

GCMS Council
Meeting Minutes
November 17/20
6:30-7:00pm

In Attendance: Anil Padayas, Aileen Peterson, Jenn Gilbertson, Candy Haydaman, Darlene Clarke, Kaeli Weir

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement at

6:38pm

2. Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion: *Jenn*

Second: *Candy*

3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion: *Candy*

Second: *Kaeli*

4. Administration Report: Anil highlighted 515 students, 482 in school; Halloween

went well; Volleyball and choir have stopped due to current regulations; visitor expectations remain the same; volunteer protocols; fee schedule pay as you go;

awards recognition- staff will be consulted next PD day; all extracurricular

activities on hold due to current Covid 19 circumstance- to be re-evaluated later

on; Snowed In- afternoon of Dec 17 in cohort groups- ?sleigh rides; report cards

end of Nov with PTI by google meet TBA. Principal's report attached.

Riser quotes- still waiting for 3rd quote but have one with a 20% discount if before end of Feb (\$12 000 total but \$10 000 with discount, Greystone providing \$3000,

FOGS would provide balance)

AV equipment- requires a bigger package/longer timeline, assessment of set up

within school required and looking at what the budgets will need to be once

quotes received from different companies. Anil anticipates this will take the majority of the school year to complete.

5. **Trustee Report:** Darlene highlighted the board delegation working on healthy environments for school staff; modular classrooms- 4 class/1 washroom for Prescott, 6 replacement at Meridian, 8 replacement at Millgrove; October financial forecast a balanced budget; Early Ed changes due to funding and ideology changes (PUFF- limited to 3 yrs, new code criteria, new K funding); 4 schools with reported Covid cases, requiring some staff and student isolation. Trustee report attached.
6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli highlighted the COSC meeting- hot lunch program, annual report due end of June to allow sharing between schools; grant from City of SG not really appropriate for our needs. Executive report attached.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Volleyball court- letter sent to the city and Kaeli received a reply for a work order to fix the drainage. Anil stated that Scott McPherson, PSD Superintendent also speaking to the city to have PSD work with public works about various school yard concerns.
 - b. Student recognition in Anil's report. Wish List items- rocks and ropes/swing repairs are needed.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Council role and communication- Anil and Kaeli have met, any issues from council and FOGS will go through Kaeli and she will contact admin. Any school visits for FOGS must go through Anil/Aileen. Criminal

records checks have allowed FOGS to have access to class lists and ease of visits to the school for fundraising purposes.

- b. Book Fair- Sharon Marshall is looking for volunteers for all times, please pass on to other parents and email Sharon to book times.

9. Partners:

- (a) Council of School Councils next meeting Nov 19/20, February 18/20

10. **Next Meeting:** December 15/20 6:30pm

Adjournment 7:07pm

Greystone School Council and FOGS

Principal's Report

November 17, 2020.

- Greystone Centennial Middle School ([Website information](#)) --where to look?
 - As of November 16 -enrollment is 515 students (33 online and 482 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.
 - Our in-class Halloween celebrations went well. Thank you to the School Council/FOGS fundraising committee for selling cotton candy. It was a hit!
 - Some volleyball and choir practices (stopped for now)
- 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" outside
 - We will continue to keep students in grade and homeroom cohort groups inside and outside.
- Fees
 - Fees for complementary courses will be allocated to respective parent/student accounts (2/term)
- Awards/Recognition
 - Suggestion from School Council regarding Awards/Recognition will be brought to staff at the next staff/professional development meeting on February 12, 2020.
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Greystone School has chosen to cancel all extracurricular/co-curricular activities at this time due to Covid Restrictions and Protocols. With a significant increase of positive Covid cases, we could not ensure students/staff a safe and healthy environment while participating in activities.
 - All extracurricular and co-curricular activities will be re-evaluated in the new year.
- Snowed In Celebration-- During the school day, students only
 - During the week of Dec.14-18 some theme days, singing in morning
 - Dec. 17 (PM) -- "Snowed In" with activities in each homeroom

School Council Trustee Report

November 2020

Submitted by: D Clarke

- The Board welcomed a delegation representing a team working on a goal of creating healthy environments for school staff.
- Every November Alberta Education and Infrastructure solicits requests from school boards for modular classrooms. This year our request includes:
 1. Four new modular classrooms and one modular washroom unit for Prescott School which will mean it will reach its maximum capacity.
 2. Six new replacement modulares to replace six existing modulares at Ecole Meridian Heights School.
 3. Eight new replacement modulares to replace eight existing modulares at Millgrove School.
- The Board received as information the October financial forecast which still forecasts a balanced budget mainly due to one-time provincial bridge funding and the \$4 million financial COVID aide from the federal government.
- The Board received as information the Early Learning Assurance Report. Main points include:
 1. There have been key changes to early education programming and supports due to funding framework changes.
 2. There have been significant changes to the PUF funding framework and special education coding criteria. As a public system we cannot access a third year of PUF for individual children. Kindergarten children now fall under the Specialized Learning Support Grant which is intended to assist in programming K-12.
 3. While the programs this year may look very different from past years, every effort has been made to maintain the integrity of play-based and developmentally appropriate programming for children in our care.
- We now have 4 schools with reported COVID cases. We are following all Alberta Health Services procedures and guidelines which have resulted in quarantining of some students and staff.