



Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Agenda

October 7th, 2021 - 7:30 pm via Zoom

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1.0 Attendees: Karla Power Kim Lemay James Sedgwick
Cara Payne Gillian Holloway Cora Goodyear
Christa Fudge Kali MacDonald Andrea MacPherson
Marcie Falloon

Apologies: Rick Thorne Suzanne Hedd Shae DiTimoteo
Jenna Ferns Sara Shears Cagney Edwards
Krista Saunders Mary Lynne Luco

2.0 Called meeting to order: 7:32 p.m.

3.0 Meeting chaired by: Karla Power

4.0 Minutes recorded by: Karla Power

5.0 Introductions

6.0 Review of Guidelines

7.0 Review of positions (chair, vice chair, secretary-looking to fill this position)

*Thank you to Christa Fudge who is going to take on the role of secretary this year!

8.0 Old Business



8.1 Playground – update on build: RMWB is in process of finalizing the invitational bid details to send to the selected vendors. They expect to have a vendor awarded in late October. With the extended manufacturing timelines this year it delayed all of their playground installations significantly. Once the project is awarded, they will proceed with ordering the equipment and store it over the winter for construction Spring 2022.

*Karla encouraged sharing of video from Possibility Playground Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/100867185594230/videos/362089565499567>

8.2 Playground ranking videos ([Possibility Playgrounds Facebook Page](#))-Karla, along with other educators and special needs parents rated 18 playgrounds in RMWB this summer and made videos of their findings. Although this is not a CG project, many of our members from the Inclusion Committee participated, so Karla wanted to share. The purpose of these videos is to draw attention to the parks that have inclusive and accessible features and also to those that could do better.

8.3 Nominations for Partners in Education-all sponsors of our playground were nominated.

Here is the Awards List:

<https://www.fmpsdschools.ca/2020PIE.php>

8.4 Special Days Calendar-Karla will be sharing the calendar. Please let her know by **Oct. 14th** if you would like any dates added. For some special dates, we will make a Facebook post with a video link,

for others we may post videos of read-alouds or informational videos. Our first 3 posts will be about Canadian Autism Acceptance Month in October (Karla), Canadian Down Syndrome Week from October 24-31 (Gillian) and World Diabetes Day-Nov. 14 (Kali will reach out to a parent on this to see if they would like to make a video).

8.5 Missing Piece Bins-Karla checked in with the Autism Society about borrowing again, they will lend to us for 3 months at a time, she reached out to teachers to see who is interested in borrowing them.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Student voice (What does Inclusion look like? Sound like? Feel like?)-Karla and some other staff members will begin talking to students about Inclusion and how we can be more inclusive at CG. Some other suggestions that were made in order to get students voice are:

-Have a question box (outside of the music room) where people can ask questions about Inclusion or maybe one of the special days we are recognizing (e.g. Autism, Down Syndrome, Diabetes).

-Provide talking points that teachers and parents can use to discuss the videos and read-alouds that we share.

-Do a survey (maybe with older kids) on how we can be more inclusive.

9.2 Invitation to Superintendent-We decided that we will invite Jennifer Turner, Annalee Nutter and Rhonda Blanchett to our meeting in December to introduce them to who we are and what we have been up to, as well as get their thoughts on Inclusion.



9.3 Helping other schools get started-We will invite people (parents/staff) who are interested in starting an Inclusion Committee at their school to our meeting in January so that they can get some tips on where to start and some things that they could advise on to make their schools more inclusive.

10.0 Kudos for what's going well

11.0 Agenda items for next meeting:

-Playground Update

-Plan to work with councillors to make RMWB parks more inclusive (Andrea, Gillian, Kim and Karla may meet separately on this)

- Campaign to promote inclusion around school/community

-Invitation to Superintendent

12.0 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

13.0 Meeting adjourned: 8:47 p.m.