Minutes – November 24, 2020  
7:00 p.m. Virtual  
\* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order – James Time: 7:02
2. Attendance

Parents: Tanya Olafson, Jonas Neidert, Greg Williamson. Rachel Geistlinger, James Wright, Alicia Brown, Sam Oan, Julia Ibanescu, Jen Anderson, Holly Parlee,

Staff: Jason Moline, Aaron Langstraat

Others: Nicole Buchanan

1. Review of the Agenda - James

**Motion**: Accepted as presented. Moved - James, Seconded by Jen,

**Action**: Approved by consensus

1. Approval of the [Minutes (draft) - October 20, 2020](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1hOpRrCBJ6UqHMzIfdctTZG_p1n3HY4RPH7H-dMrQft4/edit)\*, as presented (OR as amended)
   1. October 20, 2020

**Motion**: Approved as presented. Moved - James, Seconded by Jen

**Action**: Approved by consensus

1. Financial Report\*: Treasurer - Jonas
   1. Financial Transactions / Status to date
      1. [Financial Report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/182E3592pzS-C5PMFDbkDI2GstHzN5RBQ/view?usp=sharing)\*
   2. Financial Allocations Outstanding

**Motion**: Accept the financial report as presented. Moved - James, Seconded - Jonas

**Action**: Approved by consensus.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Hot Lunch Committee – Chair: Ayumi, Chelsea. Tanya reported.
      1. Not as many people ordering.
      2. Orders are up on the Healthy Hunger Website for the rest of the year.
   2. Committees / Volunteers – James
      1. Fundraising Committee - Tanya, Jenn
         1. Deal Deck Cards - cost is $20, 60% is profit to schools. Expires Aug.31, 2021.

**Motion:** Move forward with the Deal Deck Fundraiser. Moved - Tanya, Seconded - Rachel

**Action:** Passed by consensus.

* + - 1. Silent Auction, possibly after Christmas - Valentine Theme?
         1. People would donate products, gift cards, etc.
         2. Could be set-up online. Increments set at $5.
      2. Read-A-Thon - Usually successful, towards the end of the school year.
    1. City Wide School Council Representative - James
       1. Attended virtual meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.
       2. Great representation by G.W. Smith parents.
       3. ASCA put on a workshop titled “Role of School Council” and “Ignite Your School Council”
          1. School Council is “a means for parents [edit: and guardians] and community members to work together with the principal and the school community to support and enhance student learning.”
          2. Resources available from ASCA:

Chair and Secretary roles training online.

Webinar Wednedays - James took course on November 18, 2020 about “The School Council - Trustee Relationship”.

Seminar on creating school council plans.

School Council engagement task force.

* + - * 1. “Ignite Your School Council”

What makes our school unique?

Using surveys to get opinions from a broader group of people.

Personally invite people to attend meetings.

Ask your Trustee to report at meetings.

There are a number of handouts that should be available from this workshop.

* + 1. Policy Committee - Aaron, James
       1. No update
    2. Basketball Hoops Committee - James, Julia, Mark
       1. Canadian Rec ~$7,500
       2. BDI (did the other 2 for us last time) ~$6,500
       3. Committee Members:James, Julia, and Mark.

**Motion**: To spend up to $7,000 (including GST) for the BDI quote for basketball hoops and their installation at the school. Moved - James, Seconded - Julia

**Action:** Passed by consensus.

* + 1. ASCA Survey Committee - James, Alysia, Jonas
       1. No update.

1. Business Arising from the Minutes
   1. No business.
2. New Business - no new business
3. Trustee Report - tabled until next meeting.
4. Principal’s Report – Principal: Jason Moline
   1. Provincial Update:
      1. Principal’s Meeting happening tomorrow morning to go through the update and the impact it will have on schools and what things will look like.
      2. Superintendent Chad Erickson sent out an email this evening asking for patience and school communication will come out Thursday.
      3. Lots of questions, we will do our best to message it out on Thursday and going forwards.
      4. Parent Question: Is there a way to know what the timeframe it will look like in January?
         1. According to the update is that they will review in a few weeks. Currently, G.W. Smith students will be doing At-Home Learning for the first week of January.
         2. We need to follow AHS and Alberta Ed. direction and we appreciate the flexibility of our school community and parents.
         3. Education Minister: Unless things change dramatically there will be no change to the return to in-school learning on January 11.
   2. Covid-19:
      1. Currently no cases at G.W.Smith. Proud of our school community’s commitment to keeping students home when not feeling well and adhering to policies as best they can.
      2. Students are happy and enthusiastic to be at school.
      3. We appreciate your efforts to avoid coming to the school. When we asked you to renew the measures we had in place you’ve responded well.
      4. Getting students outside as much as possible, we have not had to have an ‘indoor’ recess yet.
   3. Christmas Concert
      1. Mrs.Boven has rewritten an old Christmas favorite reading. We will recording students reading and taking pictures of things happening around the school and put it in a video to send out in-lieu of a Christmas Concert.
      2. Teachers have been really focused on curriculum work in place of Christmas ‘practice.’
   4. Newsletter
      1. What is the readership? How many people read it? (Most school council members do!)
         1. Feedback: Great way to introduce parents to the school and the community.
      2. We currently send out a newsletter, update our website, and send out email updates.
      3. We will continue to create and put out a newsletter.

**Motion**: To accept the report as presented by the Principal. Moved: James. Seconded: Julia

**Action**: Passed by consensus.

1. Next Meeting(s) - James
   1. January 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M. virtually
      1. Feel free to contact us via email (gws-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca) or by chat.
2. Adjourn - James Time: 7:47

**Motion**: This school council meeting be adjourned. Moved: James Seconded: Julia

**Action**: Passed by consensus.