

## Christina Gordon School Council

Meeting Date: January 18th, 2022  
7:30 pm

Meeting chaired by: Natalie Doyle  
Minutes recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Attendees: Richard Thorne, James Sedgwick, Natalie Doyle, Charlotte Van Driesten, Tanya Drover, Kim Cardinal, Emilie Giroux, Barb Rex, Karla Power

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:33 pm	Natalie
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Emilie Giroux Seconded by: Natalie Doyle Minutes Adopted	Natalie
3 Principal's Report	<p>Our 2 new modular classrooms are now in use! Opened on Monday! We have now split our twoGrade Six classes into three. This decision was not made lightly and is in the best interest of the students.</p> <p>It's really important to note the sense of normalcy. This really started with Christmas concerts. We had so many families during the 4 concerts. We collected just over 700 gifts for the Angel Tree!</p> <p>A musical production is in the works for the beginning of May.</p> <p>Winter walk day on February 1st.</p> <p>3rd Global School Play Day- international day of play! Play all day l, unstructured, no technology day.</p> <p>Attendance letters were sent out last week. It was not well received, but it is a requirement from the division. They are intended to be a reminder that attendance is always important.</p>	Rick

	<p>Emilie spoke about the Family Literacy night that is this coming Wednesday Jan 25th. Scavenger hunts, an elder coming to share stories, and a book exchange are all being planned. We really would love to see our older students bring their families. We have many young students, though we would love to see more Div 2 involvement.</p> <p>Our fundraising team bought the chrome cart and it has arrived!!</p>	
<p>4 Inclusion Committee Update</p>	<p>We are starting to plan the “Cutting of the Ribbon” for our new inclusive playground. We do have to tie up some loose ends with the municipality. We are having a wooden core board built to thank sponsors and welcome everyone. We are looking to work with fundraising on the sign.</p> <p>This next Friday is the national day of acceptance. We have been talking to our students about “what is acceptance”. We will be looking for responses from CG families on Facebook, to gather some footage to put together a video.</p> <p>March 18th we are looking to plan a sensory Saturday! With a limit to 12 families per hour to maintain sensory friendly levels. Karla will be working with Rick to sort out the details of the event.</p> <p>Our smencils(smelly pencils) fundraiser will be coming up right away! \$2 per smelly pencil. This money will go to the Triple I program.</p> <p>Our next meeting is Feb 7th.</p>	<p>Karla</p>
<p>5 Fundraising Association Update</p>	<p>Popcorn day today -\$877 was raised. Average profit of \$600-\$700 a month. We are having another meeting where we will vote on changing popcorn days to Friday. One of our students' parents is the owner of Freshco and she is giving us a great deal on supplies.</p> <p>We are developing our bylaws. They will be available on the website very soon.</p> <p>We have a sign up genius for family nights so we can participate. We will be raising awareness and engaging parents.</p> <p>We are relaunching our social media on Jan 25th at the family Literacy Night- to encourage more parents to “join” or “follow” us. We now have a QR code. And</p>	<p>Barb</p>

	<p>we will use this to get parents and new parents in.</p> <p>Hot lunch is great! We are setting up automatic emails from the system. We can also set up special events on the system for family nights and such.</p> <p>Casino funds are expected soon.</p> <p>Wishlist approval includes volleyball jerseys so they don't have to use the basketball jerseys. We will be working with Westwood as they have a class that can produce these! Win win!</p> <p>We approved \$200 per staff member for the Teachers Convention! Barb to work with Rick on the delivery.</p>	
<p>6 Mental Health Check In</p>	<p>Kim has a background in mental health and would love to find a capacity that she can support CG families. The sensory Saturday would be a great event to incorporate Kim's passion.</p> <p>Emilie suggested a "mental health Monday" that can be scheduled into our Facebook page with tips and resources.</p> <p>Kim and Rick to meet to further discuss this opportunity.</p>	<p>Kimberly Cardinal</p>
<p>7 Accountability Survey</p>	<p>As a school we are working to incorporate the PBIS method. This will be started with a grid that lays out the four pillars and examples.</p> <p>Responsible Kind Safe And respectful</p> <p>This grid will be coming out to parents as well to encourage the students outside of the school. This will also get us closer to some of our goals set from the accountability survey.</p> <p>Rick asked for feedback on how we encourage meaningful involvement from our parents. The following suggestions were brought forward :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Food, and a multicultural potluck night</li> <li>-Meeting the teacher at night</li> <li>-Movie night</li> <li>-School dance</li> <li>-Open House but for Div 1 and Div 2 grades as well</li> <li>-Next PTI, put out a white board out where parents could give feedback "what do you dream about for your child"</li> <li>-Survey's but in short form. And offer an incentive</li> </ul>	<p>Natalie</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bring your parent to school day! CRC would create a challenge, but it would get more parents with CRC's and they would be more likely to volunteer after this day.</li> <li>-Host a "eat lunch with your parents" in the atrium. Have your parents come to lunch. With a quick game and then lunch time with your students.</li> <li>-Video tour of the classrooms.</li> <li>-Bring back the CG morning news</li> <li>-A student driven newspaper</li> </ul> <p>Please continue to bring forward any and all ideas.</p>	
9	<p>Next meeting date: February 22nd 2023 at 7:30pm Meeting to be held virtually.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm</p>	Natalie