

Christina Gordon School Council

April 26th

Attendees: Rick Thorne, Emilie Giroux, Karla Power, Barb Rex, Char Van Driesten, Tanya Drover, Kimberly Cardinal

Chaired by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Minutes Recorded by: Charlotte Van Driesten

Item	Topic	Owner
1	Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions Meeting Called to order: 7:32pm	Rick
2	Review/ Approval of previous Meeting Minutes Motioned by: barb Seconded by: Karla Minutes Adopted	Rick
3 Principals Report	<p>Busy month, which is typical as the school year comes to an end.</p> <p>Last week we had 8 students that presented to the board of trustees. They spoke about impactful leadership, this was very well received.</p> <p>Multicultural family night on May 1st at 5:30pm.</p> <p>Our Musical “ Everyone Is Welcome” will host two showtimes. We will be using our new stage, which we haven't had a chance to use yet. We are giving out free tickets, we have 900 seats between the two shows.</p> <p>The end of May we will be hosting our grand opening of our inclusive playground!</p> <p>2023/2024 Student demographic verification is looking great, only about a 100 students who haven't completed this.</p> <p>Numbers are looking strong for next year.</p>	Rick

	<p>Meeting yesterday for work towards our outdoor classroom. It is very exciting, but we do have red tape to get through.</p> <p>We are also preparing for Indigenous Awareness Week, May 22nd to 26th.</p>	
4 Inclusion Committee Update	<p>Grand Opening of the inclusive playground will be May 31st at 2pm, invites will be going out to dignitaries shortly. A few short speeches, and then the kids will play. Perhaps a cake cutting as well.</p> <p>We have a sensory simulator setup in our learning commons. The students get to see first hand what it is like for our neurodiverse students. This will be available until Friday! May 23rd will be our last meeting this year. We will discuss plans for next year. We want to start talking about safety sessions for parents. SLP Susan talked about doing an ACC session. Create more parent engagement with the inclusion committee.</p>	Karla
5 Fundraising Committee Update	<p>Cade's Bath Bomb's saw over \$2200 in sales which equals just over \$900 in profit for the school.</p> <p>Movie Night June 1st. Stay tuned for more info!</p> <p>Year End BBQ</p> <p>We have popcorn volunteers for this friday! Thank you Emilie for putting this in the school newsletter.</p> <p>A heartfelt thanks was made by Barb for all the committee members.</p> <p>Next meeting May 3rd, at 7pm.</p> <p>We will be doing some succession planning for the years to come.</p>	Barb
6 Update from ASCA	<p>Barb attended the ASCA conference this past weekend. She made many connections, with a lot of schools from Fort McMurray. The trade fair wasn't super applicable just because it was all local information to Edmonton. Parent Engagement was a focus for many sessions, which boiled down to the newsletter. They are pushing for newsletters to be translated to other languages, which is something that we are already doing!</p> <p>Barb was inspired but also saddened by the lack of parent engagement for our school council. Currently we do not have any by-laws for the school council, Barb has sent a rough copy that can be found here: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1?ui=2&ik=ea58bd6342&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1764209876349848560&th=187bbb890d118bf0&view=att&disp=safe</p> <p>It was suggested that the school council agenda's should go</p>	Barb

	<p>out to the public the week before, and possibly a jpeg for social media. They also suggested doing an annual agenda. One of the items that passed was mandated vulnerable and criminal record checks for board trustees and chairs.</p> <p>Also-Learning support, English as a second language can also seek government funding. Not all needs to come from the education budget - passed.</p> <p>They also passed a motion to reduce the ratio of support counselors to students. Which means that our school could potentially have two counselors.</p> <p>Barb and Rick to work together to access the links in the school council's resource booklet.</p> <p>Our purple CG Pride T-shirt made a huge impact. Linda (Chair of the school board) has asked to attend one of our school council meetings.</p> <p>Rick thanked Barb for going, and for sharing her excitement.</p>	
<p>7 Parking Feedback</p>	<p>Parking feedback: Transportation was brought up at the ASCA conference, a transportation ADHOC committee was formed last year. Parking was a hot button issue all over the province. Which brought up that we should be receiving meeting minutes for the Joint Networks.</p> <p>Kim Cardinal- brought forward concerns about class sizes, and the arrival of more portables. Rick answered: our class sizes are typical for our division. In grade 6 the target is 28.5 students per teacher. Grades 1-3 are 23.5 students is the target. Then we get into classroom space, this is the time for parents to reach out to MLA's because of the election. We have been approved for more portables, it just depends on when. This is a concern of the MLA's to reinforce the need for the portables. Parents really do have the power to make a change when it comes to this issue. We are projecting at least a 660 enrollments for next year.</p> <p>-School council can work to draft a letter to send to the MLA as well.</p>	<p>Rick</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Next Meeting June 7th 2023 at 7:30pm TENTATIVE Meeting to be held in person in the learning commons.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm</p>	

