

Galbraith School Council Agenda

January 9, 2024

6:30 pm

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, Jen Neufeld, Mandi Bulechowsky, Mikayla Brown, Shannon Langendoen, Christine Henke, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Christophe Nzaramyimana, Alyssa Kusalik, Rupa (Online)

1.Call to Order and Introductions : Meeting called to Order by Jen at 6:31 pm
Jen asked us to go around and introduce ourselves and our kids ages

2.Adoption of Agenda and new business
Moved by Jen, Seconded by Mandi *that the agenda be adopted as presented*
All In Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes

3.Approval of the Minutes from November 14, 2023 School Council meeting
Moved by Shannon, Seconded by Mikayla *that the minutes from the November 2023 meeting be accepted as presented*
All In Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes

4.Business arising from the minutes
4.1 School council Operating Procedures – update Dave Franz (Dave Absent, Melissa gave a brief summary of committee meeting conversations)

- Found that we do have an updated stamped version of bylaws. Working to get website updated
- need to find out actual requirements for Casino money
- currently lists school admin are part of the executive committee for the society
- updated Quorum values acceptable (7 people)

5.School Trustee's Report – Kristina Larkin

- Absent, no report sent

6.School Liaison Report – Christine Lee

- Absent, no report sent

7.Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

- Absent

8.Staff Members' Reports:
8.1 Staff Report- Christine Henke
-Wishlist items very appreciated

- Good start up after Winter Break

8.2 Vice Principal 's Report – Nicole Freel

- December very busy with winter feast, music night, etc...
 - o Thank you to LA chefs! And lots of volunteer help from parents
- Lots of learning in January
- Crazy hair day January 23 with Crazy Bread for every student
- Assembly Jan 18th with Grade one presentation
- March Madness is happening
- Love of reading Grant from INDIGO!
 - o Katie McLean and Nicole Freel are working on a video for the grant application and using kids answers as to why they feel the school needs more books.
 - o Dual Language books a big desire

8.3 Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

- o Alberta Education Assurance Survey being sent out the week of January 22. The survey is for parents of grade 4, 7 and 10 students. Students in these grades also participate in a similar survey.
 - The survey runs from January 22- March 1
 - If you are a grade 4 parent watch for your survey code in the mail
 - Please participate!
- o Town Hall February 6
 - o Division level meeting, round table meetings, all schools invited,
 - o Questions below on questions asked
 - o Need 4 parent representatives and one community member
- Parent raised concern regarding Wilson and Galbraith bell times and Wilson kids causing problems for Galbraith kids

9. New Business

9.1 Town Hall Questions

Lethbridge School Division will host it's annual Town Hall event on February 6, 2024. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback in the following areas.

School Levels

Elementary

- What are the successes of the Elementary school experience in Lethbridge School Division?
- Where can we improve the Elementary school experience in Lethbridge School Division?

Middle School

- What are the successes of the Middle School experience in Lethbridge School Division?
- Where can we improve the Middle School experience in Lethbridge School Division?

High School

- What are the successes of the High School experience in Lethbridge School Division?
- Where can we improve the High School experience in Lethbridge School Division?

Specific Topics

Learning and the Future of Education

- What should the future of learning and education look like?

Kindergarten and Early Learning

- What can the school division do to make early learning programs and kindergarten more accessible to parents?

Technology

- What are the positive aspects of using technology in schools?
- What are the negative aspects of using technology in schools?
- What suggestions do you have related to technology in schools?

Governance

- What feedback do you have for the Board of Trustees about how they govern the Division?

We are looking for 4 parent representatives and 1 community representative to attend.

5.1 Parent Engagement Grant

- hard to find speakers that fit in our budget
- is there a way to roll over the grant to next year? Or Calendar year?
- Financial Literacy/ management?

- Tabled to next meeting...

9 School Council Adjournment Meeting adjourned by Jen 6:57

Next meeting: March 12 @ 6:30 PM

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

General Meeting

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Vice Chairperson: Dave Franz

Location: Art Room and Teams

Present: Melissa Bootsman, Jen Neufeld, Mandi Bulechowsky, Mikayla Brown, Shannon Langendoen, Christine Henke, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Christophe Nzaramyimana, Alyssa Kusalik, Rupa (Online)

Meeting Called to Order by Jen at 6:58

1. Adoption of Agenda and new business

- Please add 3.3- Casino Fund spending updated
- Moved by Jen , seconded by Alyssa *that the agenda be accepted as presented*
All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

2. Approval of November Minutes Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting

Moved by Shannon, seconded by Alyssa *that the minutes from the November 2023 meeting be accepted as presented*
All In favor, 0 opposed, Motion Passes

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hot Lunch – Jen

- Hot Lunch this month!
- Leadership club suggests KFC, Taco Bell, Subway, Pizza Burgers, Opa
- Businesses need to be a part of Healthy Hunger for us to be able to use them for Hot Lunch

3.2 Fundraising ideas

- Little Cesars Pizza Kits
- Jen moves *that we do the Little Cesar's pizza kit fundraiser in February or March 2024*, Mandi seconds
 - Jen will lead this fundraiser
- All in Favor, 0 opposed, Motion passes

3.3 Teacher Wish List Committee- Melissa Bootsman

- We purchased items for each class based on the teacher wishlists that we were given. We bought each class 5 pairs of headphones
- We purchased materials for the learning commons that Teachers can sign out as kits for use in their classroom or the school community can use in maker space.
- Each class was given a copy of the book "The Magical Yet", on recommendation from Ms. Stef
- We purchased a large scale and buckets for the outdoor learning space

4. Treasurer's Report – Mandi B.

- Gingerbread house

- 41 sold, Profit 396.29\$
- Common Shared Account 1.26\$
- Chequing Account- 741.93
- Casino/AGLC Account 3758.37
 - Casino money is spent but waiting for invoices from the school. 50/50 Money still in the account
 - School will submit receipts as soon as possible

5. New Business

6.School Council Society Adjournment meeting adjourned by Jen at 7:37 pm

Next meeting: March 12 @ 6:30 PM