

GCMS Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21/21

6:30pm

In Attendance: Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Janie Scheidl, Dayla Cochrane, Heidi Mapstone, Crystal VanderBurg, Jody Macleod, Kaeli Weir, Jenn Gilbertson, Chantale DeBoer

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

6:32pm

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Kaeli Second: Dayla All in favour

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Heidi Second: Dayla All in favour

4. **Administration Report:** Corey's report is attached highlighting COVID procedures, vaccine programs for COVID and regular vaccine schedules, Inferno weekly updates, breakfast nook and forgotten lunch, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. P/T interviews timing has changed. They have been moved forward for this first one to October 20 & 21/2021. Probably online.

Activities and events highlighted in the report. LLI being tracked at Greystone and PSD; spelling and writing have been added to learning assessments for intervention when needed.

5. **Trustee Report:** No trustee for this meeting due to the upcoming election in October

6. **Special Guest Presentation:** Mrs. Scheidl presented her returning role as Greystone (M/W/F-am) and Woodhaven (T/Th/F-pm) school counselor via Power Point presentation. Academic and student support for teachers, as well as individual student counselling and guidance. High School transition support. Connecting families to community resources. Therapy is a community role, not part of this role. Conflict and problem solving within the classroom; skill development/guidance in small groups. Promoting confidentiality while ensuring safety and understanding mandatory reporting. Survey is currently available via

the link in the Inferno update last week to help develop and identify needs in the program. Contact procedure/method provided. Younger students are asked to connect with their teacher first. Question asked by Kaeli regarding length of term for filling this role. This is up to PSD/school admin. School admin hopes to keep this program ongoing, planning for at least next 3 years.

7. **Executive Report:** Kaeli reported that we are looking for people to fill roles within the school council executive and FOGS. It's nice to see new faces on the meet. Kaeli is running for trustee for PSD.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Recognition Awards: pre-meeting prior to this meeting was to look at a system to recognize a variety of student achievements.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Logo Creation: started last year. Collecting feedback for a new business logo to visually capture the spirit of Greystone. May also change the Inferno logo eventually, as well. Feedback included community, collaboration and excellence. Students mentioned collaboration and the physical environment of the pod systems. Professional logo designers will be consulted.
 - b. Vending Machines: While they are popular with the students, they are difficult to keep stocked. Funds earned will be put right back into the athletic and music programs. Mr. Granley is experimenting with the items they are actually stocked with.
10. **Partners:**
 - (a) COSC: October 26 or 28? Will clarify prior to next council meeting
11. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 19/21 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:20pm

COVID Update

AHS has put Greystone on “outbreak” status as of Sept. 16. This status will continue for 14 days until the last known COVID positive. We did receive another student positive on Saturday, so the earliest that it would be removed is Oct. 2nd.

A reminder that AHS is not contact tracing this year and that there is no longer an isolation requirement for close contacts. PSD has shifted their protocol to allow for schools to inform families of a positive test in a cohort, if we receive consent from the infected student’s family.

Covid-19 vaccinations available to students over 12, only with signed parental permission on Sept. 23.

Communication with Families

Weekly “newsletter” called the Inferno News to all families via email.

Breakfast Nook & Lost Lunches

We will be continuing with the 2 programs that allow students to get food at school for the upcoming year. These programs are supported through grants (Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Sobeys & Alberta Education Nutrition) and are administered by PSD. If we see a student who is using the program regularly, we will contact their parents to provide additional support if needed.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

A reminder that the PSD school calendar was changed to make Sept. 30th a non-instructional day to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will be hosting activities on Sept. 29th to help students understand the reason behind this new national holiday.

PSD has had a number of professional development opportunities for teachers to prepare them to teach about Residential Schools and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

School Immunization Program

Regular school vaccinations and catch up for Grade 6 & 9 students will be happening. Presentation on Sept. 27 for Grade 6s. First vaccines will be on Oct. 18. As always, parental consent is required.

<https://www.alberta.ca/immunization-routine-schedule.aspx>

Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Oct. 20, 21)

We had some feedback indicating that earlier conferences would be beneficial in order to connect with families earlier, prior to the Term 1 report card. We also had a number of parents who enjoyed the online format (easier for childcare, multiple children, parking etc.) so we will have one day that will be online, and one in-person (covid-permitting). There will be sign-up for both types of conferences.

Activities/Events:

- Pancake Breakfast (Sept. 3) → thank you to staff and students
- Volleyball tryouts/teams & games → as of now, no spectators
- Benchmark Numeracy and Literacy Assessments → ongoing for students
- Terry Fox Run (Oct. 1) → [Online Donations](#) accepted
- PD Day (Oct. 8)
- Thanksgiving (Oct. 11)
- Picture Retakes (Oct. 22)