

GCMS Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17/22
6:30pm

In Attendance: Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Kaeli Weir, Heidi Mapstone, Dayla Cochrane, Jennifer Gilbertson, Anne Montgomery

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

6:32pm

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

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Dayla*

3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Dayla*

4. **Administration Report:** Corey shared his report.

- a. Draft fees were presented for Grade 5-9 including curriculum fees; activities and special events; and field trips. Payable through the Parent Portal. Fee breakdown is available.
- b. Grade 4 transition is almost done- Inferno Night, Admin visit, Inferno Day, Future 5's, class planning and meetings/tours will begin soon and into August.
- c. Educational Plan Focus Draft: a plan to work on areas of need in the following areas-
 - i. Teachers and Leaders Promote Literacy and Numeracy- continuing work and reading but also focusing on writing and numeracy

- ii. The Learning Community Promotes Care, Respect and Safety- a mental health focus on relationships and building empathy
 - d. Track Meet Season: Greystone had a successful track meet. East Zone meet is on Thursday. Division meet will follow for those that qualify.
 - e. PAT's: Grade 6&9. Part A begins this week. Part B will follow in mid-late June.
 - f. Year-End Field Trips: many trips planned. More consent forms to sign. Fees will apply and be added to Power School.
 - g. Class Lists: planning is beginning- balance of needs, gender, and social factors. Teachers have a great deal of input and try to set them up for success. Lists are not finalized until August.
5. **Trustee Report:** Anne attended this meeting. The Board Meeting isn't until the end of May.
- a. Main focus of Area Attendance Review continues. No changes until the 2023-2024 school year for any program/boundary changes.
 - b. Audit Committee met to approve the budget for 2022-2023.
 - c. Regional transportation services received an increase in government funding that helps address increasing insurance, maintenance and fuel costs.
 - d. Continue to average student counts over three years to receive government funding according to the funding model. Difficult to plan long term for education needs with the ebbs and flows in funding.

- e. Meeting with Evergreen Catholic Division to maintain/collaborate about various issues.
 - f. Letter submitted regarding the decision by the government not to approve a new high school build. Response received from the ministry that they will continue to monitor needs.
6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli reported that she attended the ASCA voting sessions on April 24/22.
7. **Old Business:**
- a. Playground repairs: Grant was submitted last week.
8. **New Business:**
- a. Draft School Fees 2022/2023 school year in the Administrative report
 - b. Preliminary Area of Focus- School Plan in the Administrative report
 - c. Executive appointments for 2022/2023 school year. Kaeli will remain as Council Chair for next year and hopefully someone will shadow the position for the 2022-2023 school year to take over for the 2023-2024 school year. Jennifer will remain as secretary for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. **Partners:**
- (a) COSC- Kaeli was not able to attend the May meeting. Waiting for the minutes to be emailed to see what was discussed.
10. **Next Meeting:** Tentatively Tuesday, Sept 20/22 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:19pm

Principal's Report - May 2022

Draft Fees 2022-2023

[Here are the draft fees for the 2022-2023 school year.](#) We welcome any feedback.

Grade 4 Transition

1. Inferno Night (May 5) for Grade 4s and their parents
2. Admin. Visit to Millgrove (May 11)
3. Inferno Day (May 13) Grade 4s are at Greystone for the morning with our Grade 6s
4. Google Classroom for "Future 5s"
5. Meetings with Millgrove administrators; Grade 4 teachers begin class list planning
6. Additional transition meetings/tours as required, mostly in August

Educational Plan Focus - Draft

Every year, schools develop a plan to work on areas of need inside their school. These are areas where the community, staff, and students identify the need to increase their achievement.

This coming year, we propose to focus our attention on the following areas:

1. Teachers and Leaders Promote Literacy and Numeracy: We will continue our work on reading, but work much more closely in the areas of writing and numeracy.
2. The Learning Community Promotes Care, Respect and Safety: We will focus on developing student skills around relationships and building empathy.

Track Meet Season

We had a very successful school track meet. We would like to thank everyone for their support in making this a wonderful event.

We are now onto the East Region track meet and then onto the Divisional Meet. Students need to qualify to advance to the next level of competition.

Provincial Achievement Tests - Gr. 6 & 9

For the first time in a few years, we are running our Provincial Achievement Tests in grade 6 & 9. We are looking forward to seeing how students are progressing in their learning compared to others in the province. We are currently doing the writing exams in English Language Arts and will do the remainder of the exams in mid-late June.

Year-End Field Trips

We are coming up to field trip season. With the nice weather and the culmination of learning in the different grades, we know that many classes will take their learning outside of the school.

With these trips, please sign and return the consent forms as soon as possible. Depending on the grade there are also fees that will be added to PowerSchool.

Class Lists

There are a number of factors that we take into consideration when planning class lists: balance of needs, gender, and social factors to name a few. Teachers spend a great deal of time thinking about each student and trying their best to set them up for success. Lists are not finalized until August when any enrollment changes are closer to be finalized.

Presented by Anne Montgomery

I have no board meeting information to report as we have not had a board meeting since April 12, 2022 (which I report on at the April 18, 2022 school council meeting). The agenda for the May 24th board meeting will be released this Friday.

Administration continues to prepare reports at the direction of the board regarding Area Attendance Boundaries. Some of the reports with recommendations will likely be provided to the board in May. The remaining decisions will likely be made in June.

Preparations for the 2022-2023 school year are well underway. The audit committee met to approve the presentation of the proposed budget to the board for the 2022-23 year.

- The regional transportation service we provide through our division received increased funding from the government. This addresses some of the significant increases in insurance, fuel, training, maintenance/repairs.
- The Weighted Moving Average funding model (implemented in 2020) continues to be used by the government to fund education. In a growing division (where our student population increases each year) like PSD, the WMA results in less funding per student than the previous funding model (which was based on student count as of September 30 each year).

The board met with Evergreen Catholic School Division Trustees on May 11, 2022. We try to meet annually to discuss joint concerns and successes. Our regional cooperation is truly exceptional. We respect and work in cooperation with our adjoining school divisions at all three levels - school, central administration and board.

A letter was sent to the Minister of Education expressing our concern and disappointment that we were not granted a new high school. We received a response acknowledging our concerns and advising that the government continues to monitor the needs and budget availability for new capital projects.