

Calgary Girls Charter School
School Council Meeting Agenda
ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday, November 24, 2020
7:00 p.m. onward.

Participants: Katy Lowe, Jenelee Jones, Susannah Thomsen, Jillian Newcombe, Dani Sever, Rob Horniachek, Marnie Roesler, Nikki Shibou, Cathy Schultz Poelzer, Alanna Nazarko, Zoey Graf, Hanaa Elhag, Keyla Galvis, Michelle Dirk, Jas Johal, Nandini ____, Allison Sluyters, Allison Sluyters, Leanne Kid, Cassandra Nichol, Kristie Cote, Susannah Thomsen, Zoey Graf, Christine Johns

A: Call to Order

Welcome and Introduction of Council Members
7:01 pm
Nandini welcome everyone

B: Approval of Agenda ▪ November 24, 2020 School Council Meeting

Motion 1 – Cathy Schultz
Motion 2 -
All in favour -

C: Approval of Minutes ▪ October 7 School Council Meeting

Motion 1 – Jillian Newcombe
Motion 2 – Nikki Shibou
All in favour -

D: Reports:

1. Superintendent Report – Pamela Davidson
 - Thanks School council for their efforts and working cooperatively with the board
 - Since our last meeting (Oct 7) – hadn't yet had a positive case – now we do. And we navigated that well.
 - The big picture – extra funding from feds with increased costs
 - Annual education results report, 3 year plan – these are on our website
 - Pam shares a power point with the meeting. Reviews our vision, mission and values

- COVID update provided – 2 cases so far. We are not waiting for AHS to act – we are doing it ourselves – because AHS is so far behind. Putting the safety of the girls as a priority. We have flexibility to respond to changing education venues (in-person, virtual)
 - 3 year education plan and reporting – encourages parents to have a look at this on the website – but takes time to reiterate the goals of our plan and the outcomes that we must comply with from the Province
 - Reviews the accountability pillar results
 - Takes time to thank all of the stakeholders and contributors
2. Principal Report – Dani Sever
- Assisted by Jenelee Jones.
 - Gives a November update – although more updates from tonight have changed given the Premier’s message
 - Trying to plan only a week or two at a time – then lengthening to the month-2 months because things keep changing
 - Challenges have been responding to the different announcements and trying to translate them into something appropriate for our school
 - Staffing has changed/increased – Lisa Heffernan, Maureen Le Riviere, Megan Hardy has had a little baby so Erin McCormick has joined the Bel Aire campus
 - COVID processes are working – thanks parents for their cooperation
 - Still trying to support staff in regular school business (just has student teachers from U of C with the school. Also have students from Mount Royal)
 - Report cards on the way. We will be doing parent-teacher virtually as student-led conferences are not realistic at the moment
 - Professional staff learning – big focus for the staff. Every staff has a personal and professional growth plan. We have a specific math learning cohort. There is also a literacy cohort led by a consultant from BC (missed the name)
 - Over the next few months – will work on building staff capacity to respond to youth’s mental health, suicide intervention and anxiety

- Also leading the “leadership Network Day” for charter schools – focus – creating a community of wellness is the focus (happening next week) – theme – leading through uncertain and challenging times
 - Research update – refocusing on this mandate – generating our own research and partnering with other (Victoria Purcell)
 - Transitioning to a new student information system
 - Student highlights – lacrosse, Remembrance Day, Supporting at-home learners
 - Thanks the parents for their support
 - Question - Cathy asks about accessibility to the research for Victoria Purcell. Looks like the resources will be available outside of the zoom presentation
 - Question -How will at home learning impact planning for high school? Dani responds that this will require some specific attention and intention around the planning – will likely begin in the new year
 - Question – an opportunity for a session for the girls on working on their own anxiety? Victoria Purcell will touch on this.
3. Teacher Liaison Report - Zoey Graf
 - Teachers working hard on report cards so we are getting a virtual tour of the campuses!
 4. Financial/Treasurer Report –Jon Eldon
 - Tabling this – no updates
 5. Committee Report – Jillian Newcombe
 - No too much to report. Want to get the fresh fruit program going again but that will be on hold now until January
 - Scholastic is still happening and plan to promote around Christmas time

**E: U of C Research & Presentation - Anxiety in Adolescent Girls
Victoria Purcell presenting**

Dec. 1st and 8th, 2020

Nadini reminds us of the date – aiming for December 1. Will add the 8th if interest if high enough

F: Coffee talk with Parents and Admin:

Dec.9th, 2020 – Dani advises we want to do one of these every month where there is not a council meeting. These are more informal meetings but will have a loose agenda. The aim is to stay connected and engaged with each other.

G: Open Table / Questions

Jillian talks about **ASCA** – new information – an organization called SOS are spreading mistruths about charter schools. Have gotten some resolutions passed with the ASCA – trying to reduce our funding. They are gaining traction with the GOA, so we are forming a coalition to respond to this organization. Superintendent agrees that this is a major issue and a collation of charter school parents would be beneficial and would mirror the effort of the superintendents

H: Adjournment (8:37 pm)

Date of next School Council Meeting – to be announced

Thank you for your attendance.