

Galbraith School Council Agenda

October 10, 2023

Chairperson of School Council: Jen Neufeld

Vice Chair of School Council: Dave Franz

Location: Art Room and Teams

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.

Present: Melissa Bootsman, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Christine Henke, Mandi Bulechowsky, Jen Neufeld, Shannon Langendoen, Alyssa Kusalik, Dave Franz, Chelsea Tabish (online), Melissa Flaman (Online), Tessa Atwood

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Meeting Called to Order by Jen at 6:32 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Melissa, Seconded by Mandi that the agenda be adopted
All In Favor, 0 Opposed
3. Approval of the Minutes from Sept. 12, 2023 School Council meeting
Moved by Melissa, Seconded by Jen That the September 12, 2023 minutes be accepted as presented with Dave's name changed to correct spelling
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - 4.1 Subcommittee update (school council operating procedures) – Dave Franz
 - Melissa and Dave will start work on updating and reviewing the policies and bylaws
5. School Trustee's Report – Kristina Larkin
 - a. Communication between boards and school
 - i. Early learning a priority for funding and supports
 - b. Weighted moving average over 3 years used for funding
 - i. Numbers hard and weird right now
 1. Lethbridge being a growing city sees funding challenges
 2. Equitable education is a priority
 - c. Kristina is available for concerns and communication from parents
 - d. Trustees are here to help understand when there is something to be communicated and how to communicate that
6. School Liaison Report – Christine Lee
 - Absent, No report sent
7. Division School Council Report – Jen Neufeld
 - Dave was at the meeting and will report

- Digital wellness info night coming up for parents
- Nutrition Grants available
 - Galbraith received 20 000\$ in nutrition grants this school year
- Division reviewing their policies and wording
- Dave will be a calendar rep this year for the division
- Some review and research into adjusting kindergarten options and what that could look like
- Alberta School Council Association Membership
 - School Councils are currently automatically a part of this association and dues are paid by the school division. Looking into it being an op in system but the division would still pay dues.
- Westside boundaries being redrawn

Staff Members' Reports:

- a. Staff Report- Christine Henke
 - Lists from teachers for wishlists
 - Lots of time spent working through recess supervision and safety improvements
 - Parent volunteers perhaps during recess supervision
 - Family Fun Night October 16th: Dodgeball
 - October 25 PD day
 - Assessments done and Data gathered. How to use this data to meet individual students needs
 - EAs learning about CIBA training
 - Parent teacher interviews Oct 26 and 27. Please sign up for an interview.

- b. Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel
 - i. Adopt a school with Chapters begins today until October 31
 1. Blind date with a book
 2. Open donations
 3. Online link available and sent to parents today
 - ii. Ms. Freel is doing an online read aloud to the whole school once a week during quiet reading time and loving it

- c. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup
 - Busy month
 - Time spent thinking about Cultures of Thinking
 - Halloween coming up. Halloween parade happening
 - Approved for an additional grade 2 teacher (.5 time) to help with literacy and numeracy approved. A third class will be started for half days starting ASAP

8. New Business

9.1 Gmail account – Jen

- Create a generic Gmail account for ASCA website
- Jen moves “that the parent council secretary make a gmail account on behalf on parent council.”
Dave seconds
 - All in favor, 0 Opposed

- Melissa will have that done before the next meeting

9.2 SOGI and parent concerns

- Parents have concerns regarding SOGI policy and how that is being implemented in the classroom
 - SOGI says that all children are welcome
 - Resources in the school are up to a schools discretion as long as they meet the division resource policy
 - Parents have rights and responsibilities
 - Staff commented on how there is no change to how Galbraith is operating day to day, assured that all students are welcome and parents are being openly communicated with.

9. Other Items

- Family holidays and recognizing Mother's Day and Father's Day
 - The school staff are discussing how to navigate this
- Playground update question raised
 - Galbraith is due for an update within the next 5 years. A playground is part of that. We can choose to fundraise on top of funds given by government

10. School Council Adjournment Jen adjourns at 8:54 pm

Next meeting: Nov. 14 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

General Meeting

Oct. 10, 2023

Chairperson: Jen Neufeld

Vice Chairperson: Dave Franz

Location: Art Room and Teams

Present: Melissa Bootsman, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Christine Henke, Mandi Bulechowsky, Jen Neufeld, Shannon Langendoen, Alyssa Kusalik, Dave Franz, Chelsea Tabish (online), Tessa Atwood

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jen, seconded by Alyssa that the Agenda be adopted

2. Minutes of Sept. 12, 2023 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting

Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Melissa, that the minutes from the September 12, 2023 minutes be accepted as presented

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hot Lunch – Jen N.

- New email needed for Hot Lunch
- Jen Moves that the secretary of Parent Advisory Council Society make a generic gmail account to be used for hot lunch programs, seconded by Dave
 - All in favor, 0 opposed
 - Melissa will have this done by the next meeting
- Shannon and Alyssa will be a part of hot lunch committee

3.2 Signers at the bank update – Jen N.

- Minutes have been signed
- Jen will contact Cheryl who will help us move over signage

3.3 AGLC committee update – Mandi B.

- Marlaina has sent forms and info
- Committee will have more to report at November's meeting
- Wrap up tournament for Volleyball will be at Galbraith
 - November 24
 - Raffle?

Jen moves to have a 50/50 raffle at the volleyball tournament, Mandi seconds
All in favor, 0 opposed

4. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky

- Mandi has not received numbers and info from Cheryl yet
- Has nothing to report
- Will have numbers for next meeting
- The school has been reimbursed for the gym nets from the Casino account

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5. New Business :

5.1 Spending of Casino funds

- Wish lists from teachers have been given to the Council

Melissa Moves that a subcommittee be formed to determine how to allocate the casino funds, Alyssa seconds

All in Favor, 0 Opposed

Members of committee: Melissa, Alyssa, Tessa, Christine Henke (Staff advisor)

- Committee will review lists and bring our firm recommendations to the November meeting for council to approve so funds can be used

6. Other items:

6.1 Fundraising Idea: Gingerbread houses (Shannon Langendoen)

- Shannon will get some more info
 - Ensure that there is food safety and licenced

7. School Council Society Adjournment : Jen adjourns at 8: 19

Next meeting: Nov. 14, 2023 @ 6:30 PM