

Galbraith School Council Agenda

March 7, 2023

6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chair of School Council: Jen Neufeld

Location: Art Room and Teams

In attendance: Nicole Court, Nicole Garlock, Melissa Bootsman, Craig Whitehead, Jen Neufeld, Karen Henrie, Cheryl Lyons, Dave Franz

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. Moved by Melissa Bootsman. Seconded by Cheryl Lyons.
2. Approval of the Minutes from January 17, 2023 School Council meeting. Motion by Cheryl Lyons. Seconded by Jen Neufeld.
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.
4. School Trustee's Report - Craig Whitehead
 - 4.1 Cheryl Gilmore is retiring as superintendent in July. The board is now looking for a new superintendent. Someone has been hired to help with this process. The board is committed to hearing as much input as possible. The board wants all staff and parents to email Craig Whitehead with what characteristics they are looking for in a superintendent. This would need to be in before the last week of March.
 - 4.2 There were some good things that came out of the provincial budget. The board is optimistic that this may result in good things for our division. One thing that provides logistical challenges of the change to bussing qualifications (qualifications for bussing for elementary schools is changing to 1km away from the school).
 - 4.3 The Town Hall was recently held. A variety of opinions were heard and the data was collected.
 - 4.4 The board is working on creating a new vision and mission statement for the school division. Part of this includes a discussion around what inclusion means.
 - 4.5 Community Conversations were held today.
5. School Liaison Report – Mike Nightingale
6. Division School Council Report – Jen Neufeld
 - 6.1 ATA gave a presentation. 800 Albertans attended to give opinions as part of the lead up to the election. Concerns brought up include class size and complexity, modernization of curriculum, learning supports (including mental health), equity in the classroom (strong public school system), invest in public education, stable school system that is not dependent on who is in government. More information can be found on the Stand for Education website.

6.2 The ICE scholarships are coming up soon

6.3 The request was made for full day kindergarten but ASBA voted it down. There were logistical concerns from some of the larger school divisions about where these classes would go. The board plans to advocate this again in the future by coming in with a stronger presentation that highlights different elements of what the data says about this issue.

6.4 The AGM is happening in Edmonton

7. Staff Members' Reports:

7.1 Staff Report- Karen Henrie

- Teachers convention was wonderful. It was a great opportunity to connect with colleagues, attend quality professional learning sessions, and shop for professional resources.
- Report cards will come out on March 10. They will be emailed to families and open on Powerschool for viewing.
- Interviews are by request for this round. All families are encouraged to attend Celebration of Learning on March 16, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- March Madness is our book tournament that the whole school is participating in. Students are reading books and voting for their favourites to advance in the tournament to determine this year's favourite book.
- A few author visits are happening this month. Dee Hahn came today, and there is another coming next week and will visit each class.
- Enrichment will begin again after the spring break.

7.2 Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Garlock

- The fundraising committee will be meeting soon. If any parents or community members have suggestions for things to consider for this fundraiser, please email Nicole Garlock. Melissa shared about the plants and seed fundraisers and how her family liked this in the past. Nicole shared that she is looking into The Pie Store, Kernels Popcorn, and Little Ceasars.

7.3 Principal's Report – Nicole Court

- Alberta Assurance Survey. Survey codes have begun to arrive. Grade four parents will have until March 17 to complete these surveys.
- Literacy Month
- [Two types of insurance available through division for student accident coverage | Lethbridge School Division \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)
- The government has decided to put money into funding a Boost program for Grade 1 Boost. Details are not available for this yet.

8. New Business

8.1 Town Hall Update

8.2 Parent Engagement Grant (\$500)

- Melissa moved to spend up to \$500 of the parent engagement grant to expand the parent library. Dave Franz seconded the motion. All in favour. None opposed.

8.3 Treasurer Position (starting in Sept. 2023).

- Cheryl will no longer have a child at Galbraith in the fall, so we would like to begin the search for a new treasurer so that Cheryl can show them what is involved in the position.

9. School Council Adjournment- Jen moved to adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Next meeting: May 9 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

March 7, 2023

Chairperson: Kira Kinahan

Vice Chairperson: Jen Neufeld

Location: Art Room and Teams

In attendance: Dave Franz, Karen Henrie, Jen Neufeld, Melissa Bootsman, Nicole Court,
Nicole Garlock, Cheryl Lyons

Meeting called to order at 7:52 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda- Jen moved to adopt the agenda. Melissa seconded.

2. Minutes of January 17, 2023 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting. Nicole C, Karen

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Open Positions 2022-2023 School Year:

Secretary

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4. Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Lyons

5. New Business

5.2 Hot Lunch – Kira is looking into Opa for a March Hot Lunch. More information will be coming.

5.2 Banking Updates and Cheque Signing – vote. At our January meeting, we moved to add Jen onto our account. This was completed, but we need to have our minutes state that we are removing Tamara Prosk, Arlene Curran, and Nicole Kowal.

Nicole Garlock moved to have our signing authorities be Jen Neufeld, Cheryl Lyons, and Kira Kinahan, and to remove all other signing authority rights on the Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society including Tamara Prosk, Arlene Curran, and Nicole Kowal. Seconded by Nicole Court. All in favour. None opposed.

5.3 Treasurer Position (starting in Sept. 2023)

6. School Council Society Adjournment. Jen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting: May 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM