February 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Allison Fagan

Welcome

Approval of last meeting minutes

*Approved by all in attendance

Approval of Agenda

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Agenda:

- Accountability Survey (Principal-Rick Thorne)
- Principals Report (Principal-Rick Thorne)
- Networks Meeting Update (Principal-Rick Thorne)
- Fundraising Association Update (Jen Hoilund)
- Next Parent School Council meeting date

Rick Thorne

Accountability Pillar

-2018/2019 only 10 surveys done, surveys sent out by Alberta Education in January to home address. School has sent out an email to please do the survey online. After email there has been more requests for online survey access. District stated at networks meeting that overall very low response rate.

-2017/2018 Accountability pillar results from grade 4/5 students (approx. 22 surveys collected) have been released by district. The results were shared with staff at the last professional development day on Friday January 18, 2019. Results to be emailed to parent council meeting as well.

-Results very good overall, the results help to develop school growth plans.

-Summarization of Accountability Pillar from 2017/2018 - 140 pages of data:

last year grade 4-6 with smaller school. With larger schools on grades 4, 7, 10 are given the survey.

All achieved very high or high for overall and 6 P.A.T results.

-Safe and Caring School: increased from previous year, our results above provincial average.

-Student Learning Opportunities (broad studies): lower in languages we only offer French in 4-6, we don't have an Art class/teacher even though art is done in class. Also no Drama class or club but we do have school plays/performances. Overall parents are satisfied.

-Student Learning Opportunities (basic education): overall high results will be looking into challenging and interesting work areas.

-Student Learning Opportunities (problems/access to help): numbers lower than previous year, increase in school size quickly, last year we only had a part time school councillor. This year we have a full time councillor. Still higher than provincial average

-Preparation for Lifelong Learning: slightly lower, asking if parents feel kids are prepared for work when they finish school.

-Citizenship: very high, children feel respected and lots of community involvement.

-In high school students demonstrate knowledge/skills for lifelong learning: 44% I don't know- which gets scored as negative. This question was asked to grade 4. This question does not apply to grade 4.

- Demonstrate knowledge/skills for lifelong learning: lower, but most responses again 'don't know' or 'no' because they are grade 4.
- Parent involvement: low on extent on parents being involved in decisions/parent involvement, but there is satisfaction with input into child's education. We need more parent involvement, reach out on social media, flyers in school.
- Continuous improvement: very high, increased from last year. 97% kids proud of school.
- Program Access: question for high school asked on grade 4, low results/don't know answers. Library low: now have a librarian this year, also did not have many books.
- In Service (professional development): Teacher only questions, slightly lower.

*Parents need to be informed of everything that is available, councillors, play therapy, speech, occupational therapist etc. possibly have a meet everyone time.

Principals Report

- ECDP open house March 8 and 9, 2019 and Kindergarten open houses will take place in March 21 and 22, 2019.
- Morning ECDP/Kindergarten classes are already fully registered for next year.
- Registration numbers for 2019/2020 school year are already trending to be at least 500 students. School growth plan is already being discussed. Current population 460, been consistent around that number since October 2018.
- World Play Day was a great success, phenomenal response from the kids. Staff said it was wonderful and many parents have stated that their kids enjoyed it. Gym and atrium common areas for all student other than that Div 1 stayed in their hall and Div 2 in their hall. Enjoyed by all, looking to possibly do another play day in Spring and again next year on World Play Day.
- 3 way conference turn out was low, which is usual for term II. Cold weather did not help.

Networks Meeting-Rick Throne

- Alberta School Council Association conference April 26-28 FMPSD has approved to pay for the registration fee for two parents to attend. The last day of this council is when Parents are given a chance to lobby the government.
- District is looking for parent input into growth and priorities for budget next year.
- PLF days: currently 14 Fridays off. Some parents feel this is too many days off, even with the Fridays off the school year has been extended to maintain the requirement of instructional minutes in a school year. Trustees have brought the issue to the school board questioning if PLF's should remain, reduce or change structure (half day). Teachers value the instruction/training/collaboration time. Looking for input from parents on this issue. Consensus among our parent council is that our school council feels that the PLF days are beneficial and should remain. A parent at the networks meeting felt that child care for those Fridays are difficult, our council felt that this was not an issue as parents are provided with calendar early and thus parents can prepare for child care. Those that have experienced half day Fridays did not enjoy it. Rick also stated that distract wide attendance on a Friday are very low, many people go out of town on weekends. Also 5 day weeks can be difficult for the younger grades. There was also discussion that many parents feel teachers get the day off when that is not the case and that maybe there should be more information given on what teachers do on PLF days.

Fundraising Association Update - Sara Keelan

- Valentines Market on February 2, 2019, was successful
- Growing Smiles planters and flower basket in Spring
- Raffle fundraiser to happen in June/fathers day
- Wish List from teachers: still waiting for the list
- Paint night in discussion.

Next Meetings

School Council Meeting March 11 at 2:30 p.m.

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List of Attendees

Sara Keelan
Clint Evashkevich
Allison Fagan
Chris Organ
Rick Thorne
Michelle Griffiths
Megan Skinner
Kim Cardinal