

Christina Gordon School Council

Meeting Date: October 19th, 2022

7:00 pm

Meeting chaired by: Richard Thorne
Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Attendees: Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Natalie Doyle, Aasia Munir, Charlotte Van Driesten, Mustapha & Zaura Messaoud, Tanya Drover, Teresa Mason

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:03pm	Rick
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Tanya Seconded by: Mustapha Minutes Adopted	Rick
3 Principal's Report	<p>We made a call out to parents for our executive positions. We'd like to welcome Natalie Doyla as our new Chair, and Aasia Munir as our new Vice chair.</p> <p>Thank you for all the support this evening. We are a town hall style school council, so all parents are members of the school council. A constant agenda item will be parent involvement.</p> <p>We had an amazing family night yesterday. Our "Leader in me" family night with about 100 people. It's been a long 3 years since we were able to host these events.</p> <p>Our welcome back bbq was well supported with around 1000 in attendance.</p> <p>Up coming events: Oct 23rd is our science family night. Christmas concerts Family literacy night in January.</p>	Rick

	<p>Our growth is amazing this year. We are currently at 610 students. Growing pains are real, and our modular's are coming to add two new classrooms. They should be ready by January.</p> <p>Three way conferences start next week. Children are an important part of these meetings. We are working towards student led conferences.</p> <p>And our brand new inclusive playground has opened, and is incredibly well received.</p> <p>My door is always open, we enjoy the parent engagement, please come talk to myself or James & Emily anytime!</p>	
<p>4 Incl usio n Com mitt ee</p>	<p>Karla was unable to attend, however she left this report:</p> <p>The inclusive playground is up and running! The kids seemed to be enjoying it and it was so popular that we actually had to make a schedule to take turns on it. There are still 2 pieces that are missing parts but they have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. We plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Spring when it is fully complete with the sign and everything.</p> <p>This month Mrs. Power and 2 parent volunteers have been going into classrooms to read stories about autism since it is Canadian autism awareness month. The stories have led to rich conversations about accepting differences among the students.</p> <p>In November we are holding an inclusive classroom contest where teachers can submit pictures and details on things that they do in their classroom to promote inclusiveness. Each submission will put their class in a draw and then at the end of November we will draw for 3 prizes: 1 for each division.</p> <p>We are getting excited for an inclusion fair on October 29th from 10:00-1:00. So far there are 20 tables being set up for agencies and businesses that serve our families in RMWB. There have also been 15 door prizes donated! It's going to be a great event and we hope that lots of families and educators will come check it out! Please share on social media when you see posts from the event page.</p>	<p>Karla via Rick</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Our committee has been amazing and we are so</p>	<p>Char</p>

<p>Fun drais ing Com mitt ee</p>	<p>looking forward to the year ahead.</p> <p>Oct 30th and 31st we are hosting the casino and we need all the volunteers!! Shifts will be posted on sign up genius. Please share with as many people as you can! Our sign up genius link is: https://m.signupgenius.com/?fbclid=IwAR08eonvS9-cGsEGX6Pe12iMUbp9L-70Pljv7zp39XtDK1gs8yvD2ZBVZbA#!/showSignUp/5080b44aeab2cabfc1-casino1</p> <p>We held our first popcorn day today! Thank you to Teresa at Freshco for hooking us up! We popped around 500 bags!</p> <p>Hot lunch days are well underway, with just over \$7400.00 in sales for the month of October. Of that we will see a 5-10% profit. We have kept our volunteers limited to the committee for the month of October, so we can work out all the kinks before we open hot lunch up to all parents. A huge Thank You to Courtney White who has taken hot lunches for us.</p> <p>Art cards were delivered to teachers today. Cut off is end of October 31st. An email reminder will be sent to staff shortly.</p> <p>We have registered for Growing Smiles Winter. We also has a lot of new fundraising idea's that we are looking forward to bringing to the school this year.</p> <p>Our wish list from the school is looking good. Our committee has reviewed the list and asked for some feedback from Rick before we vote. One of the largest items was a chrome book cart for division two.</p> <p>Our next meeting will be Nov 2nd at 7pm here in the library.</p>	
<p>6 Rou nd</p>	<p>Brainstorming for parent involvement will always be an agenda item. We are always looking for new ways to encourage parents to be involved!</p> <p>One good thing that came out of Covid is that we had a larger turnout virtually. It was asked about having meetings virtually vs in person. It was a general consensus that virtually works easier moving forward with the option of in person. So the next meeting will be virtual and starting at 7:30pm</p>	<p>Rick</p>

	<p>The guidelines for school council should be noted. This committee is to create and maintain a positive relationship between parents and staff. Online we have a school handbook that is found on our website and it has many policies about our school. It can be found at: https://christinagordon.fmpsdschools.ca/about/cg-school-handbook</p> <p>Mustapha- feels as though there has not been enough advertisements. To provide enough time for parents to order. Rick and Char to work on more ways to advertise hot lunch.</p>	
7	<p>Next meeting date: November 30th at 7:30pm and will be held virtually.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm</p>	Rick