

Galbraith School Council Minutes

Jan. 11, 2022

Chairperson of School Council: M.D.

Vice Chair of School Council: Ki.Ki.

Location: Teams

Attendee: M.T., Ki.Ki., N.C., K.H., T.V., M.D., C.Ly, N.K., P.W., J.K., C., C.L.

1 **Adoption of Agenda – accepted with additions:**

- ASCA information will be added as 5.1
- Town Hall will be added as 5.2
- Approved by: Ki.Ki.
- Seconded by: M.T.

2 **Approval of the Minutes from Nov. 9 2021 School Council meeting – accepted as presented:**

- Approved by: Ki.Ki.
- Seconded by: T.V.

3 **Business arising from the minutes - No volunteers or nominations, tabled until next meeting.**

3.1 Open Positions 2021-2022 School Year: Secretary

Secretary

- The school council secretary typically acts as a recorder at each meeting and ensures that the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting.

4 **Division School Council Report – M.D.**

4.1 **Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)**

- ASCA conference dates are set, April 22nd & 23rd in person
- AGM will be held on April 24th – hybrid event.
- If anyone is wanting to go to the conference in April, it's in Edmonton and is a fun weekend as ASCA conference is a trades fair as well.
- The School Division will pay for the registration
- School Council will help with the costs of travel and hotels.

4.2 **Town Hall**

- Town Hall will occur on February 1, 2022
- Town Hall is for Parents, Staff, Middle School Students, High School Students and members of the Community
- This years questions are:

Question 1: *“In what ways have we successfully supported student learning?”*

Question 2: *“Moving forward, what can the school division do to strengthen support of student learning?”*

- During the Town Hall they will have a live website with the ‘Thought Stream’, which is an anonymous way to list your comments that are posted live on the website.
- Galbraith would like to send Staff and at least 4 parents and one Community Member, but there is unlimited registration, anyone can join. Galbraith has 3 parents who are committed to the Town Hall, so need 1 more and a Community Member who is not a parent. If you are interested, please

let the Galbraith office know you would like to go or you can register by contacting LeeAnn Tedder by January 26, 2022 at (403) 380-5301 or email: leeanne.tedder@lethsd.ab.ca

5 **School Trustee's Report - C.L.**

- Kids are excited to be back!!
- Numeracy Lead Teacher, Michaela Demers, Jenn Giles and Karen Rancier shared the work they are doing with numeracy throughout the Division with a presentation to build capacity in the area of numeracy. Thank-you Staff team, encouraged with the direction that are moving into
 - You can watch the presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfMDnH4Fx24>
- Approved the School Calendar for 2022/23 year you can find that on the website. [2022/23 Calendar](#)
- The Board adopted a Multi-Faith calendar for inclusion. At least 10% of students don't follow Christian faith but most major holidays are based on it. To lean into the spirit of inclusion for our families and staff, the Multi-Faith calendar will be used as a planning tool for School Staff to avoid dates of importance for all families as a compassionate response and to build inclusion for families and staff.
- Starting 'Community Conversations' with the Board to create opportunities to be available in different spaces to speak with the stakeholders. Not everyone can attend a Division or School Council meeting. 'Community Conversations' will occur once per month and will be at a different space in the city, such as a coffee shop or park.
- Town Hall will be February 1, 2022. The Board is looking forward to hearing everyone's perspectives. It's online.
- The next Board meeting is on January 25, 2022 starts at 3:30pm, then there is the public form at 5pm where the public can address the Board.

6 **Staff Members' Reports:**

6.1 Staff Report- K.H.

- There isn't much to report, it's business as usual. Some great things happen leading up to the holidays. Even with covid protocols, Staff were able to keep kids excited and made accommodations to include all Student of all backgrounds and beliefs, there was hot chocolate, costumes, games etc.
- Teachers returned to school last week and were missing the kids, it is so nice to have them back in the schools.

