



Christina Gordon School Council  
Meeting Date: October 14th @ 7:30pm via Google Meets

**Agenda:**

**Welcome, housekeeping and introductions**

Attendees:

Ian Barr (Parent)  
Jenn Hoilund (Parent and Fundraising representative)  
Megan Skinner (Parent and Fundraising representative)  
Charlotte Van Driesten (Parent and Minutes)  
Karla Power (Inclusion Committee Rep and staff)  
Lindsey Parsons (Parent and new Chair)  
James Sedgewick (Vice Principal)  
Rick Thorne (Principal)  
Chrissy White (Parent, staff, Vice Chair)  
Tanya Drover (Stadd Rep)

**Review of what is a school council**

Christine explained the need of a school council and its purpose at CG.

**Review of positions needed and responsibilities required**

Chair  
Secretary

Lindsey Stevens appointed as Chair.  
Cagney Edwards appointed Secretary.

**Principal's report- Rick Thorne**

This year looks incredibly different. Staff have been focused on making connections, and working towards a welcoming environment. District is holding firm on having no more than necessary people in the building. These policies will remain until we are told otherwise. The CG re-entry plan was done by Thorne and Sedgwick, and staff in a few short days, and we are pretty proud of it.

Even though we are treating parents a little differently, we have received mostly positive responses.

A few important points:

The school is only open to healthy people.

Hand sanitizer is being used frequently.

Masks are mandatory.

8:30pm the school must be empty to allow for deep cleaning.

Tumbled entry was described as well as the, two starting and dismissal times, which was refined this past week. We are learning as we go.

Which is why the School Council is so important. We need the feedback.

On one of the worst days of absenteeism reached 23% but the number has decreased. We are all learning together. Even staff absenteeism is decreased as well.

We had project our enrolment for 20/21 to be 567, currently we have 494 students enrolled.

Some have gone to E-academy. The largest decrease in enrolment was in ECDP. Some students will return from E-academy. And ultimately we support the parents decision to choose. Until we get a case, which we haven't, we need your questions, and feedback. It is essential.

### **Join Networks Meeting report- Chrissy White**

It's was a large meeting with people from district office, senior admin, trustees, and members from each school. It was a long meeting but very informative. Highlighted the differences between this school year and priors. Staggered entry has been well received.

Question: How do you feel about the staggered entry?

Feedback: It's working great! From the kids, they are enjoying it.

Question: Tumbled entry?

Feedback: Thankful that the plans have changed, and be adapted to. It also helps the parking situation!

Processes of Covid cases within the school. The gap between positive test and AHS contact being made is around 48 hours. AHS decides when and who needs to self isolate.

Fmpsd and CG websites now have a COVID button with updated information. It is a great way for parents to stay informed with the latest and most up to date information.

[Sedgwick to put this on Facebook page.](#)

3 pages of flow charts are now available to help families navigate these times.

Dr.Clark gave an update on the first covid case in a school in the division. Confirmation was made two days later and by a parent. Another 24 hours before contact was heard from AHS. So we have lots to learn.

### **Inclusion Advisory Meeting Update- Karla Power**

Meeting from Oct 7th. Main focus is creating an inclusive playground!

\$50,000 blue cross grant has been received. We will need \$100,000. We will be asking for donations.

More projects halted because of covid.

We were working towards in school speakers on inclusion, we are thankful these speakers are open to tape they're speeches to be shown in class.

We will be doing more "colour wearing" to acknowledge inclusion.

Thorne- Thanked Mr.Power for her hard work and for writing this grant!

### **Fundraising Committee update**

Sept 17th AGM

Lori McNeil is now president.

Next meeting oct 22nd at 6:30pm zoom.

This years fundraisers will include:

Art Cards by Kids

Growing Smiles

Possibly making a joint FB page for fundraisers and school council - Jenn & Megan

The AGLC is going ahead with casino's, 2021 is our year, this will be going to the park.

Thorne proposed a joint meeting between SC and The Fundraising committee.

### **Agenda ideas for next meeting**

#### **Next meeting date**

Because of the format we are using it was proposed to continue a 7:30 time. Possibly Thursday nights.

Next inclusion meeting is Oct 19th. So we should try to meet after.

Nov 25th at 7:30pm purposed, and tentatively agreed upon. Returning to Thursday's in December.

Exsecutive will meet briefly in the meantime.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.