

Christina Gordon School Council

Meeting Date: February 22nd, 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, Emilie Giroux, Barb Rex, Karla Power

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, housekeeping and introductions Meeting called to order @ 7:32pm	Natalie
2	Review/ approval of previous meeting minutes Motion by: Tanya Drover Seconded by: Karla Power Minutes Adopted	Natalie
3 Principal's Report	Global School Play Day was amazing! Overwhelming and amazing! Our growth to 620 children requires a bit more planning. PTI's last week! Great turn out! Some teachers choose to have student lead meetings which turns out great! Tomorrow is our Healthy Family Night! Literacy night was a huge hit. More people will be coming to the school with the upcoming open houses for ECDP and Kindergarten! Grade 4 parents have now been sent a code for the accountability pillar survey. Due March 17th. Please encourage all these parents to make sure you fill out the survey! Teachers Convention next week which is exciting after many years away.	Rick
4 Inclusion Committee Update	Our last meeting was Feb 7th. May 31st will be our ribbon cutting! Starting at 2:30 and into the afternoon. Possibly a bbq! RMWB is coming tomorrow to fix the zip line! Sign is in the works to be made. Our "smencils" fundraiser raised \$610. We put that together with the calendar money raised from last	Karla

	<p>year and we were able to purchase two large busy boards for our sensory room!</p> <p>March 18th we will be hosting a sensory Saturday! This will be open to the public, our sign up genius is complete and we have 11 families signed up so far. "Everyone is welcome" our musical - our auditions were held today. Which has been written by our grade sixes. Show dates are May 9th and 10th.</p> <p>Our "What does inclusion mean to you video" was posted on facebook. Parent involvement is a continuing issue.</p> <p>Next Meeting is March 8th</p>	
<p>5 Fundraising Association Update</p>	<p>Our casino money was just deposited! We raised \$34,000 for our casino night. Some ear tags on this money are Dance Play, gross motor room equipment, and outdoor equipment.</p> <p>Teacher's Convention is next week, so Barb & Char will be delivering \$200 to each teacher. Rick, James & Emilie to work on a list of teachers and staff. These funds will go out this friday.</p> <p>Our new popcorn machine has arrived, and is now set up and ready for use! It was sorted that the existing large machine is the school councils, and the existing small machine is the schools.</p> <p>We are working on a lock box, which can be installed inside the school for money collection to be simplified, and take that responsibility off of the admin staff. Barb is in the works with Allan Kallal from the division office to ensure this works for both the fundraising committee and the staff.</p> <p>Cowboy Caviar is a raging success, we sold over \$13,000 worth of beef jerky! Go Cougars! This brings in a profit of over \$5,000. Our order will star arriving this friday.</p> <p>Our next confirmed fundraiser is Cade's Bomb Bomb's. Which will run in late april- early may, and be delivered before mother's day.</p> <p>Some fundraisers that we are looking into are Wood Buffalo Coffee, Chops Meat Shoppe, and a raffle at our year end BBQ.</p> <p>We are hosting a Family Dance at the school, March 16th. Planning for the event will be held tomorrow (Feb 23rd) after the Healthy Family Night. We have entered a package into our hot lunch system, so parents can pay online. More information to come, so stay tuned.</p> <p>The fundraising committee did offer to buy a prize for the parents who completed the grade 4 accountability survey, but unfortunately this is not condoned by Alberta education.</p> <p>Our next meeting is March 8th at 7pm</p>	<p>Barb</p>

	<p>These are the meetings for the rest of the year: April 5th at 7pm May 3rd at 7pm June 7th at 7pm</p>	
<p>6 Mental Health Check In</p>	<p>Rick & Emilie have been in touch with Kimberly Cardinal about having resources at the Healthy Family Night. As well as doing a mental health monday tip for facebook. These posts will need to be kept simple, and not to create controversy.</p>	<p>Natalie, Rick, Emilie, Kimberly Cardinal</p>
<p>7 Parking Survey Results</p>	<p>We all know that parking is an ongoing issue. However the number one concern is safety. Rick compiled the results from the parking survey, and shared them with the school council members. The following feedback was provided from members in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Re-educating parents on the use of the drop off lane. Ei: 10 second drop off rule, and not using the staff parking lot to drop off students. -much love and praise was given to Rick for ensuring student safety day in and day out. -The parking lot moves much better on colder days when children are allowed into the school, instead of lining up and waiting for the bell outside. This does however happen at the cost of the teachers supervising this extra time. -Rick to look into yellow busing for the school, seeing as the growth in the school has far exceeded the parking. -St.Martha;s parents use the staff parking lot in the mornings, which poses issues to staff of our school and those who require the handicap parking spaces within that parking lot. However we do have many CG parents that use the St. Martha’s parking lot as well. - Could we look into the use of crossing guards or parent volunteers to help enforce the use of the drop off lane at the beginning. - Could we ask the RMWB to add a barrier at the exit so vehicles cannot turn left out of the parking lot. - Ask the RMWB to add angle parking right off of Parson Creek Drive to increase the parking spaces. <p>Rick asked if the school council could draft a letter to the RMWB.</p> <p>The map of each school’s walking distances can be found here: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=ea58bd6342&attid=01&permmsgid=msg-f:1758466267850421445&th=186753c0fcbb34c5&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_leekqvvp1</p> <p>Rick encouraged anyone with suggestions to please</p>	<p>Natalie</p>

	email him!	
9	Next meeting date: March 29th 2023 at 7:30pm Meeting to be held in person in the learning commons at the school. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm	Natalie