

Galbraith School Council Agenda

March 12, 2024

6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Jen Neufeld

Vice Chair of School Council: Dave Franz

Location: Art Room

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: Mandi Bulechowsky, David Franz, Jen Neufeld, Kristina Larkin, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Jamie Neufeld (virtual)

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Jen calling the meeting to order 6:35. Introductions quickly done

2. Adoption of Agenda and new business

Jen moves and Manidi seconds that the agenda be passed

2.1 Town Hall – follow up. Quick overview of format. Positive comments about grade 5 kids being able to attend. Kristina a lot of good feedback, especially with breakout by elementary vs middle vs high

3. Approval of the Minutes from Jan 9, 2024 School Council meeting

Mandi moved to approve, Jen seconds

4. Business arising from the minutes

4.1 School council Operating Procedures – update Dave Franz

No big update just need to update website with newer stamped version as per previous meeting

4.2 Parent Engagement Grant

Nicole:, Key Connections can give a talk, using a previous topic. Lots of possible topics. Nicole has a lot of good experiences with this firm, strong skillset. Also contracted by Division psychologist. Weeknight sounds like best bet. Tuesday night sounds like best bet.

Dave moves that the executive be empowered to approve and book parent engagement session with key connection with a total cost of upto \$499.99. Mandy seconds, All in favour, zero opposed, motion passes

3. School Trustee's Report – Kristina Larkin

Townhall happened, great to hear specifics by level and school. Summary will be posted, already reviewed during board strategic meeting. Assurance results review and plan for next year. New policy feedback loop. Brief review of existing Policy Committee, but new loop includes a feedback website. Two up, school choice policy and calendar policy. Hired a policy consultant to help with division. Cleaning up policy vs procedure to help winnow down to what is policy which is board vs procedure which is school issue. Discussion: Dave brought up the need to get playgrounds repaired as neither division nor city repairs. Division doesn't get funding for that. With update coming good timing for Society to think about fundraising to maximize potential combining with upgrade. Also being cognizant of modernization for near term spending

1k bussing rule coming in. More information coming out soon. Try not do disincentive active transport. Currently stops and pickup are adjusted depending on utilization

4. School Liaison Report – Christine Lee

Galbraith got step 3/4 for funding: design. Design being a question of division vs province, in our division historically done by division. Historically get better results moving along with doing with division. That will be the next decision in this step.

5. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

Dave quickly reviewed January meeting

6. Staff Members' Reports:

6.3. Staff Report- Christine Henke, absent

6.4. Vice Principal 's Report – Nicole Court

-Went with a few others to see play and learn in Medicine Hat. Saw a lot of good things, not much support for kids with higher needs. Really hope that it could happen, but space a big concern. Play and learn is childcare to other part of the day. Would be a cost to parents in such a scenario. Long discussion about childcare and work balance. And drop in children attending pre-k

-New teacher induction, two new ones coming

-March madness underway for reading competition

-Roundtable games for March family event.

-May 29 is healthy lifestyle evening. Mycitycare trailer already booked. Potentially some community organizations also attending

6.5. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

Report cards, celebration of learning. PD lots of good learning about first nations. Good session with trying to learn with a different language, about 20% of school population EASL. Importance of multimodal teach to help aid with instruction. Digital wellness resources available, looking at what to focus on based on student experiences. April Newsletter coming up.

7. New Business

7.1 ASCA Conference and AGM in April - Jen

Some funding would come from parent engagement grant. Lots of cool sessions, school board has a contribution to support going - pot of money will be divided up. Perhaps something for next year.

8. School Council Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Next meeting: May 14 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

General Meeting

March 12, 2024

Chairperson: Jen Neufeld

Vice Chairperson: David Franz

Location: Art Room

Meeting called to order 7:40

1. Adoption of Agenda-

Mandi moves to adopt agenda, Daves seconds. All in favour

2. Minutes of Jan 9, 2024 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting

Jen moves, Mani seconds. Three items added

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1. Hot Lunches- Healthy Hot Lunch – Jen. Opa great, 117 meals, ~\$80 funds raised. Next one will be in May. McDonalds an option, no fries, smoothies possible. No June meal planned due to busy time. Some parents have asked for more meals.

3.2. Fundraiser update. Little Caesars, slow start, sold 166kits, \$866 made after shipping. Will have a call for parent volunteers to sort and distribute. Product sufficiently frozen to handle time till parent pickup.

4. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky

Bank balance: \$599.49 in casino account. Other fund \$827.81 (before little Caesars).

5. New Business

5.1 Grade 5 Farewell – Jen

5.2 Gift Cards – Sandy \$260 award recipient Water Bottles for each graduate \$500. Parent to present awards. Day before last day to avoid conflict with Wilson and Churchill grad, June 25.

Dave moves that \$599 from Casino account for bottles and \$260 from Regular fund for gift card for grade 5 farewell be authorized. All in favor.

5.3 Presentation of Awards – Sandy Need three parents up there.

5.4 Spring concert - May 11, school wide at south minister church 1:00-4:30. \$1000 total cost for rental. Need large space to hold all people. Dave moves that \$500 be given to help with the rental. Mandy seconds. All in favor

5.5 Spring concert 50/50 - Mandy moves to have a 50/50, Jen seconds. All in favour

5.6 Fundraising and spending - Jen has large supply of fundraising ideas. Need to map out costs and putting money aside for modernization.

5.6 Parent engagement sessions snacks. Jen moves that unto \$300 be spend for pizza for the parent engagement session. Dave Seconds motion, all in favor zero opposed

6. School Council Society Adjournment 8:21 adjournment

Next meeting: May 14 @ 6:30 PM