# **Gateway Christian School Council News**

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#### What does a School Council do?

School Councils were created to help parents have a voice in the education of their children. School Councils are legally mandated bodies and help foster communication between parents, staff, the Board, Trustees, and the community. If you've ever wondered how to be more involved in your child's education, this is the place!

## **School Council's New Executive!**

CHAIR: Stephanie VanderLeek



My husband, Matt, and I have 4 sons who are currently in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 here at Gateway. I work as the Bookings Coordinator and Caretaker for the Bower Community Hall, and volunteer as the Worship Coordinator at City Chapel. I enjoy snowshoeing and hiking with my family, cooking, learning new things, and trying to homestead in the city.

#### VICE CHAIR: Susie Heinrichs



My husband and I have two children - a 5-year-old and an 18-month-old. My 5-year-old attends Kindergarten here at Gateway and my 18-month-old is busy mastering stairs and teething up a storm! I'm a teacher, currently working as an Early Childhood Educator at Nurturing Minds Daycare, while also setting up my own preschool/daycare. In my very-limited spare time, I enjoy writing children's books and creating teacher resources.

#### SECRETARY: Andrea Korevaar



My husband and I have 3 children. Our oldest son is in Grade 3, our daughter is in Grade 1, and our youngest is 3 years old, but wishes he was 5 so he could be going to school as well. I am a teacher, currently working as a substitute in the district. I am passionate about quality education that is engaging for all students in our school and in schools around the world. I enjoy being active, photography, and traveling when life allows. I look forward to being a part of the GCS Council.

#### TEACHER REP: Miranda Moltzahn



My name is Mrs. Moltzahn. I am so happy to announce that this is my third year representing teachers on our School Council. This will be my 6th year of teaching and my third year at Gateway Christian School. All of my teaching years have been in Grade one, I also taught a 1/2 class in my first year. It is such an exciting grade as I get to watch kids explore the world of reading and writing and how it all works. I live in Red Deer with my husband, Justin. He is a middle school teacher at Eastview. We bought a

puppy this Summer and her name is Roo. I enjoy reading, golfing, shopping, tea, hockey, baseball and visiting with friends and family. I look forward to a fantastic year on the School Council.

#### PRINCIPAL: Geannette Lehman



I have been a member of Gateway's staff for over 20 years, starting way back when we were still a private school! I am married and have 4 adult children who all attended Gateway Christian School, with our youngest 2 having graduated from the Gurber (Gateway/Thurber) High School Program. Our 2 oldest sons are married and we have 1 granddaughter! I am so privileged to be the current Principal at Gateway Christian School and to work with such an amazing admin team, staff, and students! I love it here! In my freetime I enjoy cheering for my kids as they coach or play sports, camping, hiking, biking, reading and spending time with family and friends!

## Did you know that every parent of a student at Gateway is automatically a member of the School Council with voting privileges?

Please remember that at School Council EVERY person attending has an important voice in building a strong school community. It takes the whole team!

#### DO YOU HAVE

## QUESTIONS or

### **TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS?**

If so, please email the council at gcs-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd in the Den. Please join us as we discuss initiatives and events for the coming year!