



Galbraith School Council Agenda

May 10, 2022– 6:30 pm

Chair of Council – M.D.

Vice Chair – Ki.Ki.

Attendees: Ki.Ki, C.Ly., J.K., D.L., M.D., M.T., T.V., C.Li., N.C., K.H.

Land Acknowledgement

- We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy and give recognition to the Blackfoot people past and present.

1. Adoption of Agenda – accepted with additions

- o Approved by: Ki.Ki.
- o Seconded by: M.D.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of April 2022 School Council Meeting - accepted as presented

- o Approved by: Ki.Ki.
- o Seconded by: N.C

3. Business arising from the Minutes

- None

4. School Trustee's Report – Presented by C.Li.

- Curriculum Professional Learning
 - o Professional learning in numeracy and literals is happening at Galbraith on May 10th and 11th
 - o Professional Learning for Physical Education & Wellness is going to be in the fall
 - o The Division is not moving forward with English, Language Arts & Math for Grades 4 to 6 in the fall.
- A Club donated \$500 for the making Connections weekends and more day
- Education week occurred last week, Teachers were celebrated, but continue to celebrate Teachers everyday!
- The Board had discussions around the different way schools are transitioning to post covid norms. There have been some questions about why some schools are locked and some are open and it has been communicated that those are site based decisions. Schools are welcoming Parents and are open to communication with schools.
- The Board Approved 2021/22 financial report.
- The Board had conversations about Bill 15 and what their role in advocacy action should be. Bill 15 removes The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) from disciplining Teachers.
- The Board has approved a resolution to advocate for full time kindergarten. Early education and early intervention is essential and they are beginning the process for that.
- Transportation and Bell Times – Christine Lee gave a summary of how the changes were made. You can find that in the agenda package for more info from the last Board meeting. (<https://www.letshd.ab.ca/download/387968>)
- Trustees were given the number of policies and it was recommended to separate the policy and procedures.
- Community Conversations are done every month, the Board wants to connect with stakeholders and allow for opportunities for conversations. The next Community Conversation is on Thursday, May 19th, 4-5:30pm at the Gunnery Point Picnic Shelter at Henderson Lake, that is the bug park. Every month it is a different day and time. For mor information about Community Conversations, please see the Division Website (<https://letshdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/current-community-engagement-projects/community-conversations>)

- The Student Art Gala, this year the online exhibit starts on May 2nd on the Division website (<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/departments/instructional-services/virtually-installed-lethbridge-schools-students-art2>) and there will be in in person gallery for grades 9 – 12 at SAAG and starts on May 14th – June 19, 2022.
- ASCA Conference and AGM was held in April.

5. Division School Council Report – presented by M.D.

- Transportation and Bell times, a lot of questions and discussions about the Bell Times and bus schedules, some parents are not happy with the changes, but it was asked if there is anything that Parents can do to advocate for change and the answer was that it would be chaos to change the bell times and bus schedules now, so no amount of advocacy would result in change.
- Discussion about what Schools are doing with their \$500 Engagement Grant. If the \$500 is not spent by the end of the year, it will go back to the Province. It was announced that Schools will receive the \$500 again for the 2022/2023 school year. Some suggestions were:
 - o French lessons for Parents
 - o Book Clubs, buying books or resources this year for Parent Engagement to use for next year
 - o Save the Kids – this is an idea for next year (<https://www.savethekids.org/#home>)
 - Organization located in Utah
 - Their 8 fundamentals are to reduce cell phone use, get kids off social media, teach good social skills, improve mental health, provide resources for parents, inspire family togetherness, teach people to look up and unite kids in learning.
 - Schools can pool their grants to pay for a speaker to come
 - The more assemblies, the cheaper the costs
 - Parents nights are \$1,000
 - You do have to pay for the travel for the Speaker
 - If Galbraith would like to participate in this for next year, we'll have to let the parent organizing know as soon as possible.
 - o Dr. Debbi Push, is a Parent Engagement Specialist (<https://www.debbiepushor.ca/>)
 - o Dr. Jody Carrington, she is a psychologist and author. She has packages for \$500. Contact Tamara Smith at tamara@drjodycarrington.com, 403.507.3563.
 - Jody Carrington has three packages (each \$500), the brochure is attached to the Minutes.
 1. Kids These Days Package; or
 2. Teachers These Days Package; and
 3. ReLit Group Package.
 - o The Police used to do safety talks depending on the age groups, we could look into that
 - o M.B had an idea for School engagement – Emotional De-Escalation Workshop from Sue Huff, who has presented to the EPP teams and throughout the Division. (<https://www.suehuff.ca/workshops.html>)
 - She makes solid connections in real ways that support families
 - Cost is approximately \$300
 - Sue Huff offers 3 different types of workshops.
 1. Emotional De-escalation
 2. Eating Disorders 101
 3. How to Start Empowering (and stop helping)

