

# Galbraith School Council Agenda

November 8, 2022

6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chair of School Council: Jen Neufeld

Location: Teams

In attendance: Nicole Garlock, Cheryl Lyons, David Franz, Deanna Bettger, Melissa Bootsman, Jennifer Neufeld, Karen Henrie, Kira Kinahan, Nicole Court, Sandy Scheldrup, Samantha Many Grey Horses, Tracy van Son, Whitney Oler, Elon Sarki, Craig Whitehead

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 7 region and Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

Called to order at 6:35

1. Adoption of Agenda- Sandy added “Grade 5 Class Thank You” under business arising from minutes as item 3.6. Accepted as amended by Melissa Bootsman. Seconded by Cheryl Lyons.
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 18, 2022 School Council meeting. Approved by Tracy van Son. Seconded by Karen Henrie.
3. Business arising from the minutes
  - 3.1 **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.
    - No names were brought forward at this time.
  - 3.2 Discussion re: Provincial Grant for Parent Engagement – Cheryl L and Kira K
    - Any community members with ideas of what to do with this money are encouraged to contact the Galbraith office or Kira to see if the idea is in compliance with the grant regulations.
      - Nicole Court brought forth the idea of bringing in Sue Huff, who has done different staff workshops regarding emotional coaching and is spoken very highly of. We could possibly combine with other north side schools to share the costs of bringing her in.
      - Samantha Many Grey Horses shared that she would be interested in topics related to bullying and internet safety.
  - 3.3 Parent Lending Library – Nicole C
    - 3.3.1 The library is set up and ready to go! It is located just inside the front door of the school. Books are on a bookshelf and there is a sign out sheet on top of the bookcase.
    - 3.3.2 Tracy shared that many parents have been stopping to read sections of books while waiting for their kids at drop off and pick up.
    - 3.3.3 Melissa B asked if it would be possible to share about the parent library in newsletters to get some more traction.
  - 3.4 Parent Class Rep Description –Sandy
    - 3.4.1 Sandy shared that we are trying to be more progressive in our vision about what makes someone a representative. Any parent who helps in our school is a representative of our school.
    - 3.4.2 Karen reiterated that coming to council meetings to act as a voice for different perspectives makes a big difference to our community. Other possible jobs include

laminating, classroom prep, reading with kids, book buddy support, hot lunch volunteers, and maker space assistants.

- 3.4.3 Kira asked the school staff to make another call for representatives for classes that don't have them yet.

### 3.5 Assurance Plan – Nicole C

- 3.5.1 Nicole shared our Annual Educational Report Results and Assurance Plan.
- 3.5.2 Parents noticed that our students consistently showed less positive results than parents and teachers. It was asked whether Nicole Court could gather some data from other schools to see if similar trends are seen across the division. Nicole C will compile this for the next meeting.

### 3.6 Grade 5 Thank You-

- 3.6.1 The grade 5s shared a thank you for the purchase of the headphones with microphones.

## 4 School Trustee's Report - Craig Whitehead

### 4.3 Craig shared highlights from the last Trustee meeting.

- 4.3.1 There are upcoming Community Conversations with the Trustees on Thursday December 8 from 4:00-5:30 at YMCA and January 26 from 6:30-8:00 at the Boys and Girls Club. Childcare will be available.
- 4.3.2 The board of Trustees is proactively exploring what would happen to their election process and board composition if the city moves to a ward system. The understanding is that each ward would approve a Trustee.
- 4.3.3 The question being explored in the upcoming Town Hall will be built around "In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners and in what ways can we improve this?"
- 4.3.4 ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association) meeting is this November. The board is proposing a motion for full-day Kindergarten programming, which will hopefully lead to conversations with the Minister of Education about providing this for all students.

## 5 School Liaison Report – Mike Nightingale.- no report

## 6 Division School Council Report – Kira Kinahan

- 6.3 There is a LEGO project upcoming for the division where students can enter.
- 6.4 There was clarification given around SchoolCashOnline having a 4% user fee.

## 7 Staff Members' Reports:

### 7.3 Staff Report- Karen Henrie

- 7.3.1 The staff is so appreciative of the support from school council. Most notable as of late is the purchase of headphones for Grade 5 students to help them access speech to text technologies.
- 7.3.2 We have some PSI students coming into our school for the next five weeks. We are excited for the new energy and ideas they will bring to our school.
- 7.3.3 Report cards will be released to parents on November 25, 2022.
- 7.3.4 Grade 5 volleyball is up and running. It is great to see the kids so excited and engaged in their play!
- 7.3.5 Remembrance Day Ceremony will be on November 10, 2022 at 10:30 am. Resources for students around Remembrance Day will be provided by the school for students to take home.
- 7.3.6 A question was asked about the upcoming Lockdown Practice scheduled for November 9, 2022. Nicole Court shared that we let the students and staff know well in advance, and shared

the process for what this looks like. Karen Henrie also spoke about the purpose of the lockdown practice being to help staff and students feel empowered to be safe.

7.4 Vice Principal 's Report – Nicole Court

7.4.1 Nicole C echoed what Karen shared in her staff report.

7.4.2 Nicole G added that we will be piloting a new process to share report cards as an emailed PDF this year. We welcome feedback on whether this process helps families access the full report card content.

7.5 Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

8 New Business

9 School Council Adjournment – 7:56 p.m.

**Next meeting: Jan. 17 @ 6:30 PM**

# Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

## General Meeting

November 8, 2022

Chairperson: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chairperson: Jen Neufeld

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Adoption of Agenda- Melissa noted that the agenda has an error in Adopted by Melissa Bootsman, seconded by Cheryl Lyons.
2. Minutes of October 2022 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting. Adopted by Cheryl. Seconded by Tracy van Son.
3. Business arising from the minutes
  - 3.1 Open Positions 2022-2023 School Year:

**Secretary**

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No names brought forward at this time.
  - 3.2 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hot Lunch - Kira K.
    - i Kira created an account for our school with this program. The plan will be to move forward with a hot lunch once they get back to us.
  - 3.3 L.A. Chefs- this vendor has traditionally sponsored the holiday meal for the school. In the spirit of equity, we are hoping to move forward with a Winter Feast instead of a holiday dinner. We are also exploring working with them to have another school wide meal in the spring.
4. Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Lyons
  - 4.1 No funds were issued in the month of October. AWC purchased the headphones (\$500) that we will need to reimburse them for, but this will be taken out in November.
5. New Business
6. School Council Society Adjournment- adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**Next meeting: Jan 17 @ 6:30 PM**