

# GCMS Council

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16/21

6:30pm

**In Attendance:** Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Jenn Gilbertson, Lonnie Granley, Heidi Mapstone, Victoria Nichols, Eric Cameron, Chantale DeBoer, Dayla Cochrane

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

6:32pm

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

Motion: Heidi

Second: Lonnie

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

Motion: Heidi

Second: Dayla

4. **Administration Report:** Principal's Report attached. Corey had the Guest

Presentation first, see summary below. Highlights include vaccination

requirements for parent volunteers/visitors began today; P/T interviews at the

earlier dates well received, allows parents to touch base earlier with any concerns.

Remembrance Day ceremony included student performances/recordings and a

video presentation. Report Cards are available Dec 3/21 at 4:00pm. Paper copies

available upon request. Options for grade 7 and 8/9 for next term will be cross co-

horted now that COVID cases have decreased and vaccines are available in that

age group to allow more options such as choir etc. Snowed In/Holiday activities

will not be able to proceed as usual this year so activities will be cohorted this

year. Baseline information report highlighted- looking back at last year's goals of

70 survey responses. High satisfaction rates about the questions that were asked-

ie. Safety, inclusion, wellness. Reading had an overall improvement in all levels last year which allows expansion of the current years literacy goals.

5. **Trustee Report:** Eric Cameron attended this meeting. Welcome! Eric spoke about the importance of normalcy in our schools for kids and highlighted his report. Election results were summarized. Organizational positions, goals and board meeting dates have been appointed. COVID protocols remain, contact tracing will start, board meetings will now be live streamed on You Tube. Modular submission report submitted- 30 in total including new and replacement across the division. Last year's modulars from last year haven't arrived yet due to supply and worker shortages. Enrollment in PSD just under 12,000 students for 2021/2022. Government funding is no longer per student but they average previous/current and next year's numbers which can lead to funding shortages- \$2 million has had to be pulled from reserves to cover funding needs. Audit processes reviewed. Exploring public input methods to present to the board. Trustees hoping to resume school visits soon. Curriculum issues/concerns will need to be addressed. Insurance rates have significantly increased for transportation. Contractors also have increased costs so bus and staff shortages are a result of that increase.
6. **Guest Presentation:** Lonnie Granley/Victoria Nicholls presented. Victoria spoke about the PE curriculum. Four outcomes addressed in each unit. Football, Volleyball, Fitness, Chaos. Goal setting and assessment throughout the year. Lonnie spoke about extracurricular activities- cross country running; volleyball- Senior boys/girls banners won this year and 80 5/6 kids played fall league;

basketball starting this week- junior A/B, Senior and a spring league in May for grade 4/5/6; ski club; Marmot trip; badminton-7/8/9 and drop in for grade 5/6 in April; track meet 5-9 in May; lunch hour intramurals hopefully starting after Christmas. The goal is to encourage fun and activity. Corey mentioned that the curriculum is meant to address skills not necessarily exposure to specific sports.

7. **Executive Report:** Kaeli was unable to attend. Jenn read her report. Kaeli and Crystal both attended COSC. Brenda Cryer is President and Aimee Hennig was the trustee that attended. There has been a 188% increase in students this year, creating a request for portables. Some schools are doing hot lunch while others are not. There is now a satellite outreach campus at Duffield with a Stony language program being assisted by local Elders. The government has a grant for school councils to spend on enhancing councils- Kaeli will look into it to find out more information. COSC recommended using that grant on ASCA programs as they are helpful.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business: none

**10. Partners :**

(a) Next COSC virtual meeting Tuesday, December 7/21 at

11. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 18/22 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:21 pm

## School Council - Principal's Report

Nov. 2021

### Vaccinations in PSD

Starting on Nov. 15, we are now requiring all adults who are in the school for more than 15 minutes to submit to a vaccine protocol. This applies to both staff and volunteers, but not to students. For more information, please consult [the PSD News release](#) on this topic. Signage is up on the front doors of the school and at the front desk.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

The October round of online/telephone Parent-Teacher Interviews were well attended and went smoothly. We had comparable numbers to previous years and very few (only one) calls to the office for technical support.

We asked at our last meeting for any feedback about the format and the timing of these interviews, as they are online and earlier than normal this year. Does anyone have any feedback?

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

We held our Remembrance Day ceremony on the last Friday before Fall break this year to recognize our veterans. We had a recorded program that included performances by our choir, readings from students and teachers and messages from current Cadets and veterans.

### Upcoming Report Cards

Report cards will be available online or by calling the office on Friday, Dec. 3rd at 4:00pm. Printed copies will be available if requested.

### Term 2 Options (Grade 7-9)

Options in Term 2 will allow students in Grade 7 to choose options and mix cohorts, as will Grade 8-9. Parent letters will go home tomorrow, and students will choose on Friday in Grade 7; Wednesday and Monday for Grades 8-9. Any fees associated with options are on a cost-recovery basis.

### Holiday Activities

Our holiday activities will be moved to in-class and online again this year. We usually welcome people to events like "Snowed In" before the holiday break, but because of the current COVID restrictions we are deciding to move these to recorded performances and in-cohort activities. We hope to welcome you back soon.

### Results Report

As part of our annual reporting, we would like to share our [Baseline Information Report](#) from last year outlining some of the main areas of focus from 2021-2021.

The 2 main points that were shown are:

1. Parents have a high level of satisfaction with issues around safety, inclusion, and programming at Greystone.
2. Progress in reading ability was made last year with an overall improvement in the number of students who were reading at grade level from the beginning to the end of the year. The Fountas & Pinnell reading assessment was used to measure this growth.

### Physical Education Presentation

Our PE specialists will join us this evening to speak to us about the Alberta Program of Studies for PE, ongoing wellness for students, and an Extracurricular update.

# School Council Trustee Report

November 2021

Submitted by E. Cameron

- Results of the 2021 School Board Trustee elections are official and after our Organizational Meeting here is a list of the new board:  
Board Chair: Dr. Lorraine Stewart Ward 2  
Board Vice-Chair: Anne Montgomery Ward 5  
Eric Cameron Ward 5  
Aileen Wagner Ward 1  
Aimee Hennig Ward 3  
Paul McCann Ward 4  
Jill Osborne Ward 5
- At the Oct. 29 organizational meeting various committee appointments were also approved, as well as the remuneration schedule, 2021-2022 meeting dates and Board annual working plan for 2021-2022
- Covid grade 4-12 masking policy and protocols are in place at all school settings and we expect full contact tracing to be in effect some time in November
- All Board meetings are now live-streamed on Youtube
- From the October 29 Board Meeting:
  1. Modular Submission Report: submission of our request to the government for Modular Classrooms in order of priority include: Ecole Meridian Heights (6 replacement modulars), Copperhaven (4 new modulars), Blueberry (9 replacement modulars), Muir Lake (5 replacement modulars), Ecole Broxton Park (6 replacement modulars). \*\*\*please note that these are only requested and not guaranteed at this point in time
  2. Enrolment Report: September enrolment was 11 944 students which is an increase of 427 students or 3.7% over the 2020-2021 school year. This number is used for the new “Weighted Moving Forward Average” to establish per student funding for this year (the formula means that new students will be funded at about 50% of previous students which is concerning). Stony plain showed the highest growth of new students with Spruce Grove second
  3. Audit Committee: the Internal Audit Report was given which outlined the processes of internal controls within the division, including the Division’s multi-layer technology protection. The implications of the “Weighted Moving Average” were also discussed

4. which included trends in claims history for Paramedical, Prescription Drugs, and Dental Claims
  5. Governance and Planning Session report: the purpose of the Governance and Planning Committee is to provide an opportunity for all Trustees to engage in dialogue on generative governance, strategic planning, advocacy, student engagement and operational understanding
- Trustees are anxious to be able to visit school council meetings to give their report and provide feedback on any inquiries. Trustees may, from time to time, seek out input from school council members on specific topics

