

Galbraith School Council Minutes

November 5, 2024, 6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Dave Franz

Vice Chair of School Council:

Location: Art Room and Teams

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pay respect to the Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. We offer respect to the Metis and all who have lived on this land and made Lethbridge their home.

Present: Andrea Andreachuck, Miranda Lait, Tracy Van Son, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Mandi Bulechowski, David Franz, Melissa Bootsman, Mikala Brown

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Called to order at 6:33 by Dave, We went around and introduced ourselves and our connections to the school.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Tracy, *that the agenda be adopted*
All In favor, 0 Opposed, Motion Passes
3. Approval of the Minutes from October 8, 2024 School Council meeting
Any concerns, errors, omissions noticed? None mentioned
Minutes are approved, no vote necessary
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. School Trustee's Report – Andrea Andreachuk
 - Shared Christine Laing report
 - West Lethbridge boundaries decided
 - o Keep Coalbanks together, Spanish Program going to new school
 - o Capacity of 600 at new school, up to 900 with portables
 - Accelerator program
 - o Galbraith accelerated, top priority
 - Tech won Pillar award
 - AI committee has lots of interest
 - Morag asquirth report
 - o Testing
 - o Galbraith has gathered information
 - o Lethbridge business awards- Truth & Reconciliation award given to division
 - Rates of graduation increasing
 - Indigenous bingo night
 - o New report cards
 - o Amazing race for staff activity
 - Robbie Charlebois
 - o If a student changes schools after September 30th, the funds allocated to that student do not move with them to the other school. This is a concern.

- Kindergarten numbers dropping, looking into why
- Galbraith has good kindergarten numbers
 - Boys and Girls club resource a strong possible factor
- Lots of great donations
- Agnes Davidson
 - Meet the parent night before school started
 - Made every one comfortable on first day of school
- Victoria Park
 - Drivers program
- Chinook
 - Autumn band concert
- November 13- parent night digital wellness at GS Lakie
- Public presentation on inclusive education
 - Community advisory panel
- City would like to not have a joint committee, Division would like to keep committee
 - West lethbridge growing and will continue to
 - West Lethbridge study, majority of new schools will be in West Lethbridge
- Voluntary retirement
 - Can retire in Dec, keep job until June
- Buffalo treaty signing
- Spent time in Galbraith
 - Pumpkins in kindergarten
 - Halloween at Galbraith
- Dec 9, 1924- Bawden and McLenahan- first women to be nominated to School Board
- Another campaign to Government for full day, everyday kindergarten. Final push

6. School Liaison Report – Morag Asquith

- a. Absent, no report sent

7. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

7.1 Division School Council report

- Calander development in parent learning session
 - Bussing, double runs, bell times a huge parent concern
- Why are bell times such a concern and what are solutions?
 - Galbraith admin have been advocating to the division regarding our bell times
- Space needed for westside High school
 - accelerator program
- Galbraith #1, LCI #2 (was #5), for modernization
 - LCI needs accessibility improvements
- ASCE money is in
- Policy committee reports given
- Society insurance
- town hall discussed

7.2 Review of upcoming policies

- No policies to discuss at this time

8. Staff Members' Reports:

a. Staff Report- Christine Henke

- o Absent

b. Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel

- i. Remembrance day assembly Friday at 10 45, grade 4s and 5s performing, families are welcome to attend
- ii. Report cards in a few weeks (November 22)
- iii. Jersey day in November (November 20)
- iv. Leadership club working on a bulletin board project to show Galbraith Values

c. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

i. Annual Education Results Report

- 1. Document will be on school website by November 30th, Draft shared tonight
- 2. Citizenship and safe and respectful school were areas of concern
 - a. CRM (Collaborative response model)
 - i. Eg: Grade level teams
- 3. Citizenship
 - a. Teacher Concerns
 - i. Feel more support this fall then from when survey was filled out
 - b. Kelso's choices
 - c. Prioritize communication with staff
 - d. Communication of common expectations at recess
- 4. Safe and Caring School
 - a. Area of concern, closely connected to Citizenship
 - b. Staff round tables
 - c. Behaviour Specialist in the building
 - d. Assemblies
- 5. Access to Appropriate supports
 - a. Low across the province

ii. Student round tables

- 1. Kids have good ideas about the playground
 - a. Replacing broken pieces

iii. New EA Katie Moss

iv. Yearbook: not possible to do this year due to fees

- 1. Big project, need committee
- 2. FOIP concerns
- 3. Certain grades/groups have a lot of FOIP concerns

