

## **Christina Gordon School Council**

Meeting Date: March 9th, 2021 7:30 pm

Meeting chaired by: Kashlea Budgell

Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

## Agenda: Kashlea Budgell

Attendees: Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Charlotte Van Driesten, Karla Power, Barabara Rex, Kashlea Budgell

Item	Tonio	Owner
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1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:02pm	Kashlea
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Barb Rex Seconded by: Karla Power Minutes Approved	Kashlea
3	Principal's Report	Rick Thorne
	ECDP Open House started this evening. The turn out was not as we hoped. But we still anticipate an enrollment of around 88 which is where we were at this year.	
	We have been approved for 6 modules. Two modules were supposed to be here for Sept 22/23 but have been moved back to December 2023. We will be working with the division to have a temporary fix for the first term, options include using an existing room beside the learning commons, and the learning commons itself.	
	Restrictions have mostly been removed. Fundraising has already been in to begin popcorn days! Volunteers do need to go through a process. But we are excited to open up, even if it is slow. Not much will happen before Easter, but the year end BBQ is a priority!	

	The Fundraising Committee was thanked by James for the generous \$200 that was given to all teachers for teachers convention week! These funds will enrich each class room from a teacher's perspective and individual needs.	
	Char raised concerns about school growth and parking and transportation. Busing will not be an option as per the school division. It was poor planning on behalf of the city to have four large schools on one street. Though we manage traffic fairly well within our parking lot, but managing past our parking lot is not within our control. Char will be doing some research with the municipality.	
4	Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Report	Karla Power
	Not much to update on the playground. The excess of the bid has been set before the council for approval. We are getting excited about the ribbon cutting and signage.	
	Our grade 5 students have written letters to RMWB for rubber flooring for the existing park. They got really passionate about this cause and we will be sending them to the council on proper letterhead.	
	We had a fundraiser with three staff in a wheelchair for a day and raised \$400 for the special RMWB Olympics!	
	We are looking to host a sock hop to raise funds for Wood Buffalo You Can Ride 2 (adaptive bikes). Grade groups will likely be a more manageable size vs a whole school event. We will also have a sensory friendly option.	
	Next meeting Feb 16th at 7:30pm	
5	Fundraising Committee Update	Barb Rex
	We were over the moon to be back in the school.	
	Each teacher received \$200 to enrich classrooms which was a \$5600 contribution from our committee. We have a few pictures of purchases, but we will wait for more.	
	Field trips came back as a top priority from our survey. \$3100 is the cost for 1 class which was	

originally a grant from the committee. Rick suggested that we maybe do one big school based field trip towards the end of the year (water park). Sending the Grade sixes go to the movies as a farewell from the school.

Family nights were also on the wish list at \$1000, we will aim for a family night or the year end BBQ.

Magnets have been ordered and paid for. These will be \$5 each and for sale by committee members to benefit the Inclusion Committee.

Posters are being worked on with the inclusion committee!

Growing smiles will be launched shortly. Delivery day will be May 9th.

Cades bomb bombs fundraiser will launch April 6th for Mother's Day, pick up May 5th.

Hot lunch has been paused. Next year for sure. But popcorn Wednesday March 23rd. Bags will be \$2 each, and we look forward to hosting a few more of these days before the year ends.

We are working with the division to secure culture lunch day or sandwich day on March 30th. Please stay tuned for more information.

M & M fundraiser is set for April 9th.

Meeting minutes or information can be posted on the website by request to James.

Our next Meeting is Feb 23rd at 8pm

## 6 Joint Networks Committee

The division is running a 5.8 million dollar deficit, which they plan to have balanced in the coming 4 to 5 years. Salaries are of course the largest contributor to this imbalance. Rick added that as a result class sizes have already increased for the upcoming school year.

Volunteers and teachers are no longer required to be vaccinated.

We will be receiving a grant for the division for \$500 towards parent engagement, this will likely go

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	towards a year end BBQ.	
7	Agenda items for next meeting: None brought forward. Please email Kashlea if you have any.	Kashlea Budgell
10	Next meeting date: April 26th at 7pm	Kashlea Budgell