

Christina Gordon



Public School

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Meeting Date: March 24th, 2021

7:30 pm

Meeting chaired by: Chrissy White

Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Agenda:

Attendees: Richard Thorne, Sara Keelan, Chrissy White, Karla Power, Ian Barr, James Sedgwick, Char Van Driesten

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:32	Chrissy White
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Ian Barr Seconded by: Chrissy White Minutes Approved	Chrissy White
3	Additions/ approval of agenda Approved	All
4	Principal's Report / AP summary In the past week we held our ECDP open house which was virtual, our Kindergarten open house is coming up this week. It's very different to host an event without having the parents and kids in the school, though the teachers rose to the challenge. Our numbers were down, but we weren't surprised. Our registrations are strong this year. We need to find a way to promote awareness for the Reggio ECDP, as we intend to hold this program in the 21/22 year. We have a new process for confirming demographics for the proceeding school year. As school council it would be helpful to get this change out to the masses. This way will be a large improvement on the previous years long form registration. Parents simply have to review and confirm existing demographics. We have run into some small bumps, but the	Rick Thorne

new process is proving to be successful.

Grade 4 parents have taken our "Accountability Survey" and the students and staff will be coming soon. We work to get as many surveys completed, and we will be looking for ways from the school council to help us get this out.

Parking- Jason White came up and started to ticket people, and we have seen an improvement since then. We need more input. One suggestion that has come forward is to call the west parking lot a staff only parking lot. Of course parents want the convenience of parking as close as possible. Though the main concern is safety. Double parking makes it difficult to see kids who are/ might run out. Congestion is created at the exit where four lanes of traffic are trying to get out. We need to prioritize safety and convenience. Between our 600 staff and students, and St. Martha's with roughly 900, this problem isn't going away. The staggered entrance times have helped this year. Any and all suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

Ian suggested that staff back into the stalls to increase safety in that parking lot.

The year is starting to feel a bit normal, even though it is still very different. We are very happy with how the protocols are performing.

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5	<p>Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Report Enough funding has been secured! Over \$92,000 in fundraising and donations, and the RMWB has given \$60,000 in grants.</p> <p>Our playground is funded and we would like to hope this playground is installed by September 2021! Which is a year sooner than we had set as our goal. We work now to remove more red tape.</p> <p>So far we have 2 inclusive swings, a glider, spinner, a dual zip line (one disc, and one proper seat), a sign language board, wobble sphere, and set of chimes.</p> <p>The sock hop fundraiser for the adaptive bike program went very well, so far \$776 has been raised.</p> <p>The addition onto the school will need to be considered when we look at where this park will be placed.</p> <p>Next meeting date: April 22nd</p>	Karla Power
6	<p>Fundraising Committee Report The fundraising committee's Devry Plant fundraiser has been released. Unfortunately the casino has been given up for this year. \$39,000 has been raised through gaming, and \$7,000 through fundraisers.</p> <p>Because the \$39,000 has to be spent very specifically, and our staff has worked really well together to decide how this money will be spent.</p> <p>Next meeting date: NYD</p>	Richard Thorne
7	<p>Joint Networks Committee Report</p> <p>The results from the parents survey have been compiled, small classroom sizes, and program cuts were the priority from the parents.</p> <p>ASCA conference is coming up on April 23rd to 25th. Please</p>	Chrissy White

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8	<p>Action items and miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff appreciation: Staff appreciation is coming up soon, April 1st is CUPE appreciation day and Karla has taken this day on. ATA will be coming up soon. To be put on our next meeting agenda. - New registration forms for returning students: As of this afternoon we have 105 registered for 1-6 and 188 in total. Simply because we have started sooner, it shouldn't be as big a rush in may. The new demographics confirmation will significantly impact the timeline, and we should know much sooner than previous years. - Shared Google Document: please remember to add your suggestions to this document! - Social Media invitation and incentive: Char has agreed to manage the School Council page. Discussion was had on how we amalgamate all CG Facebook groups, for better exposure. Suggestion was made to rename the current school page and simply add the committee's in as administrators on the one page. 	
9	<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff Appreciation - Social Media changes - Shared Google Document 	Chrissy White
10	<p>Next meeting date: April 28th at 7:30pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned @ 8:42 pm</p>	Chrissy White