

Christina Gordon Public School
School Council Meeting
Monday October 29, 2018
2:30 pm-3:15 pm

Meeting Minutes

Alethea Austin

Welcome

Approval of last meeting minutes

*Approved by Tanya Drover and Sara Keelen

Approval of Agenda

*Approved by all in attendance

Agenda:

- Networks meeting recap (Alethea Austin-Chair)
- Principals Report (Vice Principal-Chris Organ)
- Fundraising Association Update (Sara Keelan)
- Next Parent School Council meeting date

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Networks Meeting: Overview of network meeting from October 1, 2018

Enrolment:

FMPSD student enrolment extended to October 1, 2018. All number not final. Enrolment increase 10%, mostly north of river and Dr. Clark schools. FMPSD has never had at 10% increase in over 15 years.

-Approximate numbers in the high 6000 trending to 7000 enrolment numbers. Large increases from Kindergarten to Grade 3 moving up in grades.

Budget:

-Budget is based on numbers of students, based on per pupil and then the principal allocates the money.

-District not in a balanced budget, currently a \$1.5 million dollar deficit for the year. There are no additional funds for more staff. There will be no additional classes. Each additional teacher costs \$107,000, adding 1 full time teacher per school would be over \$1 million increase in budget.

-Doug Nichols recommends a joint meeting on budget 101 training session to further explain budget issues.

Immunizations with Alberta Health Services (AHS)

-Large number of children not up to date on vaccinations, AHS has an increasing concern that outbreaks could occur.

-AHS will be providing immunization in schools

-AHS to check all child files and contact parents for immunizations.

-Parents will sign permission for vaccinations, no child will be vaccinated without parent permission.

-AHS vaccination schedule being changed, notices will be sent out to explain updated vaccine schedule.

Partnership Facilitator

-Michelle Toner appointed partnership facilitator. Tasked with getting grants for schools, hoping to gain \$600-700 000 per year in funding.

Polar Bear Club

-Voluntary staff supervisor required to allow kids in club to go out in temperatures below -20 C

*unsure if it was asked for Polar Bear Club to be changed to -30 C outside or if it a question of all recesses 15 min morning and 20 min. Lunch recess to be changed. Meaning as a district would be all students outdoor recess unless temperature is below -30 C. This needs clarification if it is just for the Polar Bear Club or actual school recess.

**We do not have a Polar Bear Club at Christina Gordon, it has not been something a staff member has volunteered to supervise but there is administration has no issue with one starting providing they have a staff commitment.

-Question raised if Keyano Huskies can help with Polar Bear Club or recess supervision as they have a volunteer commitment.

Shine Kids Fitness

-Shine kids fitness is being brought in some schools for yoga.

Bussing

-Bussing issue for high school students discussed.

Next Joint Network Meeting November 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Chris Organ

Principals Report

-There will be no new classes. To address the issue of large numbers in grade 5 class, Mr. Organ is now teaching math separately to some of the grade 5's to elevate the strain in the 5/6 class.

-New playground opened up. Has been a huge hit with all the kids. 'Tower of Doom' had a schedule in place for the first week as too many students had been on it. Novelty seems to have worn off and students using playground more appropriately.

-Parent/Teacher/Student conferences held last week, ran smoothly and had a good turnout.

Parking

-Mr. Thorne has been monitoring more in the parking lot closer to St. Martha's.

-Both schools are working together, our school also needs to not use St. Martha's parking lot if we expect their school not to use Christina Gordons.

-Alethea Austin raised the question if Rick Thorne has further information on a survey about student bussing with map of eligibility being sent out to parents. Chris Organ stated he would address this with Rick Thorne.

-AMA crosswalk training update: no more information available.

Tanya Drover-Grade 4 Bake Sale

-Grade 4 bake sale held last week was a huge success. Grade 4 students raised \$313 for the Center of Hope. 7/11 Convenience store also donated \$175 to the grade 4 bake sale. \$588 donated to the Center of Hope. The Center of Hope is using the funds raised to purchase winter clothing.

Fundraising Association Update - Sara Keelan

-Popcorn Fridayz: Scheduled Popcorn Days for 2018 November 2, November 16, December 14. Averaging \$400-500 profit from sales each popcorn day. Looking at allocating another popcorn day for purchase of more advanced levelled readers. Profit from one popcorn day already used to purchase library books from the book fair last week.

-Hot Lunch is going great. November orders now closed. December orders to open on November 1, 2018. Some errors occurred from class changed in the grade 3 and grade 4, orders going to the wrong class. Errors have been resolved for November orders. Some complaints of missing orders but found to be parent errors or miscommunication between parent/student.

-Art Cards for Kids- the cards are in classrooms this week for students to color/design. Cards to be mailed in by the end of this week. Samples for ordering to be provided as soon as they arrive and sent out to parents for ordering. Aiming for December 1 for cards to be delivered to parents.

-Growing Smiles Poinsettia/Christmas Fundraiser-Order forms went home on Tuesday October 23, 2018. Deadline for ordering November 15, 2018. Delivery date November 29, 2018. Parents can pick up on November 30, 2018. Its is no school Friday but school will be open to allow for pick up. Already had 20 orders in the first 24 hrs of forms going out.

-Casino date is December 9 and December 10, 2018. Volunteers are still needed. 11 spots still available out of 40. A sign up genius is set up for volunteers.

-Winter Feast: still getting more information on doing it this year. Looks like as of now it has a high likelihood of going ahead. Date possibly during one lunch hour the last week of school before Christmas/Winter break. It will be for the students only. If it does happen Brad Corp from 93.3 radio station would like to do a live broadcast from the school. The chefs from Earls and Prime Test Kitchen have a catering company and are looking as the best option.

-Fall Market was successful, approximate \$1800 in profit. Looking into doing a spring market as well.

*Chris Organ mentioned he would update the school facebook page with Casino sign up as well as poinsettia information and an update on grade 4 bake sale success.

Other Items Mentioned *Addition to agenda*

-Sara Keelan mentioned an issue with needing AHS food vendor licenses for all events. Chris Organ to look into if the school can get a general food vendor for breakfast carts and also what is needed for bake sales. Unsure if the school needs one for every event or just extra events such as markets held at the school.

Next Meeting

Next School Council Meeting date scheduled for November 29, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Parent council asked by fundraising association to help unload flower delivery if it has been delivered at the time of the meeting.

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List of Attendees

Sara Keelan
Cheri Evashkevich
Clint Evashkevich
Alethea Austin
Tanya Drover
Allison Fagan
Jessica Moore
Chris Organ