

Galbraith School Council Minutes

January 17, 2023

6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chair of School Council: Jen Neufeld

Location: Art Room and Teams

In attendance: Sandy Scheldrup, Nicole Court, Nicole Garlock, Karen Henrie, Tracy van Son, Melissa Flaman, Melissa Bootsman, Cheryl Lyons, Kira Kinahan, Jen Neufeld, Craig Whitehead, Deanna Bettger

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.

1. Adoption of Agenda- Adopted by Jen. Seconded by Nicole Court.
2. Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2022 School Council meeting. Adopted by Melissa Bootsman. 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 nominations were brought forward. This item is tabled until the next meeting.**

3.2 Annual Education Results Report – Nicole Court

As requested at the last meeting, Nicole pulled some data from similar sized schools to see if the trends we noticed in our school were consistent in other places. Nicole shared that many schools saw similar things to us, although our numbers did show lower in the categories related to citizenship. This continues to be an area of focus for the admin team at our school. We also our focusing on the area of engagement in our school community.

Craig noted that some of the areas that we are below average in are common across the division, and not just an issue at our school. The board plans to discuss this at the board retreat in March.

- 3 School Trustee's Report - Craig Whitehead
 - 3.1 The 2023-2024 calendar was passed at the last meeting. It can be found on the Division website.
 - 3.2 Community Conversations continue to be held. The next one is January 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the North Side Boys and Girls Youth Club.
 - 3.3 Everyone should have received an email about the Values Survey that was sent out. This will help guide the Division's mission and vision statement.
 - 3.4 The Town Hall is upcoming soon.
 - 3.5 Craig shared the board's condolences on the passing of a Galbraith student this week.
- 4 School Liaison Report – Mike Nightingale
 - 4.1 No report.
- 5 Division School Council Report – Jen Neufeld
 - There is a blanket ceremony on January 27. Contact Division School Council for more information.
 - There was a parent learning night that happened last night.

- An educator and social worker are being hired by the division to help with digital citizenship with a focus on mental health in media.
 - Boost programming is now ongoing for Grades 2-4.
 - Alberta School Council is coming up. Each school can send one representative.
- 6 Staff Members' Reports:
- 6.1 Staff Report- Karen Henrie
- We are getting back in the swing of things!
 - A lot of teachers are really getting into the new resources that have been provided to support the new curriculum. This has been supported through PL opportunities and staff training (courtesy of the division's Literacy and Numeracy lead teachers and other supports such as our Speech Language Pathologist).
 - Boost is currently focusing on numeracy (an eight week program) and then will switch to literacy for an additional eight weeks.
 - Costco Readers are also coming back to work with Grade 3 students.
 - Enrichment is also starting this week, and the staff and students are so excited for this!
- 6.2 Vice Principal 's Report – Nicole Court
- Some money from reserves was used to purchase 30 new laptops and a laptop cart. This was made available yesterday!
 - This year, we are going to the Legacy Spray Park instead of Westminster Pool as a year end field trip.
 - Ms. Steph has secured funding to provide parent wellness nights. There will be three in the remainder of this year, with the first in March. More information will be upcoming.
 - Celebration of Learning is coming up on March 16.
 - The Grade 5 basketball league has started. Our students are doing so well!
- 6.3 Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup
- Michaela Demers (Division Numeracy Lead Teacher) is coming to provide a numeracy residency for some of our students at the end of the month.
 - The admin team has a data analysis meeting with the division next week where we look over our literacy and numeracy scores and plan for areas of growth and highlight areas of achievement and success.

7 New Business

7.1 Town Hall -Town Hall 2023 is set for Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

This year's Town Hall will focus on these two questions:

In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners? Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?

We are looking for 4 parent representatives and 1 community representative to attend. Please contact the school if you are available to attend.

Jen Neufeld has volunteered to attend.

7.2 Nicole Garlock – Music Showcase

- Grade 1-5 will each get a turn to be featured for a Monthly Musical performance during our school's assemblies for the rest of the year. Families will be invited to attend these, and we will also share the performance on our school's YouTube channel. This will be in lieu of a whole school spring concert, and the hope is that it will increase equity and engagement while still providing performance opportunities for our students!

8 School Council Adjournment- 7:27 p.m.

Next meeting: March 7 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

General Meeting

January 17, 2023

Chairperson: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chairperson: Jen Neufeld

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Adoption of Agenda- Nicole Court, seconded by Karen Henrie.
2. Minutes of November 2022 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting- Approved by Nicole Garlock. Seconded by Nicole Court.
3. Business arising from the minutes
 - 3.1 Open Positions 2022-2023 School Year:

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.
This position remains open at this time.
 - 3.2 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hot Lunch - Kira K.
 - i This is the first month for this, and we are doing a Taco Bell hot lunch. Melissa Flaman shared that it was easy to sign up and easy to switch between different kids. Cheryl requested a copy of the financial report after the hot lunch closes. There is a small fee that is charged with each lunch ordered that goes to Healthy Hunger.
4. Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Lyons
- See attached
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Bota Family.
 - Melissa Bootsman motioned to spend up to \$100 on a floral delivery for the Bota family. Seconded by Jen Neufeld. All in favour. None opposed. Melissa will look after ordering this and will bring the receipt for reimbursement.
 - 5.2. Signing Authority
 - Jen Neufeld needs to be added to signing authority. Marlaina Dietrich needs to be removed. Kira and Cheryl have contacted the bank to initiate this process.
 - Kira made a motion to remove Marlaina and add Jen to the signing authority. This was seconded by Nicole Court. All in favour. None opposed.
6. School Council Society Adjournment- 7:46 p.m.

Next meeting: March 7 @ 6:30 PM