Question: Would Parents be interested in trying to set up a presentation on Emotional De-escalation?

Answer: Some parents have already been through a lot of programming about de-escalating emotions and would prefer to go to an event that is based more on social media safety.

Question: Parents have heard that there was a presentation who talked about safety on social media and you tub. Does anyone know who that was?

Action/Answer: N.C will reach out to J.S. who is the Director of Technology Learning and Innovation at the Division to see if he knows of any presenters and/or suggestions for the end of June or next fall.

6. Staff Members' Reports:

6.1 Staff Report – presented by K.H.

- C.Li. talked about the Curriculum meetings that they are having May 10th & May 11th. The rest will learn about that on May 24th.
- May 26th will be the Family Night, parts of the school will be open for Parents to look through. Some Teachers will be there and there hasn't been enough face to fac contact.
- Grades 1 – 3 are doing some of the assessments that they did at the beginning of the year. The assessments are done to report back to the Provincial Government to show that the Boost program is working and the money was spent wisely. The kids in the Boost program grew by 5 to 6 levels, so it works. The kids are in a group of 6 and they use the assessments to use the groups. Hopefully there will be more funding in the future. Now that there is no cohorting, they can do cross groups.
- Teachers are working to get ASL benchmarks done as well as ISP's.
 - Huge thank-you to the Division as they had given extra sub time to get those done, very grateful for that time. Thank-you Division.
- Had a discussion among Teachers about screen time in schools and at lunch time. Teachers have all agreed to only put on shows that have been previously reviewed and are appropriate. They don't just put up You Tube and let it run. The movies/shows are all G rated. They are going to work on Advertising Blockers with A.G.
- Spring photos were done
- The Grade 5's are getting ready for their graduation / transition to Wilson. They had their articulation meeting, and the Wilson Band came into Galbraith on May 10th to give their presentation.
- Any field trips or activities to get it into the June Calendar in the office as there is a lot going on. Kids are excited to go on a field trip, some of the younger students have never been on a field trip due to covid.
 - 2 classes will fit on one bus
 - There is swimming
 - Art Trips
 - Helen Schuler
 - Grade 3s are doing some park tripos
 - Grade 4's Norbridge park
- Staff is appreciated of what parents do

6.2 Vice Principal's Report – presented by M.T.

- Through the Division Galbraith got approval for Building Fact Fluency and got 10 kits. These are the next steps as the addition and subtraction that went out last year. The multiplication kits are for grade 3 and up. They are great as they have great picture resources, but all sync to cement a solid numerical understand so why we borrow or carry numbers. It's a simple understanding to develop fluency rather than memorizing facts.

6.3 Principal's Report – presented by N.C.

- Outdoor Classroom Update
 - Wanted to say a big YEAH for Galbraith as Galbraith has received the Community Foundations Grant, which is \$8,000 to go towards completing the outdoor classroom. Teachers have started to do some more outdoor learning. Quotes have been done and they now have to work with the Division for all the approvals.
 - Have gotten some quotes and now have to work with the division for all the approvals.
- Galbraith Family Night is on May 26th
- Nutrition Grant: they are in the process of the application. They apply for funding for snacks for students. This year they are going to apply for the same things but add on the requests for nutritious snacks and have people come in from Healthy Lethbridge and talk about healthy eating as well.
 - In that grant they are applying for healthy cooking classes as well.
- Assurance plan, this is a new yearly plan, so they have to be completed by May 30th. Some of the goals are:
 - *Build a positive and collaborative school culture focused on our Galbraith Instructional Framework for Thinking and Learning.*
 - *Students demonstrate improved literacy supported by a responsive and challenging environment.*
 - *Students demonstrate improved numeracy supported by a responsive and challenging environment.*
 - *Increase engagement through opportunities for students to share their learning with the community.*
 - *Staff will develop their understanding and application of strong numeracy practices in the classroom.*
 - *Staff will engage in inquiry-based professional learning responsive to their individual professional curiosities and needs.*

7. New Business

7.1 Galbraith Family Night – snacks and honorarium

Comment: N.C. was wondered if anyone has any interested in using some of the School Council funds and put that towards snacks and an honorarium for the Staff member who will be playing music for the Family Night?

