

**Christina Gordon Inclusion Advisory Committee - Minutes**

**January 17th, 2023 - 7:30 pm**

- 1.0 Attendees:** Karla Power James Sedgwick Gillian Holloway  
Jessica Kenney Cagney Edwards Sandra Gomez  
Cara Payne
- Regrets:** Kali MacDonald Kim Lemay Marcie Falloon  
Andrea MacPherson Mary-Lynne Luco

**2.0 Called meeting to order:** 7:33pm

**3.0 Meeting chaired by:** Karla Power

**4.0 Minutes recorded by:** Jessica Kenney

**5.0 Introductions**

**6.0 Old Business**

**6.1 Playground- plans for Ribbon cutting.**

**-When?**

- Tentative date of May 31st at 2pm.
- Will coordinate with administration, SLT, and Mayor's office to confirm the date will work.

**-Who to invite?**

- Special needs kids, their buddy & EA
- District, Mayor & Council, Sponsors, Families, & CG families

**-What do we want it to look like?**

- Ribbon cutting (ribbon is CG colours) with oversize scissors
- Cagney to provide a display / balloons
- Greg & Jess to build a lemonade stand to sell lemonade that day
- BBQ after ribbon cutting
- Have students make thank you cards to give to our sponsors

**-Ensure that all pieces are complete**

- Karla to check in with the RMWB on missing pieces

**-Coreboard installation**

- Kevin Lemay is building a plexiglass sign. Logistics around install will be coordinated between Karla and RMWB

**-Sign to thank sponsors**

- Sign to be on the back of the plexiglass coreboard.
- Karla will approach the fundraising committee at the next meeting to see if we can get funding for the sponsor sign.

**6.2 [Special Days Calendar](#):**

***January 18th: Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood Day-*** Karla found a video to share on social media - Cara approved!

***January 20th- International Day of Acceptance***

- Karla will put a message out on the CG Facebook page requesting short video submissions from all families regarding what acceptance means to their families.

***January 26th-Bell Let's Talk Day***

- This is typically handled by District & Administration

***February 15th- Angelman's Syndrome Day***

- Sandra to create a family-orientated Facebook post and submit to Karla for her to post on the CG Facebook page.

***February 17th- Random Act of Kindness Day***

- Perhaps a teacher-led activity; kids can write little "kindness" notes to hand out to others.

**7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Sensory Saturday**

- March date preferred; will consult Administration about the date. Tentative date of March 18th.
- 1-3 pm; 2, 1 hour sessions
- Locations include the gym, atrium, library & music room
- Activities: water table, sensory bins, parachute play & sand table
- Families in the larger community will be invited and capped at 15 families per session
- Create visuals board to guide transitions through the session

**7.2 Fundraiser for our Triple I program -**

- ***We want to have our own fundraiser for Valentine's Day via Smencils. Send out pre-order for smencils. Deliver on Valentines Day. Cost?***
  - Case of 500 Smencils are \$1000; Jess will order and pay for these ahead of time.
  - Money will be collected until Feb. 1st and we will consider ordering another case if the demand is strong.
  - Jess & Gillian will work on this together
- ***We need to consult Cara about what's needed the most: safe space seating, safety locks, visual clocks.***
  - According to Cara, some sensory consumables & the safety locks have recently been purchased, but we could consider some wall-mounted tactile panels for the new gross motor room. The committee briefly chatted about purchasing crash mats & a padded slide, however if the room is no longer available in the future, storage may be an issue - it may be better to work with what we have.
  - We should take this question to the EAs
  - Wipeable bean bag chairs were suggested

**8.0 Kudos for what's going well**

- The group shares success stories and thank yous.

**9.0 Agenda items for next meeting**

- Sensory Saturday
- Smencils Fundraiser
- Details on the Spring Musical, "Everyone is Welcome"
- Ribbon cutting details clarification & delegation of activities

**10.0 Next Board Meeting:**

- February 7, 2023 @ 7:30pm

**11.0 Meeting adjourned:**

- 8:34pm