9. Modernization Update

a. We have a drilling plan and soil test

- i. Nov 15
- ii. Drilling and soil samples
 - 1. East side first

2. Fencing going up
3. Big digs happening
4. Samples will be shown to the students

10. Engagement Grant

- a. Speaker last year
- b. Brianne Flaherty Counselling
- c. Managing Conflict,
- d. Melissa will look into
- e. Childcare and Food?
 - i. Register ahead of time
- f. Night in March

11. Review of School Council Fund

Mandi will present numbers every month
Account balance every month

12. New Business

12.1 Open Position 2024-25

Vice Chair of School Council – In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the chair, to fulfill the chair's responsibilities, and in the absence of the chair, supervise the affairs and preside at meetings of the school council.

13. Other Items

14. School Council Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:05

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 @ 6:30

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes

General Meeting

November 5, 2024

Chairperson: Dave Franz

Vice Chairperson:

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Call to order: Called to Order at 8:06
2. Adoption of Agenda:
 - Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Mikala that the agenda be adopted
 - All in favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes
 - Dave communicated to the Society that Alyssa Kusalik has resigned. She will still run Hot Lunch and be as involved as possible
3. Approval of minutes of October 8, 2024 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting
 - Any concerns/ omissions noticed?
 - None mentioned, Minutes are adopted, no vote necessary
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - 4.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hunger- Melissa Bootsman
 - i Hot Lunch in October (Papa Johns) was successful.
 - ii Bit disorganized in distribution but learning
 - iii Thinking we will aim to have Hot Lunch fall on the last Thursday of the month when it works with school calendar/events
 - iv November 28th- Opa
 - 4.2 Signers at the bank update
 - Mandi will contact the bank to remove Jen
 - 4.3 Yearbook
 - On Hiatus this year
 - 4.4 Insurance Update- David Franz
 - o We are middle of the pack organization wise...
 - o Everyone is using the same insurance
 - \$569/year
 - o Can we use AGLC money to pay insurance?
 - o What is the term of the insurance? 365 days?
 - o More discussion at January's meeting
5. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky
 - 5.1 Bank Account Updates

- i AGLC \$235.43
- ii Regular \$1024.62
- iii Common shares: \$1.46

5.2 Presentation of financials

6. AGLC Committee Report- Mandi Bulechowsky

6.1 Casino Update

- i Application is due end of month
- ii Sherry will look over application this week
- iii Have enough volunteers for application, need more for actual event
- iv

7. Fundraising Committee

7.1 Playground fundraising

- i Waiting on modernization stuff

7.2 General Fundraising- Melissa Bootsman

- i Looked at the Team Fund website but only had big meat options (lots of pork and expensive)
- ii Little Cesars has limited dates due to delivery schedule, could do in the late spring...
- iii Have been in communication with Pie Store re: a Pi day fundraiser
 - 1 20% of profits
 - 2 Willing to work with us in the spring
 - 3 Cheque/etransfer, 2-4 weeks processing time, depending on size of order
 - 4 How did orders work last time? School cash online? Paper orders?
 - o Orders through school cash online
 - o Division will help us with order forms and format
 - o Parents pick up directly from the Pie Store

Moved by Melissa, seconded by Mikala, that we pursue a Pie Store Fundraiser for February or March of 2025

All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

iv Other ideas?

- 1 Papa John's night December?

Moved by Melissa, Seconded by Mandi "That we pursue a Papa John's night when available in the 2024-2025 school year"

All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

8. New Business

9. Other items

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Dave at 8:31 pm

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

