**Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Minutes**

**April 21st, 2022 - 7:30 pm**

**1.0 Attendees:** Karla Power Kim Lemay Cora Goodyear

Gillian Holloway Kali MacDonald Mary-Lynne Luco

Andrea MacPherson James Sedgwick Cara Payne

Annalee Nutter

**Apologies:** Cagney Edwards Marcie Falloon Sandra Gomez

Christa Fudge

**2.0** **Called meeting to order:** 7:33 p.m.

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

**4.0 Minutes recorded by:**  Kali MacDonald

**5.0** **Introductions**

**6.0 Old Business**

**6.1** [**Playground**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VYovgWbtdXdn4AaF_jdrXdeSgsK2Uc11/view?usp=sharing)**-** The awarded contractor is G.L.V.Travellers. They will be the general contractor delivering the project. They have teamed up with Canadian Recreation Solutions (CRS) for the delivery of this playground. CRS will be the supplier for the equipment and G.L.V.T is the installer. They were the contractor that installed the previous playground and are very familiar with the site.

We still have questions about drainage, security, how to recognize our sponsors, adding more benches, surface area and an accessibility path.

**6.2** [**Autism Awareness campaign**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D_4Y6QN5IOtB7v9WfbUo87EjUn4R-p_k?usp=sharing)**-** information was sent out to teachers to share with their students about Autism during the month of April (or anytime). Decals were dispersed to celebrate Autism Awareness DAy (thanks to Cagney for making 500 decals!). Jen, Kali and Karla have been enjoying reading stories about Autism and Inclusion to classes. Jen will be collecting the puzzle pieces to make a school art display. It was suggested that we categorize the documents into grade groups for next year.

**6.3 Special Days Calendar**: The Fundraising Committee has ordered 200 magnets and we will be selling them for $5 each. The funds will go back into things that the Inclusion Committee wants to order to make our school more inclusive. We still have 130 more to sell!

***May 15-June 15 is*** [***Tourette’s Awareness Month***](https://tourette.org/about-us/raise-awareness/) ***(Kali will make a post for this)***

***May 29-June 4 is*** [***National Accessibility Week***](https://easterseals.ca/en/redshirtday/) ***(Karla will make a post for this)***

***May 30 is*** [***MS Day***](https://worldmsday.org/) ***(James will make a post for this)***

***May is also reserved for:***

[*Speech and Hearing*](https://www.sac-oac.ca/news-events/speech-hearing-month) *(Karla made a post)*

[*Vision*](https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/healthyvisionmonth/index.htm) *(Karla made a post)*

[*Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month*](https://www.cysticfibrosis.ca/) *(Gillian made a post)*

**6.4** [**Ribbon Campaign**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vfQtvwaEfJMZ4hunUPH0NJMsgiHT9grmXirfvh2uspU/edit?usp=sharing)- we will launch this campaign along with our magnets in the fall. Karla will gather the materials so that we can start putting the pins together at our next meeting.

**6.5** [**Braille/Sign Language Resources**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eTWCnyL7YUzskD1OGpV2m9LqfLc9VSvawhpGFuJgb_k/edit?usp=sharing)**-**Resources have been ordered!

**6.7 Persuasive Letters-**Letters have been sent and Mayor Bowman looks forward to reading them. We would like to invite Mayor Bowman to come speak to the Grade 5s about their letters.

**6.8** [**Sock Hop**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bj2i2vPvjWEya0hwVrVmSgMAHxewZUv_jMr7OmdvHoY/edit?usp=sharing)**-**Friday, May 27th. We need to advertise, order glow sticks, send out the schedule, and plan for sensory areas. Karla had ordered glow sticks and shared the schedule. She will be sharing a poster and video promoting the bike program later this week. Karla will sent reminders about the Sock hop the week before, as well as the day before. Andrea, Cara and Kim will help Jen set up the Zen Den.

**6.9** [**Mission Statement**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fKnk4lpkgc9xbOfpPPmjP2Gm_oJG4dFnA36aL03vauY/edit?usp=sharing)**-** Our proposed mission statement is “Leading the way by creating positive school experiences for children of all abilities.” We will vote on this at our next meeting.

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Inclusion Fair-** We came up with the idea to host an Inclusion Fair next fall instead of another Invitational meeting. We can set up areas for stakeholders from other schools to see the projects we have been working on including: inclusive titles we’ve ordered, figets/sensory items we have ordered, our calendars and ribbons, the playground. We will also provide information on how to start their own Inclusion Advisory Committee.

**8.0** **Kudos for what’s going well**- members shared success stories and thanks :)

**9.0 Agenda items for next meeting**

-Playground

-Mission Statement (vote on)

-Sock Hop

-Ribbon campaign (work on making)

**10.0** **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, May 2th @ 7:30 (hybrid-in person and online)

**11.0** **Meeting adjourned:** 8:39 p.m.