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Gateway Christian School School Council AGM Minutes

Virtual Meeting held via ZOOM

September 22, 2020

The School Council is an advisory council to the School Principal and the elected Board of Trustees with respect to matters pertaining to the School.

As we gather tonight, let us remember that we live, play, work and worship on Treaty Six territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven territory to the South of the Red Deer River. We acknowledge and give thanks to the many First Nations, Metis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

ATTENDANCE: Kim White, Natalie Ford, Geannette Lehman, Jen Hein, Stefani Froese, Jodie Waddy, Justayne Wilkening, Elani Kruger, Karen Wiebe, Andrea Korevaar, Wendy Fath, Sherisse Corcoran, Alyson McColl, Monica Evans, Angela Kidd, Minette Van Zyl

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson, Kim White, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Kim introduced herself and welcomed those in attendance. Special welcome to the new principal.

2. Prayer: Kim

3. Land Acknowledgment: As above, read by Kim.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from September 24, 2019 AGM:

MOTION: Moved by Elani to accept the agenda, as presented.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Moved by Elani to accept the Minutes of the September 24, 2019 AGM, as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Policy amendments: Kim introduced and read through the changes to the Operating Procedures.

MOTION: Elani moved to accept the Operating Procedures for School Council, as amended.

2nd. Angela K, Andrea K

CARRIED.

6. Reports:

a. Executive: Annual Report

Kim read the annual report from last year.

b. Financial: Annual Report Financial Statement

Last year's budget was \$5,000. Of that, \$289. was spent last year. Reason - Money not spent for two members usually sent to ASCA AGM which was cancelled and Teacher Appreciation which did not happen due to COVID. Question: Will the funds be carried over? Kim's response: No. Every year the school is given money, and if it is not spent, it is returned to the School District. Geannette mentioned that the budget for this year is not yet finalized.

MOTION: Wendy moved to accept the Chair's report as information.

CARRIED.

7. Election of new executive members:

Kim noted that, according to our Operating Procedures, the Chair's position is a two-year term, and she is beginning her second year so no election for Chair is required.

a) Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair may assist the Chair with duties assigned and, in the absence of the Chair (in the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence), assume the responsibilities of the Chair. May move up to the role of Chair following their term in office.

Kim read the position description. Call for nominations.

Natalie put her name forward. No nominations. Second and third call given. Accepted by acclamation.

c) Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting. Minutes shall be completed and sent to the principal and School Council chair within one week of the meeting. The Secretary shall keep an attendance record of school council meetings.

Kim read the position description. Call for nominations.

Nominated: Elani nominated by Wendy F. Second and third call given. Accepted by acclamation.

d) ASCA Liaison:

The ASCA Liaison shall be responsible for seeking information and professional development from ASCA and maintaining an open line of communication to enhance the capacity of the school council. The ASCA Liaison will represent the School as a member of ASCA's School Council Engagement Task Force.

Kim read the position description. Call for nominations. Wendy put her name forward. No nominations. Second and third call given. Accepted by acclamation.

8. Parent Questions:

a) Is the school expecting more cuts/how will the budget change from last year?

Geannette responded that the funding format designed by the District occurred before COVID's impact. We have lost students to moves, home schooling, etc. Meetings regarding budgets are upcoming. The District has been very supportive regarding maintaining teaching staff and not combining classes. She is very grateful to the District for that. Because 'At Home Learners' may return, it is essential to have teachers in place. 'At Home Learners' are still considered part of the District and Gateway School -- their spot is protected; however, 'Home-Schooling Students' are not.

The biggest concern will be how the Moving Weighted Average--the new funding format-- will impact the School's budget in the years to come.

Student numbers: Currently, over 100 students less than last year (including our at-home

learners)

- b) **Were positions made available for students on Waiting List to replace those lost?**
Geannette responded that the school has worked through the Waiting List and contacted those families.
- c) **What are the major challenges/blessings as the school year begins?**
Challenges: Protocols, such as taking time for sanitizing, etc. Finding new ways to manage when programs/aspects of the school have been lost right now.
Blessings: Grateful to be back in the school. Spirit of gratitude is present in the school. Focus is moving past just COVID and going forward as an educational/spiritual community. Geannette commented how grateful and proud she is of how everyone is managing.
- d) **If we want to speak to a teacher, how can we go about that?** Geannette mentioned to contact the teacher and that can be arranged.

9. Adjournment of AGM: Kim thanked everyone for attending tonight and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming 2020/2021 School Council Meetings Schedule

- Oct 20, 2020 - Results report.
- Nov 23, 2021 - Tricks to help your kids
- Jan 19, 2021
- Feb 16, 2021
- March 23, 2021 - voting on ASCA resolutions
- April 21, 2021
- May 18, 2021 - budget and Ed/Plan
- June 2021 - planning ahead

City Wide School Council Meetings 7pm

- October 13, 2020 Vista Grande
- November 12, 2020 Lindsay Thurber High School
- January 21, 2021 Alternative School Centre
- March 10, 2021 Annie L Gaetz
- May 12, 2021 Aspen Heights

School Board Meetings (Central Office 1pm)

- - October 14, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December 9, 2020
- January 13, 2021
- February 10, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- June 9, 2021

Alberta School Council Association Conference and AGM

- April 23 - 25, 2021