

GCMS Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13/20
6:30-7:00

In Attendance: Jodi Fobes, Candy Haydaman, Kaeli Weir, Danielle Holland, Jenn Gilbertson, Kati Matthews, Eric Cameron, Anil Padayas, Aileen Peterson

1. **Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement** at 6:34pm
2. **Executive Appointments:** Christine has stepped down as Chair.
3. **Review and Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: *Candy* Second: *Danielle*
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes:**
Motion: *Jenn* Second: *Candy*
5. **Administration Report:**
 - a. **Principal's Report-** Anil/Aileen- see attached; Covid regulations going well with students
 - b. Grants: No one present to provide status update; grant for two Tower Gardens from Whole Foods
6. **Trustee Report:** see attached report from Eric Cameron; List of Community Connections in Board Agenda Package

7. New Business:

a. Executive Appointments:

- i. Chair- Kaeli Weir nominated by Jenn Gilbertson, Second: Danielle Holland, all in favour
- ii. Vice- vacant;
- iii. Secretary- Jenn Gilbertson nominated by Danielle Holland, second: Candy Haydaman, all in favour

b. Future Meeting dates: change from the second to third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm– Nov 17/20, Dec 15/20, Jan 19/21, Feb 16/21, March 16/21, April 20/21, May 18/21, June 15/21, Jenn will send list to Aileen

c. Fundraising Goals:

- i. Lonnie Granley requested basketball jerseys 2-3 years ago- approx. \$2000
- ii. Risers/stage for choir/presentations- joint FOGS/GCMS \$10000-15000 (GCMS has \$3000), grant possibility? Sharon/Jackie to explore
- iii. A/V equipment in gymnasium needs updating- Anil seeking quotes, possible grants
- iv. 2021 Casino dates delayed due to Covid19

d. Combine Council/FOGS- not enough to run people to separate them so agree to run together

e. Future Considerations- to be discussed next meeting

- f. Volleyball court- Drainage requires improvements. PSD has approached the city to fix but due to cost the city has deferred responsibility; Kaeli and Jenn will draft a letter from council for Eric Cameron to present to the City of Spruce Grove
- g. Student recognition program- academics, arts, athletics? Anil/Aileen to explore further

8. **Executive Report:** none at this time due to new executive

9. **Partners:**

- (a) *Alberta Council of School Councils*- Meeting Dates Oct 22, Nov 19 at 7 pm, Feb 18, March 11, May 6 at 7 pm at PSD Center for Education- venue vs. virtual TBA

10. **Next Meeting:** November 17

Adjournment at 7:28 pm

Trustee School Council Report

October 2020

Submitted by: E. Cameron

- With a month into the new school year, our start-up went as well as we could have hoped; our dedicated teaching and all support staff made this possible and we sincerely thank them; we had two cases of reported Covid (Brookwood, Memorial Composite High School) which were handled quickly and efficiently under the guidelines established by Alberta Health Services.
- September student numbers are now in: 91 students transferred to Evergreen Catholic and 89 students transferred from Evergreen Catholic to PSD; 393 students transferred to other jurisdictions in Alberta; 294 students transferred out of province; 389 students transferred in to PSD from within Alberta and 56 transferred in from out of Alberta.
- First opportunity for Option 2 K-9 students to transition back to face-to-face classes was Oct. 5 and we went from little over 1300 students on Option 2 to 1125. The next opportunity to transition is Nov. 16.
- Recognizing that extracurricular activities are very important to the educational experiences of our students, we will slowly support a return to these activities based on Alberta Health Services guidelines (will be certain restrictions, modifications and limitations).
- Trustees got a look at some of the picture renderings of the new proposed Stony Plain Central School in Stony Plain.
- The Board entertained (via Zoom) Grade 10 students from our high schools and Center for Learning staff at a home building site in Spruce Grove to highlight the Learnings Building Futures Program. This is a one year program for grade 10 students to partner with Coventry Homes and earn credits while learning by doing in the construction of a new home and garage.
- The Board voted unanimously to reduce Trustee remuneration to base salary by 10% to reflect our commitment to being part of helping our economy recover (puts about \$24 000 back into educational priorities).
- Enrolment Report was presented and we have 11 517 students registered as of September 30 (a decrease of 60 students from last year).
- Class size report was given; with the exception of one French Immersion class, there are no classes over 30 students K-9 and highest class size grade 10-12 being 34 (3 at 34).
- Community Partnership Assurance Report was given which listed the variety of partners that students and staff in PSD work with. These partnerships take place to enhance a teachers' ability to deliver the Program of Studies as well as provide meaningful relationships with adult mentors.
- Board received the 2020-21 Communications Report which defines strategies set forth in order to continue and enhance meaningful engagement with community partners through a variety of forums (Audiences, Re-Branding, Community Engagement).

Greystone School Council and FOGS
Principal's Report
October 13, 2020

- Greystone Centennial Middle School ([Website information](#)) --where to look?
 - As of October 13 -enrollment is 512 students (36 online and 476 in-school)
- Celebrations
 - Staff and students have been amazing at following the new expectations
 - Parents have been supportive of masks, picking up sick students etc.
 - Raising some money during Terry Fox -- about \$200 (exact total to come)
- Visitor Access to school
 - Any public members who visit the school for more than 10 minutes MUST sign a Covid Waiver form.
 - Masks MUST be worn when entering the school
- Staggered recess/lunch breaks
 - We will continue to stagger the recess breaks with Grades 5,7 and 9 (first outside for recess) then followed by Grades 6 and 8
 - We also have each grade in it's own "zone"
- Fees
 - Fees for complementary courses will be allocated to respective parent/student accounts
 - Swimming for Grade 5 and 6 students (Tri-Leisure meeting COVID requirements) is a GO...note: can be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances
- Food Services
 - We have implemented a nutrition nook (fridge)for all of our students (thanks to Felicia Ochs & Breakfast Clubs of Canada as well as other sponsors) in providing nutritional snacks during break times for students. The nook is available in the front foyer and will be restocked twice a week with healthy snacks. Note: This is not a replacement for the lunch program.
 - Forgotten lunches - We will continue to provide lunches for students who require lunch from time to time. We keep a record of students to see if there is a need/assistance from home. Thank you to GCMS School Council and FOGS for helping to support the forgotten lunch program.
 - Lunch Lady - Kim will provide lunches on Friday's when ordered on time. We are distributing as per our COVID guidelines.
- Extracurricular Activities
 - PSD has given the green light for some organized cohort groups (within school and with other schools) extracurricular activities such as Volleyball, etc. Note: NO spectators allowed at this time due to COVID restrictions.
 - There will be fees associated with extracurricular activities such as T-shirts, and Officials
 - Choir
 - Ski Trips (waiting for Ski Hill Covid protocols for schools, also need clarification regarding transportation of students on bus)