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| Meeting: | Greystone Centennial Middle School (GCMS) Council Minutes |
| Date & Time: | Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Location: | Greystone Centennial Middle School - Staff room |
| Chair: | Natalie Stratmoen (Chair) |
| Attendees: | Scott Jaspers-Fayer (Principal), Lindsay McCulloch (Vice Principal), Natalie Stratmoen, Anna Marie Jackson, Amanda Doucette, Heidi Mapstone, Chantelle De Boer |
| Regrets: |  |
| Guests: |  |

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| 1.0 | Natalie | **Call to Order, Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgement**  Time: 6:32 |
| 2.0 | Natalie | **Additions, Changes and Approval of Agenda**  Motion: Anna-Marie Jackson  Second: Heidi Mapstone |
| 3.0 | Natalie | **Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2025, meeting**  Motion: Anna Marie Jackson  Second: Chantelle De Boer |
| 4.0 | Scott | **Administration Report**   * Down 14 staff for duration of strike * Been working on contingency plans during strike * Lots of sports going on - basketball is wrapping up, running teams did well at Running Room Games * Librarian has transitioned to a role with SGCHS and GCMS has new librarian (was library tech from Forest Green) * Grade 9 students had successful trip to Quebec, students from Quebec coming in April * Grade 6 students did Kabul market and raised funds for year-end trip * Pink Shirt Day on February 26 * School supply lists are being developed * Alberta Education Assurance Survey – to all staff and Grade 7 students * RCMP visit will be rescheduled (visit was originally scheduled on a cold weather day) |
| 5.0 | Scott | **Trustee Update**   * See report below (provided in advance via email and shared by Scott) |
| 6.0 | Natalie | **Executive Report**   * Discussed ways to share Council news with the school community |
| 7.0 | All | **Old Business**   * None |
| 8.0 | All | **New Business**   * COSC meeting – Anna-Marie went Feb. 4 to meeting at Graminia * ASCA conference is coming up on April 26 – all online, one registration fee per student council * Division has $6,000 for any council that wants to use it; registration fee is only $125 and the last day to register is April 14 * Every school council gets $500 grant from government – Lindsay will look into options for how this could be used * Next COSC meeting is March 4 at 6:30 p.m. * Resolutions discussion coming up |
| 9.0 |  | **Partners**   * **None** |
| 10.0 | Natalie | **Next Meeting**   * March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.   Motion: Anna-Marie Jackson  Second: Chantelle De Boer |
| 11.0 | Natalie | **Adjournment**  Time: 7:08 p.m. |

**February 2025 School Council Trustee Report**

**Submitted by: E. Cameron**

**Labor Update:**

PSD has received a 72 hour strike notice from CUPE Local 5543 and they communicated intent to work-to-rule campaign starting Tues. February 18. This action involves educational support staff, limiting their duties to only those tasks outlined in their contracts and working strictly within their paid hours. The Union does have the ability to escalate job action to a full strike without further notice. More information can be found on the PSD website.

**Board Chair report:**

The Board has serious concerns with the unexpected halt to Jordan’s Principle funding that supports the extra educational needs of our First Nations students. We are seeking extra advocacy efforts through the Alberta School Board’s Association to help resolve this issue.

**Superintendent report:**

January saw the hosting of 35 teachers to the Superintendent/Teacher Advisory Committee. Teacher sign-up for a 2year commitment to address concerns, questions, and accolades in full day meetings.

SGCHS staff dug up and old scrapbook from the 1970’s and 80’s. The existing SGCHS was built for $7.1 million (new school is costing $100 million).

Memorial Composite High School has a new E-Sports team (deals in strategy, skills, and competition with other high schools).

PSD is nominating 5 students for the Alberta School Board’s Association’s Honoring Spirit Award (3 from grade 7-9; 1 from grade 4-6; 1 from grade1) which recognizes great citizenship and dedication from our First Nations students.

**Formation of an AD Hoc Committee:**

The Board approved the formation of an Ad Hoc committee, under Board policy 8 for the specific, defined purpose of conducting an in-depth study into the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies to address student conduct and behavior. The Ad Hoc committee’s specific purpose would be to gather information, research and data to determine if this is a provincial issue, and, if so, to develop advocacy strategies and strategies within the division to help deal with increases in student discipline and behavior.

**Revised Board Policy 18: Learning and Working in a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Environment:**

The Board passed the revised Policy 18: Learning and Working in a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Environment. The revised policy had some key changes: addresses both educational and work environment; addresses a broader demographic of people; better alignment with the Education Act and Human Rights Act; and, updates language for consistency with Education Act.

**Student Services report:**

The report outlined the various ways in which the Student Services team supports schools and coordinates resources to provide inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students throughout the division. This service includes Early Education as well as students in kindergarten to grade 12.

**Student Advisory/Education Planning Day Engagement:**

The Board has started planning for our Student Advisory Engagement in March 2025 and for our Educational Planning Day Engagement in April 2025.