

Christina Gordon Public School
School Council Meeting
March 11, 2019
2:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Alethea Austin

Welcome

Approval of last meeting minutes

*Approved by Sara Keelan and Allison Fagan

Approval of Agenda

*Approved by all in attendance

Agenda:

-Principals Report (Principal-Rick Thorne)

-Fundraising Association Update (Sara Keelan)

-Next Parent School Council meeting date

Rick Thorne

Principals Report

-ECDP open house March 8 and 9, 2019 went very well. The 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. Grade 1 classes are expected to be large next year as this year our kindergarten numbers are large. Planning to be proactive with growth plan and will be requesting portable classroom expansion in 2021. The schools growth plan will be finalized this PLF Friday by staff and be presented to district in April.

-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.

*Cheri raised the question if our council had been given the resolutions for consideration and voting. The resolutions are from Alberta Education and Alberta School Council Association to make improvements in Education. At this time council did not have the resolutions but found them online during this meeting and they will be discussed at the next Parent Council meeting.

-Parents have raised the question if Christina Gordon will have full day kindergarten (KEEP program) next year. Christina Gordon does not have the space for full day kindergarten, the KEEP program is not a full instructional day and only provides child care during regular school time 8:35-3:15. Christina Gordon has Bethel Daycare on site which provides before and after school care which is beneficial to more parents rather than just Kindergarten.

-Christina Gordon will become have the Triple I program next year. Currently only available at Dr. Clark. This allows current students to remain at Christina Gordon and obtain special programming to meet their needs. This also means our gross motor room will remain and our staff will gain a behavioural specialist as well as a full time speech language pathologist.

*Chris Organ (Vice Principal) stated that the gardening project will be running again this year with improvements to the gardens. There are 11 gardens and all gardens have had a staff member volunteer to care for them.

Fundraising Association Update - Sara Keelan

-Growing Smiles planters and flower basket in Spring, order forms to go out in the next few weeks and order deadline is just prior to Spring break mid April. The fundraising association will also be purchasing extra orders for sale during pick up of orders.

-Casino amount received \$36,168. Ideas of how to use the casino funds will be discussed at the next fundraising association meeting on March 25, 2019. An email has been sent out to staff requesting their suggestions. The fundraising association is also putting out messages on social media to gain more parental involvement. The next casino date given by AGLC is October, November or December of 2020.

-It has already been approved to spend some funding on playground improvements. There is a plan for buddy benches as well as hopscotch, 4 square, etc lines to be painted.

Next Meeting

School Council Meeting April 10 at 9:00 a.m.

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List of Attendees

Sara Keelan
Cheri Evashkevich
Allison Fagan
Chris Organ
Rick Thorne
Alethea Austin
Tanya Drover