

**Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Agenda**

**June 10th 2021 - 7:30 pm via Zoom**

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Attendees:</b>	Karla Power	Mary-Lynne Luco	Cara Payne
		Kali MacDonald	Dawn Collier	Chrissy White
		Kim Lemay	James Sedgwick	
	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cora Goodyear	Barb Fitzpatrick	Rick Thorne

**2.0** **Called meeting to order:** 7:39 p.m.

**3.0** **Meeting chaired by:** Karla Power

**4.0** **Minutes recorded by:** Dawn Collier

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

**6.0** **Introductions**

**7.0** **Review of Guidelines**

**8.0** **Old Business**

8.1 Playground - Here is the timeline given to us by RMWB for the playground build:

Mid July – tender sent to vendors for bidding, typically the timeline for this is 2-3 weeks for bid submissions.

Early August – review bids and award vendor

Early August- Mid August – contract sign off and finalization

End- August to early September – place equipment order (typically 8-10 week timeline for manufacturing)

Manufacturing timelines for equipment will be a critical factor for the remaining timelines and when construction will begin. Playground suppliers have advised that it could be up to 18 weeks in some cases for manufacturing, however, they mentioned it could improve as the year goes on but it is something we are facing. Once we get closer to that time I will have a better idea of if we can construct this year.



8.2 Inclusion video series with GM: The meeting with GM went amazing, they will do a mini video series to continue to promote the playground. Introduction video will focus on our playground, talking about the importance of having an inclusive playground and thanking out sponsors. We have asked some sponsors to take part in the video. Would like to film the video before the end of the school year. Their hope is that the playground will be better than we anticipate, to call attention to the great things in our community while highlighting the flaws in the equipment and playgrounds as well. When we know better, we do better.

- The mini-series will focus on how to make other playgrounds in RMWB more inclusive. They suggested that we rate the playgrounds in the city. Need to come up with criteria to rate playground. (surface area, accessibility, safety, equipment-is it inclusive? Are their pieces that wheelchair users can access? Are their pieces that promote vestibular (swings) input as well as proprioceptive (spinning) input). They also said that they will put Sandy Bowman in a wheelchair and bring him to playgrounds to highlight what he can and can not do. **Let Karla or Kim know if you would like to help rate the playgrounds this summer.**
- Facebook Page: We need a **name**: should include the words "Playground" and "Inclusive" and **mission statement**: possibly "To provide ALL children with a safe place to play" or "Everyone deserves to play". **Please send Karla your ideas.** GM is completing all this free of charge!

8.3 Year end review, even though we have met all year virtually, we have accomplished so much:

- \* Special Days Calendar - This was rolled out in January and was very successful. Thank you to James for sharing our days on social media.
- \* Playground fundraising – When we started the school year, we had \$50K, and we finished out with \$152K
- \* Bike program fundraising – We raised over \$800 during sock hop
- \* Awareness and advocacy – Our school is on its own page with this, we are doing a fantastic job at promoting ideas on inclusion

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**9.0 New Business**

9.1 Jenna Locke, she is family outreach with the Autism Society – reach out to Karla if you, or someone you know, can benefit from social respite or support from the Society (they help children with all needs, not just Autism)

9.2 Plans for next year:

- \* Meetings in person (hopefully). If anyone prefers online, we will look to accommodate and set up virtually to join
- \* Getting the students to be more involved as a leadership opportunity. Maybe have the students a part of a mini session before the meetings, and then brings their ideas forward to our meeting
- \* Involve District to show them what we do. Maybe invite the Superintendent to a meeting for the first part, all members can introduce themselves

9.2 Open position for Secretary

- \* Dawn will be leaving us so we will be looking for a new secretary in the fall.

9.3 Goodbyes and Thank yous

\* Dawn and Barb will be leaving us as their kids are moving to Jr. High. Chrissy will also be leaving as she is moving to Nova Scotia

**10.0 Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm**