

Calgary Girls Charter School
School Council Meeting Agenda
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday, October 6th, 2020
7:00 p.m. onward.

Attendees:

Jillian Newcombe, Elizabeth Iredale, Jas Johal, Dani Sever, Nandini Raj, Kerry Parker Smith, JennyLee Jones, Marlene Vazquez, Joelle Cherwonka, Zoey Graf, Jon Aldon, Darren Scott, Pamela Davidson, Christine Johns, Nikki Shibou, Joelle Cherwonka, Kelly Eskerod, Alanna Nazarko, Leanne Kidd, Janet McPherson, Zoey Graf, Marnie Roesler,, Kristie Cote, Tara Vandertoorn, Laura Brown, Shaida Scott, Marnie Roesler, Kerry Parker Smith, Ender Cheung, Christine Johns

A. Call to Order (7:02 pm called to Order by Jillian)

Welcome and Introduction of Council Members - introduces chairs and vice chairs

B. Approval of Agenda ▪ June 2, 2020 School Council Meeting

- June 2, 2020 AGM

Motion to approve agenda for school council agenda

First: Nikki Shibou

Second: Alanna Nazarko

Motion to approve agenda for AGM

First: Marnie

Second: Alanna

C. Approval of Minutes ▪ June 2, 2020 School Council Meeting

- June 2, 2020 AGM

Motion to approve minutes for AGM

First: Nikki Shibou

Second: Kerri Johannson

Motion to approve school council minutes

First: Nikki Shibou

Second: Alanna Nazarko

D. Reports

1. Superintendent Report – Pamela Davidson

Pamela shares her report. Main discussion points:

- Communication
- Health and safety
- Staffing
- Registration and Programming
- Transportation
- Maintenance and Renewal Projects
- Annual Audit
- Board Committee Work
- Annual Education Results and Three-Year Plan

Pamela offers up time for questions.

2. Principal Report – Dani Sever

Dani introduces Marlene – VP at Lakeview. Jenelee Jones – VP at Bel Aire. And thanks them for their support. Then thanks the students and parents for their support and patience during COVID.

Dani shares the highlights her report. Report will come after the meeting (technical difficulties). The report was sent in Monday's family communication.

- Changes during COVID
- Professional development will focus on how to support learners in a holistic way, exploring a growth mindset in mathematics, developing individual professional growth plans for teachers; have introduced informal leadership positions (learning leaders) to encourage leadership development, wanting to refocus on educational research on all-girls learning

- Student digitization – huge migration of paper files to digital files on each student. Allowing us to have more access to student information and that allows us to be more responsive to individual student needs. Also migrating to a new student information system
- Student highlights – getting girls outside as much as possible. Paul Davis came to speak to the girls and school community on social media safety; artists in residence program – partnership with Chantelle Chegnan; supporting our at-home learners (10% are learning from home) and looking at hiring additional support for at-home learners

Dani offers to answer questions.

3. Teacher Liaison Report - Zoey Graf

- Zoe shares a slideshow for her report.
- Celebration of orange shirt day on September 30 – discussion around the meaning of the day; each student made a sticker that says “every child matters” in their own handwriting
- Grade 4 working on “directions”
- Grade 5 – exploring their personal strengths
- Music at Bel Aire – working on rhythm and music
- Outside French at Bel Aire – using Harry Potter as a theme
- Grade 6 – exploring friendships and self image, different types of government, studying trees and forests
- Grade 7s – exploring ecosystems, scientific vocabulary and observation skills; investigation of Canadian history
- Grade 8 – exploring self image, finding artistic ways to express that;
- Grade 9s – looking at the idea of “identity”; working on personal manifestos; humanities – identity as a Canadian; science- importance of variation and the role it plays in species
- Art at lakeview – goes classroom to classroom
- Music – each grade doing a four week modules – percussions, ukulele, handbells, guitar, bach, beatles and the basics, guitar
- Drama – lakeview – almost entirely outside. Strengthening our relationship with the land around us
- French Grade 6/7 at Lakeview – reviewing and building on basic French vocabulary
- Phys Ed at Lakeview – outside!

4. Financial/Treasurer Report – Jon Eldon

- Shares a screen of last year’s budget.
- Fundraising certainly impacted by COVID. In total, we raised \$3000 less than planned – but this was offset by what we didn’t spend.
- Total reduction in spending due to COVID was around \$3800. So the bank balance

(despite COVID) remains relatively unchanged

- Budget for this year – significant changes – a commitment to add a sausage and flowers fundraiser (target of \$1800), increased healthy girls program, added money to the Alberta school's association so that a council member could go to the annual conference
- ***Excessive balance carried over . . . \$14995 – the target is to end the year with a \$13000 balance.*** Already this year, we have more money than usual (because no BBQ, because of the success of the used uniform sale, the apple fundraiser brought in more than expected). So we have about \$25,000 that could be allocated to a worthy cause.

Motion to approve the purchase of Payment Receiving Devices for use by volunteers at the Used Uniform Sale, conducted on 26th, 27th and 28th August, 2020.

First – Nikki Shibou

Second – Tara V

Motion – to approve the budget for 2020-2021

First – Nikki Shibou

Second – Jas Johal

5. Committee Report – Jillian Newcombe

- Used Uniform Sale – huge success
- Apple Fundraiser – also really successful
- Been working on ways to continue to support the Healthy girls program
- Looks like we will be able to get fresh fruit back into the classroom
- And hoping to support each classroom with more snacks for the Healthy Girls program
- Many of our community building events are cancelled . . . for now
- Unable to have Healthy Hunger (for now)
- Scholastic is back and everything is online this year

E. Open Table / Questions

- No questions

F. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:27

First – Kerry Parker Smith

Second – Nikki Shibou

- Date of next School Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 (may change – we will keep everyone notified)
- Thank you for your attendance.