

# Gateway Christian School School Council Minutes

Virtual Meeting held via ZOOM

November 24, 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:** Kimberly White, Geannette Lehman, Natalie Ford, Elani Kruger, Miranda Moltzahn (Teacher Rep), Jodie Waddy, Hara Pinette, Blaine Colton, Stephanie McKenzie, Karen Hetherington, Wendy Fath

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Kimberly called the meeting to order at 7:34pm and led welcome and introductions.

## **2. Prayer**

Kimberly opened with prayer

## **3. Land Acknowledgment**

Kimberly led with the above land acknowledgment.

## **4. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes: June 9, 2020**

Natalie Ford motioned to adopt the agenda and minutes.

Andrea Korevaar Seconded the motion.

Agenda and minutes from June 9, 2020 adopted unanimously.

## **5. Gateway Christian School Results Report**

Ms. Geannette Lehman presented the results report.

Report attached.

Question from Kimberly White: "Why don't we at GCS have a 100% grad class success rate?"

Geannette Lehman: "Students do not necessarily finish their graduation over more than the span of the three years, but we haven't had a student not finish in the past 5 years."

Question from Andrea Korevaar: Is there intervention for learners grade 2 and under for literacy as well, or only from Grade 3 up?

Geannette Lehman: Yes, there is a focus on helping all students move forward. It's just easier to benchmark from Grade 3. The lag just becomes more prominent as they age.

## **6. Reports:**

### **a. City Wide School Council Meetings**

Meeting was held at Lindsay Thurber. Role of school council discussed. Hand outs are available. Contact Kimberly White via email if you would like to see it.

### **b. RDPSD Public Trustee Meetings**

Election in October 2021 was discussed. Information on the Red Deer School Board website, or email Kim if you need help. Their report was discussed as well. Information on scholarships provided.

## **7. Parent Questions**

Thank you for completing the survey. Unfortunately in person meetings are not possible at this point. Zoom meetings will continue. Meeting time will remain 7:30 to accommodate staff that are at school until late at night.

Chad Erikson was planning on attending the meeting tonight, but was unable to due to COVID-19 meetings. Would like to attend in January if able.

### **- Masking and AHS/RDPSD Covid Protocols**

Masking requirements and policies made by the District. Confusion was caused at first with the MOH's comments about masking not required if socially distanced. Our district chose to continue with masking requirements to keep staff and students safe. Feedback also taken from students and they are given mask breaks that are incorporated throughout the day. Subject is polarizing, but staff prefers that their students are at school and learning in person. Teachers are wearing masks all the time, students masked in the hallways. Mandates from the district will continue to be followed. Only one positive case at GCS at this point. In school transmission has not happened yet.

Natalie Ford created google doc so parents can anonymously ask questions:

- 1) Can students wash hands prior to food consumption vs only using hand sanitizer?  
Answer by Geannette Lehman: Can happen in some classrooms.
- 2) Will students be returning to full time online learning in January?  
Answer: Uncertain at this point. More information will follow.
- 3) How will Grade 7-12 learning look come Nov 30. Will it be the same as in the spring?  
Answer: It will not be the same from a curriculum standpoint. It will be more rigorous. More information to follow as it comes to light.
- 4) Are students asked to social distance at the playground?  
Yes. Playground grouped in zones per grade group. Also encouraged to keep distant.
- 5) Will K-6 be the same as normal, like support and such in place?  
Answer: More information to follow. Supports will remain in place.

- 6) If the learning level will be similar to a day of classes, if more than one student at home, what about those kids who don't each have computer access?

Answer: Options to possibly loan out Chromebooks. Final answers will be provided.

- 7) Do you think subjects will be covered like the spring, some teachers teaching whole subjects? Or will teachers be covering their own classes?

Answer: Uncertain. But a guess would be teachers will continue to teach their own classes. Meeting to discuss this has not happened yet. Teachers are prepared to have all their classes up on google classroom.

## **8. Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.**

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### **Upcoming 2020/2021 Schedule**

#### **School Council Meetings (Zoom Meetings starting at 7:30pm)**

- Jan 26, 2021
- Feb 23, 2021
- March 23, 2021 - ASCA Resolutions
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2021 - Budget and Ed/Plan

#### **City Wide School Council Meetings 7pm**

- January 19, 2021 Alternative School Centre
- March 10, 2021 Annie L Gaetz
- May 12, 2021 Aspen Heights

#### **School Board Meetings (Central Office 1pm)**

- 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