

# GCMS Council

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28/22

6:30pm

**In Attendance:** Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Janie Schiedl, Heidi Maptson, Becky Watt, Ryan Watt, Kim Buchanan, Dayla Cochrane, Chantelle De Boer, Crystal Vanderberg, Anne Montgomery, Kaeli Weir, Jackie Christenson, Cynthia ?, Marc Hallman, Jenn Gilbertson

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

6:36pm

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

Motion: *Chantelle*

Second: *Heidi*

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

Motion: *Kim*

Second: *Dayla*

4. **Guest Speaker:** Janie Schiedl presented the GCMS Counselling program- a valuable resource for GCMS. She shared her role. Time shared between Greystone and Woodhaven. At GCMS M-W-F afternoons. Working with teachers regarding social/emotional skills. Student support as well- individual and small peer groups; Rainbows group and other groups within the school. Individual counselling- crisis services, conflict resolution. PSD is supporting the need for counselling resources.

5. **Administration Report:** Corey shared his report. School start up felt more “normal”, including our Pancake Breakfast and Back to School Assembly. Some current highlights include SG Saints tickets; Cree Language group; Terry Fox Run including route changes in consultation with the RCMP; Volleyball and

Cross Country Running; Baseline Assessments in reading and math; staff “teams” addressing literacy, numeracy and social and emotional learning (last year Greystone moved the largest percentage of kids forward in reading in the division); Truth and Reconciliation week; Open House. Enrollment as of today is 525, down 5 students from last year. New staff this year in Grade 7&8- welcome!

- 6. Trustee Report:** Anne attended this meeting. Board Meeting highlights from June- Lorraine Stewart remains as chair, Jill Osbourne is vice chair; remuneration and work plans were approved; boundary changes were approved for Tonewood, Fenwyck, Easton and LcLaughlin neighbourhoods will be in the Brookwood/Woodhaven catchment and Parkland Village will be a K-5 which will both begin Sept 2023; Athabasca Delta Community School in Fort Chipewyan has joined PSD this year, part of Treaty 8 territory. They have joined until they can move into their own federal school authority. Because of this, they are being funded and tracked separately from the other schools in the division. September board highlights: Facilities work over the summer- including our volleyball court drainage fix; HR reports- staffing is huge for this area; Field Trips for 2021-2022 were presented- Where the World Opens Up. High School resuming international travel and middle school will resume national travel this year. Crystal asked about transportation delays. Anne said driver shortages have been filled as of last week so hopefully issues will improve. Some of the issue involved new driving certification requirements implemented this summer. Jackie raised a safety concern regarding the Greystone Dr bus stop within the school zone- seems too close to the crosswalk for pedestrians, school traffic. Corey will speak to

transportation about this. ASCA no longer gets as much government funding as they once did. School council now only gets \$500 per year for use. ASCA is now going to provide training for school councils. Pre registration is required.

7. Executive Report: Kaeli welcomed everyone and encouraged involvement in Council etc. Greystone staff is a great school to attend and volunteer at.
8. Old Business:
9. New Business:
  - a. Fundraising Needs list:
    - i. Playground Safety matting- \$8000 (continuation from last year pending grant approval)
    - ii. Gaga Pit- \$4000- installation of an outdoor Gaga pit for recess and phys ed, including a chain link fence from Lynx
    - iii. Logo Upgrade to Gym Safety mats- \$3000
    - iv. Breakfast Club- additional funding is being sought through a grant from Presidents Choice. The toast is going well so far this year.  
  
Forgotten Lunch is a ticket system again this year.
  - b. Meeting dates will be the fourth Wednesday of every month: Oct 26/22, Nov 23/22, Jan 25/23, Feb 22/23, Mar 22/23, Apr 26/23, May 24/23
10. Partners:
  - (a) COSC: Meetings will be attended by Chantelle to report to GCMS Council.
  - (b) ASCA: using the \$500 funding for training?
11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26/22 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:47pm

## Principal's Report - September 2022

### Activities and News

- School Start-Up: We were able to have a more “normal” start-up to the school year. This included our traditional Pancake Breakfast for students and our Back to School Assembly.
- SG Saints Hockey Tickets: Thompson Brothers Group has donated 4 tickets to each Spruce Grove Saints Game this season to the school. We are using the season tickets that were provided to the school to acknowledge Student Leadership and other contributions to the school.
- Cree Language Lessons: We have started offering lunch time Cree language lessons to students. We have 10 sessions planned. Our first session was Sept. 28th (today). Local knowledge keeper Barb Scott is leading these lessons in language and culture. We had 32 students and 7 staff attend our first lesson.
- Terry Fox Run: We had another successful run! We changed the traditional Greystone route this year after consultation with the RCMP. We did not cross Century road, which was much safer for the students involved. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help.
- Baseline Assessments: We were busy completing the different baseline assessments in reading and math that we will use to guide our instruction and Professional Development going forward. Our next round focuses on writing.
- Volleyball teams are back up and running. Last year we won 2 of the 4 banners. We hope to replicate this success. Our cross country running is also going this year with races on Thursdays across Parkland.
- We have created “teams” of staff that will focus on our school goals this year. We have been able to meet with each team and formulate a plan for addressing our areas of priority. These teams are: literacy, numeracy, and social and emotional learning.
- Students have been involved in different class based activities to recognize Truth and Reconciliation week.
- Our Open House and Meet the Staff evening went well. We were very happy to welcome our families back into the school.
- Enrollment is 525 as of today. This is down about 5 students from last year.
- We have 3 new staff members joining us this year:
  - Grade 7 Humanities - Mr. Jonathan Kehler
  - Grade 8 Humanities - Ms. Danielle Rau
  - Grade 8 Educational Assistant - Mrs. Crystal Tamboline
  - Grade 8 Humanities - TBA (Mrs. Olson is going on maternity leave after Thanksgiving)

### Funding Requests

- Playground safety matting under the spinning piece of equipment. - \$8000
  - This is a continuation from last year to replace the ground cover to a safer surface. This amount represents half of the total, as we are waiting on a grant.
- Gaga pit - \$4000
  - We would like to install an exterior Gaga Pit for both recess and Phys. Ed use. We are choosing chain link fencing, as we are hoping that it will last longer and be more durable.
- Logo upgrade to Gym safety mats - \$3000
  - We are replacing our safety mats behind the basketball nets in the gym. We would like to add the new Greystone Logo. The cost of the mats only is \$4000, but it is another \$3000 for the logo. We are asking School Council and FOGS to cover the difference and help spruce up the gym.