6.2 Vice Principal's Report – M.T.

- K.H. said everything and N.C. will say anything we missed

6.3 Principal's Report – N.C.

- The staff worked really hard last week with not knowing if the return to school was going to be in class or online. We recognize how difficult it was for parents to have that extra week off with minus 30 degree whether. Staff was so grateful for the recognition with how much work it is for planning in home and at school learning, realizing that there are different levels of knowledge with the technology. The EAs and the Teachers and their positive energy, give no doubt in their ability to transition with short notice. Transitioning online is not what anyone wants or expects, but they are ready, last week gave the Teachers and Admin confidence, that if it happens, it's not the best, but they are ready to go.

COVID update

- Emails have gone out in regards to the new masking rules

- Teachers were wondering about the impact of wearing masking all day, however, the kids were amazing, they didn't seem too concerned and teachers were so impressed on how much these little ones take on and how quickly they adapt.

School Fundraising update

- Ben's Beef Jerky Fundraiser will be in February, this is a local business
- Very similar to the pie fundraiser, Jerky can be sold through School Cash online, but will be delivered to the school for families to pick. All Covid protocols will be followed.
- This fundraiser is to support the purchase of new classroom iPads. The current iPads will no longer be in service this spring, as they are so old, they cannot support updates or download apps. These need to be replaced to support leaning in the classrooms.

Staffing Update

- Sandy Scheldrup will be out of school for a while longer.
- Wilma Clack had to step away from the LST role at the holiday break. Jordan Grasschuk and Dani Fischer are sharing that role, Dani is taking on the assessment pieces of LST and in addition to LST, Jordan is teaching some Dani Fischer's classes.

2022-2023 School Year Calendar

- The calendar is available, you can clear here to review: [2022/223 CALENDAR](#)
- In October 2021, there was an entire week that kids were out of school, but that has been changed for the October 2022 school year.

Assurance Framework Update

- It's finished and uploaded to the website, you should check it out here: [2021/22 Assurance Plan](#)

Modernization Meeting

- The meeting was moved to February 9th and 10th
- 2 parents have agreed to attend
- It's a fun experience to imagine a new school

8 Other Items

8.1 Provincial Grant for School Council Engagement

- email was sent to School Council with some workshops from Key Connections that can be used for Parent engagement to spend the \$500 grant, such as:
 - Managing Anxiety and Frustration: Toolbox of Strategies
 - A Holistic Approach to Understanding and Supporting Behaviour Change: Exploring Sensory, Emotional, and Cognitive Factors
 - Adapting Activities for Successful Inclusion
 - ADHD: Strategies to Support Children and Youth
 - An Introduction to Solution Focused Approach: Foundations for Solution Building
 - *Another Look at ADHD: Promoting Successful Outcomes*
 - Attachment Disorder – Strategies to Promote Healing and Regulation
 - Attachment in the Classroom: Making Meaningful Connections
 - Behaviour Basics
 - Caring for Self, Caring for Others
 - Enhancing Communication and Decreasing Frustration: Beyond Speech
 - Exploring the Roots of Anxiety and Practical Strategies to Help: Parent-Child Focus
 - Feeding: When Your Child Is Resistant to Eating
 - Good Grieving: A Person Centered, Strength-Based Approach Assisting Children, Youth and Adults Experiencing Grief and Loss
 - Hooked on Books! The Connection Between Language and Literacy
 - Learning the ABC's: Autism Basic Concepts
 - "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish": Phonological Awareness for Reading and Writing
 - Onward and Upward: Successful Transitions to The New School Year
 - Play is a Child's Work: Foundations for Problem Solving, Conversation and Abstract Thinking
 - Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD): Strategies to Promote Healing and Regulation for Students
 - Safety for High Risk Behaviors
 - Self-Regulation as the Foundation for Success
 - Self-Regulation: Maintaining That 'Just Right' State
 - Sensory in the Classroom: Promoting Participation in Our Children
 - Social Skills: Tools for Flexibility and Social Communication
 - Talking Takes Time: How Do I Help a Child with Speech Sound Challenges?
 - The Science of Safety: A Polyvagal Approach to Understanding and Supporting Challenging Behaviors
 - Think Social: Understanding Foundations for Social Skills Development
 - Understanding Autism
 - Understanding the Roots of Anxiety and Practical Strategies to Help
 - Visual Supports

Suggestion: it was suggested that members send in their top 5 workshops that they would like to do and send them into N.C. who will put them in a survey for Families to decide which workshop they would like to participate in.

