

G.W. Smith School Council
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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.

We acknowledge that we are 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.

ATTENDANCE: Candice Penz, Kelley Lund, Aaron Langstraat, Chelsey Campbell, Alysia Dyjur, Wendy Fath, Rachel Geistlinger, Krista Neidert, Shelley Odishaw, Tanya Olafson, James Wright

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson, Candice, called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm

Celebrations: The Principal's Report was presented by Kelley, as attached.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

MOTION: Shelley moved to approve the Minutes.

2nd Rachel

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: James moved to approve the agenda.

2nd Shelley

CARRIED.

3. Committee Reports:

a) **Treasurer:** James gave the financial report update indicating a balance of \$11,970.84 in the School Council account.

MOTION: Shelley made the motion to rescind the allocation of matching funds for the sound system.

2nd James

CARRIED.

Total funds in the School Council account are adjusted to \$16,970.84.

b) **Hot Lunch:** Shelley and Rachel

There was discussion and feedback about various hot lunches. There were mixed reviews on the Pizza option. Taco Time was a success. Candice suggested it would be nice to have more hot lunch options and less cold food.

James left the meeting at 7:15 pm to attend the Mountview/Sunnybrook Community Association Meeting on behalf of School Council.

Alysia joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

c) **Social Committee:** Tanya, Chelsey, and Rachel presented ideas about a Family Games Night. Discussion followed regarding food and potential prizes. Popcorn and waters will be sold to cover cost. Some simple crafts may be provided for younger children, kindergarten and younger. A request was made for up to \$200.00 to cover cost of supplies. The date for the event is Friday, January 26, 2018. Ideas for spring events will be discussed in January.

MOTION: Tanya moved to allow up to \$200.00 from the School Council budget for supplies for the Family Games Night.

2nd Chelsey

CARRIED.

d) **Large Project update:** Candice reported that a proposal for resurfacing the multi-sport pad was sent to the City of Red Deer, asking that 75% of the costs be covered by the City and 25% by G.W. Smith Elementary School Council. James is also attending the Mountview/Sunnybrook Community Association Annual Meeting this evening to request financial assistance for this project. Quotes to a total of \$18,000 have been received. More information should be available by December 15th. Good work done by the committee.

e) **Citywide Council Meeting:** Shelley was at Hunting Hills for the meeting and provided some highlights. Ideas for City Wide presentations/activities were discussed/requested. An excellent Move Your Mood Presentation on the benefits of exercise was given. This included information about the Family Challenge in which each week families can be involved in a physical activity. G.W. Smith is signed up to be involved. Foundations Step-Up Project (benevolent fund) was also discussed.

f) **Apparel update:** Candice reported that the first online store's closing date of November 15th was made so that the clothing will be here before Christmas. Candice indicated that the number orders for the online store was quite low, so for the next store more publicity would help. It was suggested that letting the students know directly would help spread the word. The next store will be set up to run in January with a date yet to be determined.

g) **Cross Country Ski Rental:** Candice reported that the committee is hoping to have three weekend dates: December 1-4 will be the first weekend, with another weekend in January and in February. Pick-up will be from 3:30-4:00 pm on Friday and drop-off from 8:30 – 9:00 am on Monday. Cost will be \$10 per family and \$5 per individual for ski rental.

h) **Christmas Social Committee:** Shelley reported that most of the planning is in place. More help for Raffle selling and clean up is needed. Chelsey offered to help. A request was made for \$100.00 to cover incidental costs.

MOTION: Shelley moved that \$100.00 be provided from the School Council budget to cover costs.

2nd Krista

CARRIED.

Candice reported that Elisha Campbell has offered to live-stream or videotape the concert.

i) **Benevolent fund:** Shelley had a question about whether we should join with Eastview for Christmas hampers for identified families. It was generally agreed that this would be best. Kelley suggested that it would be helpful to have help with the shopping.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) **Alberta School Council Workshop:** Shelley suggested that if City Wide is planning to hold a couple of workshops, we should wait to see what they are doing and join in.

Members were in agreement with this.

b) **ASCA taskforce engagement feedback on Bill 1:** Alysia reported that no further feedback had been received and the deadline to submit feedback has passed.

5. New Business

a. **Partnerships:** Shelley, Kelley and Candice

Candice reported that we currently have a partnership with Eastview IGA and questioned if we should maintain this, or if any other potential partnership arrangements could be made. Discussion followed. Krista reported that Save-on Foods has been a generous community partner for Inglewood Community. There was also discussion about the current partnership with Eastview IGA needing to be confirmed and clarified. Kelley will follow up on this. It was also suggested that we could put a notice in the newsletter requesting possible sponsors.

b. **Volunteers:** Tanya, Candice

Discussion was held about how to recruit more volunteers and possible roles for volunteers in the school. Tanya reported that it would be helpful to make specific requests for events, as needed. Kelley indicated that this can be done through the newsletters and eblasts. Shelley asked if we could add a link to the website/facebook for volunteer requests that the school community could respond to. Any requests for volunteers can go to Kelley/Aaron to be posted. Candice asked, as an informal poll, if we support the idea of having parent class reps. No consensus was reached. Tanya asked if School Council could have a Remind Account. Kelley added that she would like to discuss this further with the teachers. **Further discussion was tabled until next meeting.**

c. **Social Media Presentation:** Aaron reported that Jo(e) Social Media Inc. is coming to talk to all the Grade Five students Dec 14th about media awareness. He further reported that this presentation was done at his past school and it was very successful.

Candice reported that after they see how the presentation with students goes, there could be a presentation for the parents. Parents from other schools could also be invited. The presenters charge a flat rate of \$450.00 for the parent session.

d. **Snowblower:** Shelley reported that a battery-operated snowblower has been purchased from Princess Auto for \$504.00. Two extra back-up batteries are also required.

MOTION: Shelley moved that School Council provide \$900.00 from its budget to cover the cost of the snowblower and back-up batteries.

2nd. Tanya

CARRIED.

e. Christmas Concert Ticket Sales: Further to the earlier discussion about this event, Shelley asked that we clarify whether or not we will sell tickets. It was decided last year not to sell tickets. Should we sell tickets this year? Discussion followed. Consensus was reached that 100% of raffle ticket sales proceeds will go to pay for the rental of the church and to the music program.

6. Adjournment:

Candice adjourned the meeting at 8:41

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 16, 2018