

GCMS Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 20/21
6:30pm

In Attendance: Aileen Peterson, Eric Cameron, Kaeli Weir, Jodi Fobes, Danielle Holland, Candy Haydaman

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement at
6:33pm

- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: *Candy* Second: *Danielle*

- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: *Danielle* Second: *Kaeli*

- 4. Administration Report:** Principal's report attached. Aileen highlighted that Greystone received 70 responses from the parent survey which was better than the 8 responses that the government survey produced.

Vending machine has been purchased and arrived last week but was damaged upon arrival. PSD is in the process of being sent back and new one returned to the school. Proceeds to support music and sports programs.

Millgrove visit is next week and will keep staff busy for a few weeks following.

Aileen may still reach out to council/FOGS to provide a quick video clip.

Grade 5 student has been diagnosed with cancer. Kids with Cancer Society works with families and schools of children with cancer. Presentation was done for the classes of the sick student and the student's siblings. It helped to alleviate some pressures of answering questions students may have of the family members.

RBC has funded virtual counselling sessions for students and sadly it has ended. It is up for renewal in the fall so hopefully someone steps up. Jacquelyn has been helping out as a student counsellor 1.5 days a week this year doing one on one sessions with the students and it has been great.

Rocks and ropes repairs are under way. One final rope that has been difficult to repair still to be conquered.

Shout out to custodial staff and teachers who have been diligently working with keeps about masking and sanitizing as needed. It's been a great year of hard work keeping on top of things.

5. **Trustee Report:** Trustee report attached. Eric highlighted that PSD has a surplus of \$4 million from the federal gov't covid funding. \$2 million will go to next year's budget as it will be needed.

Students will remain in class at this time. If there is a switch to online learning, 4 provincial gov't criteria must be met, none of which apply to PSD at this time. It is a moving scale so things can change but for now, we are not planning to move online.

Parkland County has pulled their share of funding for resource officers- City of SG, Stony Plain and PSD continue to provide funds and PSD has sent a letter to the county to reconsider the decision to pull funding for this.

6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli will amend the Millgrove letter to target the Grade5/6 parents as well prior to the May meeting in hopes to recruit more volunteers for council and FOGS positions.

7. Old Business:

- a. Millgrove letter complete, video to be completed for next week. Aileen may ask for submissions.

8. New Business:

- a. Millgrove Welcome Visit- as in Aileen's report
- b. Vending Machine update- Kaeli will meet with Anil to determine vending machine cost and what the school would like FOGS to provide so FOGS can vote to provide funds for May meeting, if not sooner.

9. Partners:

- (a) COSC- next meeting May 6/21, Kaeli plans to attend.
- (b) ASCA meeting this weekend, Kaeli plans to attend.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18/21 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:04pm

School Council Trustee Report

April, 2021

Submitted by E. Cameron

- The Budget Funding Manual from the provincial government has been received and is being reviewed. First view indicates an increase to specialized supports which is encouraging, but appears to be balanced by a similar decrease in Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal and Capital Maintenance Renewal.
- This budget year will see a surplus of close to \$4 million due to decrease in some expenses due to COVID, federal COVID funding support, and a “hold harmless” on claw-backs to decreased student enrolment due to COVID. These reserves, though, will be needed next year to make up for the return to the government enrolment funding model and the end to bridge funding we had this year.
- For this school year, to date, we have had 2500 students and 250 staff (may be some overlaps) affected by COVID protocols.
- A special event celebrating ground-breaking at the new Stony Plain Central School will be held April 12 with the Ministers of Infrastructure and Education in attendance. Due to COVID protocols, number of invited attendees will be strictly limited.
- Senior PSD administration and senior administration from the City of Spruce Grove met to discuss items of common interest: Horizon Stage, traffic concerns at Copperhaven School, location of playgrounds.
- There is acknowledgement that there is some major conversation provincially on the new curriculum. PSD is examining the new curriculum with our senior admin., teaching staff, Lead Team principal group, Trustees as well as digesting stakeholder input we are receiving daily. No decision has been made yet as to piloting the new curriculum (we can pilot all, or parts: grade levels, subjects).
- There are no plans to do Provincial Achievement Tests in June due to the state of COVID which would add burden to taxed teaching staff and students.
- Board approved the revised Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair which outlines duties and responsibilities of the Board Chair.
- Board Repealed Bylaw 1-2020 “The Parkland School Division Trustee Electoral Ward Bylaw” and replaced it with By-Law 1-2021 due to the City of Spruce Grove annexing land from the County of Parkland.
- Board supported the writing of a letter by the Board Chair to the County of Parkland requesting that they reconsider their decision to withdraw from the funding partnership with PSD, Town of Stony Plain and the City of Spruce Grove for the School Resource Officer Program.

- Board received the 2020-2021 Second Quarter Financial Report and we are on track to have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year which will be needed to supplement the budget for 2021-2022 (explanation given previously in this report).
- Board received the Student Advisory Executive Summary of our meeting with our Middle Years and High School students to get their input on: managing COVID, their emotional/social adjustments, their academic program as well as extra-curricular opportunities and anything else they wished to share. This information forms part of our assurance engagements with our stakeholders and student body.
- April 8 is our second annual Stakeholder Engagement event focusing on our Assurance Elements (is the tangible evidence that stakeholders will see or experience that generates increase in trust and confidence in the Division's performance).



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**Greystone School Council and FOGS
Principal's Report
April 20, 2021**

- Surveys
 - Gr. 7 parents and students completed the Assurance Survey for AB Ed.
 - Development and Education Plan survey was sent out to all parents of Greystone students. We will follow up with utilizing the submissions as part of a larger report in the future.
- Vending Machine
 - Here, but damaged. Waiting for resolution
 - Revenue generated would help to support the physical education and music programs.
- Grade 4 Transition
 - Millgrove visit April 29th
 - “Classroom” set up to have the tour etc. on
- Cancer in the Classroom presentations -- Kids with Cancer Society (kidswithcancer.ca)
 - Recently diagnosed Grade 5 students
 - 3 classrooms took part in the presentation (student as well as sibling classes)
- Online Counselling program (Little Oaks psychology & Family Life psychology) sponsored by RBC is finished pending funding renewal. Hopefully will resume in fall 2021.
 - Recommendations can be made to the PCN and Alberta Children's Mental Health
 - Student-Counsellor position finished at the end of the month

Ongoing COVID-Protocols

- 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 cohort groups inside and outside.
- Playground equipment/repair maintenance is looked after by PSD. Serge LaBrie has indicated we must go through him regarding wood chip top ups, equipment repair, etc. Timeline for work to be completed is unknown.