M.D. Answer: Unfortunately, the Division stated that we cannot use that money to get a gift card or give an honorarium to a Staff Member, but the money can be used for snacks as long as it's reported at the end of year paperwork.

Question: How many people is the school expecting, to get a good idea on how much money to spend on snacks?

N.C. Answer: Galbraith hasn't had a Family night in 2 years, there could be 100 to 300 people show, but N.C. will buy the snacks.

MOTION: Ki.Ki. makes a motion to spend up to \$500 on snacks for the Galbraith Family night on May 26th

Seconded by: M.D.

All in favor, no objections

Motion Passed

8. Other items

8.1 Provincial Grant for School Council Engagement (\$500) – Please see 5. Division School Council Report

9. School Council Adjournment @7:46pm

Next meeting: June 14, 2022 @ 6:30pm



Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes

May 10, 2022– 6:30 pm

Chair of Council – Ki.Ki.

Vice Chair – M.D.

Attendees: Ki.Ki, C.Ly., J.K., D.L., M.D., M.T., C.Li., N.C., K.H.

Has Quorum* been met: Yes

1. Adoption of Agenda – accepted with additions

- Addition of Gift Card for Staff member who is playing music at Family Night add it to Other item as 6.1
- Addition to 4.3 voting for Grade 5s
 - o Approved by: N.C.
 - o Seconded by: K.H.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of April 2022 School Council Society meeting – accepted as presented

- o Approved by: N.C.
- o Seconded by: K.H.

3. Treasurer's Report – presented by C.Ly.

- o Opening balance was \$3,485.29
- o Lethbridge School Division - KFC Hot Lunch credit in the amount of \$1,266.98
- o Payment to KFC for Hot Lunch was in the amount of \$1,245.32
 - KFC's Hot Lunch made a profit of \$21.66
- o Closing Balance is \$3,56.95
- o Pending Expenses:
 - 2nd payment for the recorders in the amount of \$1,081.23
 - Grade 5 Graduation \$800 (includes \$465.99 for Vistaprint Water Bottles)
 - Kona Ice Year Ends \$800
 - March Madness Books \$500
 - Westminster pool \$600
- o If the Pending Expenses are subtracted from the Closing Balance, Society is in a deficit in the amount of **(-\$274.28)**, there won't be enough money to cover all Pending Expenses.

Comment: D.Ly. from AWC Communications, will sponsor \$300 into the fund to cover the cost of the Westminster pool. If other money is not used, this donation can be carried until next year.

Thank-you AWC Communications!!!

4. Business arising from the minutes

4.1 March Madness – school has purchased three books for each classroom, does the school council want to split this cost?

MOTION: N.C. makes a motion to spend up to \$500 to help pay for the cost of the March Madness Books for the classrooms.

Seconded by: Ki.Ki.

All in favor, no objections

Motion passed

4.2 Westminster Pool Day – cost approx. \$600

MOTION: M.T. makes a motion to spend up to \$600 to pay for the cost of the rental for Westminster Pool Day.

Seconded by: C.Ly.

All in favor, no objections

Motion passed

4.3 Grade 5 Graduation – cost \$800

MOTION: M.D. makes a motion to spend up to \$800 for the cost of the Grad 5 Graduation.

Seconded by: Ki.Ki.

All in favor, no objections

Motion passed

5. New Business

- None

6. Other items

- 6.1: Gift Card for the Musical Entertainer for Family Night
 - o Unfortunately, Society is out of money and cannot purchase a gift card
 - o There were suggestions for other small gifts that Parents or Staff can present

7. School Council Society Adjournment @ 8:02pm

Next meeting: June 14, 2022 @ 6:30pm