Suggestion for Parental Engagement: There are programs through Banks and Insurance companies that give great information or workshops around budgeting, tips and tricks on how to save money, why should you get RRSP, etc..

Suggestion for Parental Engagement: a cooking class, such as cooking healthy on a budget or there could be a Galbraith Family Cookbook that could be released.

9 School Council Adjournment – 7:17pm

Next meeting: March 8, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes General Meeting

Jan. 11, 2022

Chairperson: Ki.Ki.

Vice Chairperson: M.D.

Location: Teams

Attendee: M.T., Ki.Ki., N.C., K.H., T.V., M.D., C.Ly, N.K., P.W., J.K., C.L.

Has Quorum* been met: Yes

1. **Adoption of Agenda** – accepted with additions

- Casino update added as 6.1
- Approved by: M.T.
- Seconded by: N.C.

2. **Minutes of Nov. 9 2021 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting** – accepted as presented

Approved by: C.Ly

Seconded by: T.V.

3. **Business arising from the minutes** - none

4. **Treasurer's Report** – C.Ly

- The November opening balance is \$7,777.03 and the closing balance is \$7,589.16
- For December, there are 2 checks.
 - Recorders
 - Snow Shoes

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Hot lunch update**

- Hot Lunch was cancelled in January due to the additional week off and the uncertainty of whether or not Students will be returning online or in school. Didn't want to have Parents stress about ordering a meal and their Students being at home.
- Hot Lunch should resume in February
- The cost of Hot Lunches from the different vendors has increased above our traditional \$6 fee and vary between \$6.50 to \$7.50. Subway, Panago & Boston Pizza all remain at the \$6, but to have a varied choice for lunch, Society may need to raise the cost of the Hot Lunch and the cost may vary from month to month. All in attendance agree that a small increase is reasonable in order to offer a different options month to month.

MOTION: M.D. makes a motion to change the Hot Lunch Price to be within the range of \$5.00 to \$8.00 per meal.

Seconded by: C.Ly

All in Favor, no objections

5.2 **Donations**

*Quorum at General Meetings is met when 7 Members are in attendance with Minimum Representation and Parents are the majority of Members present (Bylaw 2.13, 2.14, 7.2, 7.1 9.2)

- If Families would like to help the Galbraith Community with donations, there are a few items that Galbraith could use:
 - Gift Cards to grocery stores, fuel cards, etc.
 - Boots, gloves, toques
 - larger donations could go towards the new Outdoor Learning Space in the courtyard. This is an expensive venture so any donations to put towards the Outdoor Learning Space would be appreciated, you may also get your name on a thank-you plaque.

6. Other items

6.1 – Casino Update

- At this time the Casino Fundraiser is still happening
- all mandatory shifts have been filled for the upcoming Casino Fundraiser, thank-you K.H. for filling the last spot!
- We have to write a cheque from the Casino bank account in order for the Casino Advisor to be paid for the Casino. The Casino will deposit the \$1,734.60 into Galbraith's Casino bank account in the amount of \$1,734.60 and then when it's there the Casino Advisor will be able to cash her cheque. This is done to ensure that the Casino will be depositing the Fundraiser funds into the correct account.

MOTION: Ki.Ki. makes a motion to write a check from the Casino Account for \$1,7364.60 for the Casino Advisor

Seconded by: T.V.

All in Favor, no objections

7. School Council Society Adjournment - 7:47pm

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