

GCMS Council

Meeting Minutes

Wed, Nov 23/22

6:30pm

In Attendance: Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Kaeli Weir, Heidi Mapstone, Dayla Cochrane, Kim Buchanan, Jennifer Gilbertson, Chantelle De Boer, Jackie Christenson, Crystal VanderBurg

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement at 6:30pm

2. Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion: *Chantelle* Second: *Heidi*

3. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Motion: *Chantelle* Second: *Kim*

4. Guest Speaker: no speaker this month

5. Administration Report: Corey reported that Greystone is starting a pilot program

for Writing to obtain a baseline assessment and identify where needs are. Writing skills have decreased over several years. Choir performed at the Oil Kings game in early Nov. Spookapalooza went well- various activities were well attended.

Student Leadership option students did a lot of work for the event. The dance and photo booth was well attended. Take Your Kids to Work Day was Nov 2/22 for

Grade 9 students. Career activities will be held in the new year, including a Career

Day. Library Breakout Week was Nov 7-10- students could solve puzzles and

utilize critical thinking skills. The Remembrance Day Ceremony went well- some

attendees/presentations included the choir, a bagpiper, Cadets, student

presentations and a speech by a Canadian Armed forces member. Volleyball teachers versus kids game was held on Nov 10. Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams won the banners again this year. Metis Week for school is being held this week since there was no school last week. Various activities are being held in the library. Turkey Lunch was today- Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Putt assisted the Grade 7 & 9 students make the meal. PSD transportation, maintenance and facilities staff attended with Greystone staff and students.

6. Trustee Report: no one attended this meeting
7. Executive Report: Kaeli has no report
8. Old Business:
 - a. Gym mats are here. Facilities were in to see how to install. They are plywood mounted to increase the safety.
 - b. Gaga Ball Pit has been ordered- 2 pits will be installed using pressure treated wood. Cannot use chain link fence due to city owning the property.
 - c. Playground grant- TBA end of Nov
9. New Business:
 - a. Nov 29 Engagement Sessions will be held at Woodhaven from 6:30-8:30pm. Council members and parents can attend. Various topics will be discussed to see what is working well and what needs improvement. Kaeli, Crystal and Micah De Boer can attend.
10. Partners:
 - (a) COSC: Chantelle shared highlights including in person versus online learning; \$500 Council grant; Transportation has 7000 riders with 90% being less than

an hour; Trustees met with the Education Minister regarding the replacement of SGCHS and the need for a new formula for Transportation; Bus Driver recruitment event; Stakeholder Engagement; Financial reserve planning; PAT results review; Graminia hate crime vandalism incident and how to increase parent involvement and investment in schools.

11. Next Meeting: Wed, January 25 ,2023

Adjournment at 7:04 pm

Principal's Report - November 2022

- Writing Assessment Pilot Program: Greystone teachers are piloting a new assessment protocol around writing for PSD. We have had our students complete a writing sample, then our teachers have come together to assess the work based on a common rubric. Next, we will be looking at common areas of growth for writing to inform our instruction for the remainder of the year, before re-assessing at the end of the school year.
- Greystone Choir Performance at Oil Kings Game: Our grade 5 & 6 choir had a wonderful performance at the Oil Kings game on Thursday, Oct. 27th. They performed the National Anthem, as well as some other songs. They were supported by a big Greystone crowd in attendance.
- Spookapalooza: We held our first Spookapalooza in 3 years, which is an afternoon of Halloween activities for students. The highlight was the dance with a professional DJ. Students also could choose a movie, crafting, and outside activities.
- Take our Kids to Work Day (Nov. 2): Our grade 9s once again took part in this interesting activity for learning more about the world of work. Most students went to work with their families, or friends. Some others reached out to people in careers that they were interested in to learn more about these industries.
- Library Breakout Week: The library held a week of engaging breakout activities the week of Nov. 7-10 where students needed to solve clues and critically think to open locked boxes. This is the equivalent of a breakout room, but in a box form.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony (Nov. 10): We held our school based Remembrance Day ceremony which featured our Choir, a speaker from the Canadian Armed Forces, a bagpiper, student speakers, staff, and our community. It was wonderful to have over 30 community members join us for the ceremony, with another 10 online. The theme of the speaker's talk was the contribution over time of the Armed Forces in Canada.
- Student vs Teacher Volleyball Game: As a wind up and celebration of the volleyball season, we held our student vs teacher game in the gym the last day of school before the Fall break. This was a particular highlight as our teams won both the Senior Championships (girls and boys) this year. The crowd was able to recognize this amazing achievement.
- Metis Week: The official week recognizing Metis people in Alberta was while we were away on Fall Break, so we are recognizing this week. Teachers are engaging in some activities throughout the week and each class will watch a film that highlights the Metis people during their library block.
- Turkey Lunch: We were able to host our Turkey Lunch again this year for invited PSD guests. Our students in the Foods 7 & 9 course prepared and served the meal. This was a great opportunity to show off some of our student's talents and to share with some important PSD employees who don't always get to interact with kids (facilities staff, transportation staff, etc).