

## Christina Gordon School Council

Meeting Date: June 2nd, 2021

7:30 pm

Meeting chaired by: Chrissy White

Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

### Agenda: Chrissy White

Attendees: Sara Keelan, Megan Skinner, Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Jenn Hoiland, Tanya Drover, Christy White, Melanie Brown, Carla Power, Ian Barr

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:31	Chrissy White
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Carla Power Seconded by: Sara Keelan Minutes Approved	Chrissy White
3	Additions/ approval of agenda Date for our AGM Approved	All
4	Principal's Report  - Home Learning Enrollment for next year is at 541, which is quite amazing. ECDP and Kindergarden have firmed up at around 70! Which we still anticipate around 15 more for each. Last years enrollment was 502. Staffing for next year is being set. We have now hired a physical education teacher! More positions will be posted in the near future. Chrissy White will be leaving us this coming year to be out east. We wish her well, and thank her very much for all she has done for not just the parent council, but the school as a whole.  At home learning has come to an end! We are all thankful. With the amount of feedback we have	Rick Thorne

received we know it was a success, even though it wasn't always easy. We will finish the year with a bang! The division will continue to offer e-academy next year. I class per grade, so it will be much smaller.

Staggered start was a huge success, August 28th week we can most likely look forward to this happening again! We would still like to have an open house, to ease the stress.

Tumbled start might not be possible for the coming year, it simply took up too much instructional time.

The format of our school council meetings will likely still have an online component. It could even be a hybrid of in person and virtual.

As the year end gets closer we are working on the year end rewards. James is finalizing the recipients. A virtual assembly is most likely, a date has yet to be confirmed. We have a new award this year - Excellence at Online Learning, teachers will pick these recipients.

School growth plan presentation was On the 25th of May, where we presented our plan to the school board of trustees. Our two goals were: numeracy- to identify and correct, and Writing. Our third goal as always is parent involvement . The goal of parent involvement is up to the school council and it was met by amazing compliments.

- Accountability pillar
  - [Report](#)
  - [Presentation](#)
- Parental and family involvement for 2021/2022

This is the most important value we have. We look forward to the coming year where we can have our welcome back BBQ! Family nights will also be something to look forward to. Given the COVID-19 situation stays under control.

- Parking- Plan for 2021/2022

We talked about doing a survey, however the year got away from us. Char will do a survey for parents to get out before the end of the year. Send your suggestions to [charvandriesten@gmail.com](mailto:charvandriesten@gmail.com)

	<p>We will have a larger gap between St. Martha's start times.</p> <p>Char and Richard to work towards a "survey/polls" on June 4th.</p> <p>We would like to designate the west parking lot to staff and handicap only. This would increase the safety for children as well.</p> <p>Suggestions  Ian - Assigned staff parking would increase efficiency. Increase safety to the children.  Chrissy- Let's get this out to parents now, and let the parents know that there will be changes. Staff input is important as well.</p>	
5	<p>Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Report  No meeting was held as we were in homeschool mode.</p> <p>Richard and Carla have been pushing RMWB asking for a date. The money has been transferred. Mid July is when the tender will be sent. Early august vender contract will be signed. September the equipment order will be made. Anywhere from 8-18 weeks for turnaround. So it is looking more like spring. But we can still hope for fall.</p> <p>Kim and I met with the manager of GM and the videographer and they had a bigger dream. They would like to complete a series. The first will be about Christina Gordon. Then they will be moving on to covering the rest of the city! GM is going to donate the filming of the entire series!! This is an exciting leap forward!</p>	Karla Power
6	<p>Fundraising Committee Report  Our growing smiles fundraising was almost \$10,000 in plants. We had a lot of amazing volunteers. This year we have raised \$6143.00 between all of our efforts.</p> <p>Grade six grad students will get their t- shirts sponsored by the fundraising committee.</p> <p>Our wish list received over \$30,000 from this committee, which has gone straight into the classrooms. We are forever grateful for this contribution!</p> <p>Chrissy- extra special thank you from the teachers!!</p> <p>Next meeting is Wednesday June 9th at 7:30pm.</p>	Jen Hoilund

<p>7</p>	<p>School Supplies for 2021/2022</p> <p>On behalf of the parents: we have no issue with purchasing what is needed.</p> <p>The process as it stands right now is teachers come together to determine what is essential, which is reviewed every year.</p> <p>The biggest frustration is supplies that aren't used.</p> <p>The school list bears no resemblance to the school boards generic grade lists.</p> <p>Richard- We do try to keep the lists affordable, and with good intentions. But this feedback is very helpful.</p> <p>Parents have suggested that a ongoing classroom wish list possibly be created so that parents can contribute past the beginning of the school year. We understand these may be against division policies, however parent would much rather purchase things that will be used! A class rep could be utilized for this!!</p>	<p>Sara Keelan</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Social Media Update</p> <p>Rename the fundraising page to Fundraising and Parent Council, then we will add Char to admin.</p>	<p>Charlotte Van Driesten</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Executive for 2021/2022</p> <p>All executive positions will be open for the next school year. We invite everyone to consider these positions.</p> <p>We once again want to thank Chrissy for her amazing job this past year!</p>	<p>Chrissy White</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Next meeting date: AGM set for September 15th 2021 at 7:00pm This meeting is likely to be a hybrid of in person and virtual.</p>	<p>Chrissy White</p>