

Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Agenda

February 18th 2021 - 7:30 pm via Zoom

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- 1.0 Attendees:** Karla Power Mary-Lynne Luco Cara Payne
Barb Fitzpatrick James Sedgwick Kali MacDonald
Dawn Collier Chrissy White Cagney Edwards
Nicole Spring
- Apologies:** Kim Lemay Jennifer McCray Kristan Leonard

2.0 Called meeting to order: 7:35am

3.0 Meeting chaired by: Karla Power

4.0 Minutes recorded by:

5.0 Housekeeping: fire exits, fire safety and first aid.

6.0 Introductions

Guest speaker: Nicole Spring, Community Development Officer for the Autism Society, creation of an Education resource to be used in school to teach students and educators about differences- Missing Pieces Project

7.0 Review of Guidelines

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Playground – update on grants/donations, RMWB involvement, video, contacting CG parents with businesses

* We have received some more donations - \$1K donation from Surmont Gravel, \$250 from the Support from Moms Society, \$1K from Absolute Plumbing. Our total is now \$75 450!



- * Kim reached out to GM, they offered us their videographer. They will make a commercial to show why an inclusive playground is beneficial from the perspective of the parents and children.

- * Karla suggested that we reach out to CG parents that own businesses. Nicole suggested to place a value to on smaller donations (i.e. \$50 will provide 3 feet of asphalt for a wheelchair)

8.2 Support for Mom's Collaboration and support

- * Karla spoke about CG, the inclusion committee, and the inclusive playground – as well as sharing the presentation that was shared at ATA Institute Day (Inclusion: A Parental Perspective)

- * Group meets the 3rd Sunday of each month; the next meeting is March 21 at 7pm

8.3 Bottle Depot Account

- * Account is open and can now drop off bottles and donate the funds to CG. The bottle depot will send a monthly cheque, if donations are over \$50. We are working on setting up the Skip the Depot app, where people from all over Alberta can transfer their funds to our account.

8.4 Bike Program fundraiser

- * A sock hop was agreed upon as a fundraiser, the week of March 15. Mr. Wright will lead this fundraiser. Children will donate \$2.00 and all kids will get a glow stick and enjoy a sock hop with their class during their Phys. Ed time.

8.5 Results from Thought Exchange

- * Board of Trustees is currently considering the results, and it is expected that the results will be released in March. We will go over them at our next meeting.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Information about the Autism Society from Nicole Spring



- * To offer supports to an individual for a life span. They service and accept and provide support to individuals with any barriers. They are small, without a marketing background, it is difficult to get that message out there.
- * They fill in the gaps for support for all barriers due to a lack of committees and supports for many disabilities.
- * Nicole's role is a Community Development Office – to offer support and navigation to families that need it. She also provides education advocacy - she will walk parents through and help them be the advocate for educational awareness. She is also a translator for aid in education programs. She works to foster a cohesive support team for the children with parents and the education support team.

9.2 RMWB Speech

- * Karla will send the speech for review, please make any suggestions to her via email by

Monday, as the council meeting is on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

10.0 Kudos for what's going well

- * Nicole spoke about the Rock-a-thon and a virtual comedy show featuring 4 autistic comedians.
- * Barb gave thanks to Chrissy for support with school transition.
- * Karla gave thanks to Chrissy for support.
- * Kudos to everyone for joining us, special thanks to Nicole for her guest presentation.

12.0 Agenda items for next meeting

12.1 Results of the Thought Exchange

12.2 Sock Hop results

12.3 Playground

12.0 Next Board Meeting: March 18th @ 7:30pm

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13.0 Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm