

GCMS Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12/22

6:30pm

In Attendance: Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Dayla Cochrane, Kaeli Weir, Jenn Gilbertson, Chantale De Boer, Anne Montgomery

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

6:33pm

2. Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion: *Dayla* Second: *Kaeli*

3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion: *Dayla* Second: *Kaeli*

4. Administration Report:

- a. Corey shared that the GCMS Track Meet would be May 12/22. Student Recognition update provided. Teacher feedback was received. Academic recognition is one component. Another component would be student recognition during assemblies throughout the year- ie. Sports, personal achievements/perseverance, citizenship. Year-end certificates would be presented in PE, Music, French, Humanities, Science/Math for achieving excellence.
- b. A/V equipment project will be initiated during spring break. Gym floor finishing will wait until summer.
- c. Archery Equipment purchase may qualify for a grant. The goal would be to have it in place in the fall. Playground upgrade quotes are being sought. The playground is on city property, so grants are available.
- d. Returning to post-COVID activities that we haven't been able to do the last 2 years: Marmot Ski Trip- 2 buses; sport spectating, return of school assemblies- smaller groups to start.
- e. Hot lunch notifications for Friday field trips.

5. **Trustee Report:** Anne attended this month's meeting. Board meeting highlights from March 8 include Edwin Parr Award selection- Taylor Pawkuk from SGCHS. Transportation fees have increased for 2022-2023- \$50-75 for ineligible students, \$5 for eligible using the 2.4km rule. The 3 yr Capital Plan was approved- since the request for provincial funding was not received this year, SGCHS planning will be included in the 3yr plan, as well as a new school for the East End of the city. Area Attendance boundary stakeholders engagements are ongoing/feedback is being sought. Small changes are being explored rather than a full city boundary change to optimize school spaces. This ultimately assists with provincial funding and maintenance funding. PSD needs \$55 million in funds to address all the needs/concerns in the division. Registration for 2022/2023 school year is open.
6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli shared her pre-meeting with Corey as per his report.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Recognition Program- as per Corey's report
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Track and Field Meet on Thursday May 12 FOGS will provide a concession
 - b. Archery Equipment- Grant, funding ongoing
9. **Partners:**
 - (a) COSC- next meeting on Tuesday, March 29/22. If anyone wants to attend, please contact Kaeli.
 - (b) ASCA- April 23-24/22. Kaeli will attend the Sunday voting.
10. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 19/22 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:03pm

PSD Trustee Report

Anne Montgomery

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Edwin Parr Nominee Selected: This is an award given through the Alberta School Boards Association. Each Division in our zone ⅔ will nominate one first-year teacher for exceptional service. We have three nominees to choose from and Taylor Pocock from SGCHS was submitted for our division.

Increase in Transportation Fees: 2022-2023 Fees and Allowances Schedule has been approved. There are increases to all bus . <https://www.psd.ca/download/383964>

Request to the Government for a new High School: Three report Capital Plan was approved by the board. Each year, divisions across Alberta submit requests for new capital investments to the Province. A new highschool in Spruce Grove continues to be our number one priority. There has been a shuffle in the 2nd priority to now request a new school in the East end of Spruce Grove (Tonewood, Fenwyck). <https://www.psd.ca/download/383963>

Changes in Area Attendance Boundaries: We continue stakeholder engagements to discuss the impact of the Attendance Area Review <https://www.psd.ca/download/378346>

Registration is Open: Registration for the 2022-2023 is now open. If you know what your plans are next year, please register your children to the appropriate school and for transportation (if applicable) <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/online-registration-for-2022-2023>

Principal's Report - March 2022

Track Meet - May 12

We have secured a date for our Track meet, which will take place on Thursday, May 12. We are here to help the School Council with a concession/canteen for this event. We can also use any other volunteers to help with the events.

Academic Recognition

After lengthy discussions at our last staff meeting, we will be putting in place a 2 pronged program to recognize student achievement and contributions. First, we will be re-launching our student assemblies. During these assemblies we will be able to recognize students who have positively contributed to our school and our achievement. This might be a team or a club, it may also mean recognizing improvement in reading or outstanding volunteerism. Second, we will be awarding certificates to students who demonstrate Excellent Academic Achievement in the following areas: Humanities, Science & Math, French, Physical Education, and Music/Choir.

Audio-Visual Project

We are all set to have the new audio-visual equipment installed over the Spring Break. PSD Facilities and the Contractor, All-Star Show Industries, have worked out a schedule. This will mean that our gym floor will not be re-done until the summer.

Playground Contact & Improvement

We have the contact for the rubberized matting around the spinning piece of equipment. I will be getting a quote over the next few weeks (hopefully). From there, we will look at making this piece of equipment safer. Please let us know if there are any considerations that we need to be aware of for grants, etc.

Archery Equipment

We would like to move forward with the purchase of Archery equipment for Greystone. This program was very well received this past fall when we borrowed equipment from Graminia. We are looking for grants to support this purchase. We hope to have everything in place for the fall.

Return of Activities - COVID

We are happy to have a return of some of our previously loved activities that we have not been able to host over the past few years. We will be offering some extra-curricular clubs (GSA, Ski Trip, etc), we will see the return of field trips, and we will see a return of assemblies. We are trying to move slowly towards the return of previous activities. We are also evaluating some of the positive changes that have come from COVID measures (ex. 2 recess breaks).