

## G.W. Smith School Council Meeting

Agenda – March 16, 2021

7:00 p.m. Virtual

\* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order – James Time: 7:03pm
2. Attendance
  - Parents: James Wright, Tanya Olafson, Jonas Neidert, Alicia Brown, Greg Williamson, Tiffany Plante, Rachel Geistlinger, Jen Anderson, Mark Brown
  - Staff: Jason Moline, Nicole Buchanan, Aaron Langstraat
  - Others:
3. Review of the Agenda - James
  - Motion:** James moved to accept agenda as is. Second Mark Brown
  - Action:** Approved as presented.
4. Approval of the [Minutes \(draft\)-January 12, 2021](#)\*, as presented (OR as amended)
  - a. January 12, 2021
    - Motion:** James moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jonas seconded
    - Action:** approved as presented
5. Financial Report\*: Treasurer - Jonas
  - a. Financial Transactions / Status to date
    - i. [Financial Report](#)\*
  - b. Financial Allocations Outstanding
    - Motion:** Jonas made a motion to accept financial report as presented. James seconded
    - Action:** passed by consensus
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Hot Lunch Committee – Chair: Ayumi, Chelsea, Tanya
    - i. no updates
  - b. Committees / Volunteers – James
    - i. Fundraising Committee - Tanya, Jenn
      1. Jason has been sent info that the Admazing coupon books will be going again next year.
    - ii. City Wide School Council Representative - James
      1. February 23, 2021
        - a. COVID Update in the schools.
        - b. Assurance Framework.
      2. March 9, 2021
        - a. Presentation about Annie L. Gaetz Elementary.
        - b. COVID Update in the schools.
          - i. More students returning to in-class learning in RDPSD at the March re-entry point.
      - c. Public Engagement break-out groups.
        - i. We provided feedback based upon how we interpreted the survey results. The survey was open to students, staff, parents and the public. It asked various questions. Then you were able to log back on and vote on other peoples' comments.
          1. There was a heavy theme from students about needing mental health supports.

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- ii. It was noted that this survey had the highest number of “reported” comments (offensive, etc.) of any survey RDPSD had completed. A large number were from parents.
    - d. Questions to the Board of Trustees about their response to Pride / Diversity Week.
      - i. Information: It was brought to the attention of all in attendance the LGBTQ+ students often do not know their rights in schools. On each school website there is a link under “Students & Parents -> Students -> Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity” to [Policy 19](#).
  - iii. Policy Committee - Aaron, James
    - 1. No update
  - iv. Basketball Hoops Committee - James, Julia, Mark
    - 1. BDI has received the hoops and is starting the Alberta One-Call utilities locating process.
  - v. ASCA Survey Committee - James, Alysia, Jonas
    - 1. No update.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
- a. No business.
8. New Business
- a. Next Year’s Council
    - i. Please think about running for Executive Positions.
  - b. ASCA Conference
    - i. Does our Council want to pay for a representative to attend (virtually).
    - ii. [Annual Conference](#)
    - iii. [Proposed Advocacy Resolutions](#)
9. Trustee Report - tabled until next meeting.
10. Principal’s Report – Principal: Jason Moline
- a. We would like to access \$1000 for Orff and \$200 for outdoor balls, play equipment and a request for a new pump for the gym  
**Motion:** James made a motion for council to spend \$1, 200 for Orff instruments, play equipment a and pump. Tanya seconded.  
**Action:** Passed by consensus
  - b. Thanks for all the work running the fundraising. Music teacher is thrilled to be getting Orff instruments.
  - c. Government survey will be done virtually this year. Intention forms will be sent out soon.
  - d. Reported that we are still Covid Free!
  - e. More students will be returning from online learning at the March entry date.
  - f. New curriculum next year. Planning for it so we will be ready for 2022.
  - g. School supply lists- were they accurate, did people have to buy more? Parents commented they were accurate and they haven’t needed to buy more.
  - h. Jason shared a document asking for feedback. Parents have the chance to add to the document before Thursday.  
School Startup discussion- Council commented staggered entry allows staff to minimize chaos, better for kids with anxiety, handwashing at school is great. More outside time has been great too for the kids.

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Virtual PTI discussion- online is easier with children, comment that it was preferred. Maybe in person for the initial visit then could go virtual. It was also mentioned that having posts from a child's classroom helps parents to see what is going on in the classroom.

11. Next Meeting(s) - James
  - a. April 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M. virtually
    - i. Feel free to contact us via email ([gws-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:gws-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca)) or by chat.
12. Adjourn -7:44 pm