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| Meeting: | Greystone Centennial Middle School (GCMS) Council (Minutes) |
| Date & Time: | Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Location: | Greystone Centennial Middle School - Staff room |
| Chair: | Anna Marie Jackson (Vice Chair) |
| Attendees: | Scott Jaspers-Fayer (Principal), Lindsay McCulloch (Vice Principal), Eric Cameron (Trustee), Anna Marie Jackson (Vice Chair), Amanda Doucette (Secretary), Kim Buchanan (FOGS President) |
| Regrets: | Natalie Stratmoen (Chair) |
| Guests: |  |

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| 1.0 | Anna Marie | **Call to Order, Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgement**  Time: 6:31 p.m. |
| 2.0 | Anna Marie | **Additions, Changes and Approval of Agenda**  Motion: Kim Buchanan  Second: Amanda Doucette |
| 3.0 | Anna Marie | **Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2025, meeting**  Motion: Kim Buchanan  Second: Amanda Doucette |
| 4.0 | Scott | **Administration Report**   * Setting up for volunteer tea/recognition event on June 4 * Successful Spring Fling dance last week * Elder in Residence returned to school – discussing possibilities for a legacy project * Choirs did very well at Choir Festival – junior high going to provincials and House of Harmony choir selected as back up for provincials * Grade 9 exchange/partner school in Quebec is coming to Greystone tomorrow (30-plus students/staff) * Choir tour starts tomorrow with tour students heading to Whistler * Planning work is underway for the next school year * Awards and Recognition Criteria – committee will be looking at criteria and making adjustments to incorporate new approach to reporting * Last few months of school are very busy with lots of events/activities * Looking at projections for next year, looking at similar numbers to this year |
| 5.0 | Eric | **Trustee Update**   * Full update below |
| 6.0 | Anna Marie | **Executive Report**   * Education Planning Day – Natalie Stratmoen and Amanda Doucette both attended. Amanda provided a summary of the event:   + Attendees participated in two conversations that focused on the topics of student learning, support systems or student and workplace wellness.   + Feedback will be used by Parkland School Division in the development of their Education Plan. |
| 7.0 | All | **Old Business**   * None |
| 8.0 | All | **New Business**   * None |
| 9.0 | Anna Marie | **Partners**   * **None** |
| 10.0 | Anna Marie | **Next Meeting**   * May 28, 2025   Motion: Amanda Doucette  Second: Kim Buchanan |
| 11.0 | Anna Marie | **Adjournment**  Time: 7:02 p.m. |

**School Council Trustee Report**

**April 2025**

**Submitted by E. Cameron**

**Board Chair Report:**

* Letter was read from a grade 4 student during the Educational Assistants’ labor dispute stressing the importance of our EAs and hopes of a solution.
* Letter was received by the government over issues with traffic safety on highway 779 at Muir Lake School in response to advocacy by PSD and the County of Parkland. The result was that the government will initiate an operational review of the area safety performance.
* Letter was sent to our MLA’s with regard to reduced funding for students with disabilities. A meeting with our 3 MLAs has been set up.
* Our annual Education Planning Day is on April 16 where a scaled down day will give our 90 invited guests an opportunity to give input on educational delivery and supports from PSD. This greatly helps us put together our Education Plan that is submitted to Alberta Education.

**Superintendent Report:**

* Alberta Education has requested input as to the financial impacts of the EA strike and a list of major costs involved.
* This is the recruitment season where new personnel are hired (principals, teachers, division principal). Principals need to be hired for Prescott School and Forest Green School.
* The Funding Manual and Division Profile have been received from the government which means that budgeting is in full swing; a tight budget is expected as there has been no increase to the base grant.
* Targeted funding has been announced to continue our work in Numeracy and Literacy which is very much welcomed.
* April 29/30 has our annual Visual Arts display which will be held at Ecole Broxton Park School.
* There has been increased family requests to set up a REAL program (Relating Everyday Academics and Life Skills) in Stony Plain which is being looked in to.

**2025-2026 Fees and Allowances:**

* The Board approved the Fees and Allowances for 2025-2026 school year (bus fees and school fees) which had very little difference from last year in order to hold the line on costs to families.

**2025-2026 Budget Assumptions:**

* The Board approved the Budget Assumptions for developing the budget which helps set parameters and possible areas of potential change that could affect the budget; provides guidelines and areas to watch closely.

**Trustee Remuneration:**

* The Board approved the Trustees Remuneration presented by the Audit Committee which saw and increase only to the Health Spending Account (same as negotiated with all our unions) and a small increase to the Board Chair allowance due to the increased workload being experienced.

**Revised Board Policies:**

* Policies on School Closures and Surplus Land and Building were updated and approved (most changes were done to reflect Provincial regulations).