

G.W. Smith School Council Meeting

Agenda – January 12, 2021

7:00 p.m. Virtual

* indicates written report/attachment provided

1. Call to order – James Time: 7:02pm
2. Attendance
 - Parents: Alicia Brown, Samantha Shandal, James Wright, Jonas Neidert, Rachel Geistlinger, Holly Parlee, Jen Alvarez , Kim McGilvray, Ayumi Romans, Jaime Trautman, Greg Williamson
 - Staff: Jason Moline,
 - Others: Trustee Liaison Nicole Buchanan
3. Review of the Agenda - James
 - Motion:** Approved as presented with addition to new business. James moved, seconded by Jonas
 - Action:** Approved by consensus.

 - Motion:** Nicole Buchanan (Trustee) mentioned that we only need one person to move as per the Education Act. She mentioned that it makes meetings go much smoother especially virtually. James made a motion that we only need one person to move a motion.
 - Action:** passed by consensus.
4. Approval of the [Minutes \(draft\) - November 24, 2020*](#), as presented (OR as amended)
 - a. November 24, 2020
 - Motion:** Accept the minutes as presented. Moved by James.
 - Action:** approved by consensus
5. Financial Report*: Treasurer - Jonas
 - a. Financial Transactions / Status to date
 - i. [Financial Report*](#) Total \$5901.83 in our account presently. About \$6500 will be needed for basketball hoops
 - b. Financial Allocations Outstanding
 - Motion:** Accept the financial report as presented. Moved by James
 - Action:** approved by consensus
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot Lunch Committee – Chair: Ayumi, Chelsea. Ayumi reported.
 - i. Going smoothly for the most part. Jason mentioned we are happy that we are able to offer it and students are excited when it comes in.
 - b. Committees / Volunteers – James
 - i. Fundraising Committee - Tanya, Jenn. Jenn reported.
 1. Deal Deck Cards update. \$444 has been raised by Deal Deck Cards as of Sunday. 37 of the 150 have been sold. It is only until the end of January so she asks that we spread the word to get more sold.
 2. Silent Auction, possibly after Christmas - Valentine Theme?
 - a. possibly moving it from Valentines theme to spring due to covid and people not being able to get out and do things that they have won. If moved to spring maybe Mother's day?
 - b. possibly get donations from companies and people can bet in \$5 increments. We are hoping for donations so it doesn't cut into the cost. Maybe home business companies?

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- c. Online platform 32 Auctions might be an option. Unsure if there is a user fee associated with it. Looks like a trusted website.
 - d. Kim McGilvray suggested that given the times of families being at home, maybe try to market things like Disney+ subscription, Costco cards, etc. Something to get people excited about doing this auction. Kim said she would help the committee. Committee is exploring the option of running the auction during the spring break.
 - e. Clear items that you want to auction with the school. The sooner we get a date the better we will be.
 - ii. City Wide School Council Representative - James
 1. No update it got postponed
 - iii. Policy Committee - Aaron, James
 1. No update
 - iv. Basketball Hoops Committee - James, Julia, Mark
 1. No update
 - v. ASCA Survey Committee - James, Alysia, Jonas
 1. No update.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. No business.
8. New Business-
 - a. Feedback about the latest week of on-line school-
 - i. James mentioned that it was well organized. Always a teacher there, parents could spend time with each child. The students always had friends to communicate with and it was very positive. The kids and staff seemed well prepared as they practiced in school.
 - ii. Samantha mentioned that it seemed to run more smoothly and the class was able to be connected throughout the day. She did notice that once her younger child would log off the meet he would find it more challenging to know what to do independently. She mentioned the schedules, handouts, and the calling out on students to participate was fantastic.
 - iii. Jen mentioned it was well organized and a lot of thought went into it. Projects were great being sent home in packages in advance. Suggested for the younger grades just to keep it shorter to keep them engaged.
 - iv. Kim also mentioned that it could be shorter for the younger ones as it is the lag time in between meets.
 - v. Nicole thanked the staff and administration team for all the hard work.
 - vi. Jason mentioned it went well. Google is even better now than in the spring. It is recognized that elementary is hard to make connections virtually but all tried their best and there was positive feedback.
9. Trustee Report - Nicole didn't have anything to report. City wide postponed. Board meeting tomorrow at 1pm virtually.
10. Principal's Report – Principal: Jason Moline
 - a. Welcomed back everyone and happy to see all students again. Amazing attendance the first day back, only a few away. Thanked everyone for last week. Recognizes that adults had to make changes to make it happen and it is appreciated. Restrictions in place until Jan. 21 for the Province.
 - i. Sent out a Christmas celebration video instead of a concert this year.
 - ii. skating and cross country skiing is unable to happen. No parent volunteers, gatherings due to restrictions. Until the restrictions are lifted we will not be doing these activities.

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- iii. Working hard to get students out as much as possible. Gym has been outside, some extra recesses etc. Stressed that parents need to be dressed appropriately.
- iv. Thanks again for online learning support.
- v. PD on Friday with Math and writing.

11. Next Meeting(s) - James

- a. March 16, 2021, 7:00 P.M. virtually
 - i. Feel free to contact us via email (gws-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca) or by chat.

12. Adjourn - James- 7:38pm

Motion: This school council meeting be adjourned. Moved: James

Action: approved by consensus.