

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

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**13.0 Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm**