

# Calgary Girls Charter School Council Meeting

ZOOM CONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday October 26 6:30 p.m.

## A. Call to Order

- a. Called to order at 6:34 p.m.
- b. Attendance:

Parents: Sheri Bolitho (Chair), Kristell Clarke (Treasurer, Nikki Pieterse, Charlaine Rombough, Jennifer Grinrich, Renee Simons, Sandra McNeal, Kristie Cote.  
Staff: Dani Sever, Susan Harder, Jenelee Jones, Marlene Vasquez,

## B. Approval of the agenda

## C. Approval of School Council Minutes for September 28 2022 meeting

- a. Approved as presented except it should read “we will be purchasing **3** units “ (Period project)

## D. Report from the Chair – Sheri

- a. What’s in the work?
  - i. We are changing the skating party to a Winter snowball event. We are trying to be more inclusive.
  - ii. We will be needing volunteers. Reach out to the council if interested in volunteering.
  - iii. January 25-29 will be literacy week. Planning a Read-a-thon
  - iv. Planning to send a poll to parents to see what topics they would like covered by Parent-presentations
- b. Getting involved
  - i. If you are on not on our sign-up list yet check the weekly school update for information on how to get involved
  - ii. Plenty of opportunity coming up
    1. Snowball
    2. Outdoor classroom
- c. Thank yous!
  1. Fun lunch – Thank you for all volunteers already signed up. It takes a lot of volunteers to run this program.
  2. Feed the teacher – It was a great success. Thank you
  3. Apples – Thank you to Jill/Renee great work.
  4. By law writers. Misty
- d. Getting connected
  - i. Weekly update from the school
  - ii. Facebook – for quick updates
    1. Calgary Girls’ Charter School Parent Page

- 2. Calgary Girls Charter School Used uniform buy/sell page
- iii. We started a Whatsapp group for bus routes
  - 1. Some parents are not on Facebook and we wanted to help parents to connect. It is not only for the trouble routes. Just need to sign up on the google form. Please keep in mind it is not a complaint page. It will be limited to parents who are riding each specific route.

**E. Report from the Superintendent – Dani on behalf of Michelle**

- i. Reminder that we have a meeting about the consolidation of the two campuses.
- ii. It is a virtual meeting but please RSVP
- iii. The school population has been really patient with the bus situation. We are aware of the disruption to the families and the students' schooling.
- iv. Carmen – also a member of the School Board encourage everyone to attend the November meeting. Commend everyone for their patience.
- v. The bus situation has been shared with The minister Lagrange. Everybody is very sensitive to the situation It is not limited to our school, City transit is affected and other charter schools as well.

**F. Report from the Principal – Dani**

- a. Thanks all parents for feeding the teachers. The food went quickly.
- b. Proud of the recognition the school received for their work with Canadian Women For Women in Afghanistan
- c. Alberta Education Results were received. We will share the result in a shareable size document at the November meeting. Very satisfied with the PA results.
- d. Student Services:
  - i. IPPs are ready to be shared
  - ii. Occupation Therapy for Students Gr 4 to 9 have started (social skills, self regulation strategies, executive functioning strategies)
  - iii. Psycho-educational Assessments & government grant for assessment
    - 1. It is not too late to put your name on the list
- e. Grade 9 Transition to High School: we understand that a lot of parents have not been educated in Alberta and we are able to provide the following:
  - i. Handbook is available
  - ii. Parent Information Session - November 2, 2022, 6:30 at LV Gymnasium
- f. Go Girl curriculum review
  - i. We are on year 2 of 3 of the Go girl curriculum update.
  - ii. Drafted program philosophy and rationale, consulted with MRU educator in Gender Studies to initiate consultative relationship, planning staff and parent engagement
- g. Learning for Staff
  - i. Staff continues their learning on Diversity Exx Inclusive work with Toronto Consortium
- h. Extra-curricular activities
  - i. Volleyball is coming to a close - Finals November 3

- ii. Cross Country has concluded after 3 meets
- iii. LV has started its first competitive robotics team - First Competition in November at JCS. We might buy another Robot as there was so much interest.
- iv. Science Fair has started at LV
- v. Clubs starting to be organized at BA and LV - aiming for mid-late November start. We want to have alternatives for outside as the cold settles in.
- vi. Thank yous
  - 1. Great support from the board.
  - 2. The girls are happy about the Period projects.
  - 3. Hungry girl program is very active
  - 4. Daily Physical Activities equipment is on order.

#### **G. Teacher Liaison Report– Susan**

- i. Orange Shirt Day was a success.
- ii. Remembrance Day will be observed on November 9 2022 at 10:45 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. if you want to attend and bring a food item for the veteran food bank.
- iii. Grade 4 were busy learning about light and shadow and book Talk – students were asked to share their love for a book they have already read.
- iv. Grade 5:
- v. Grade6: Got to work on building board games to learn about The Canadian Charter of Right and freedom.
- vi. Grade 7: Students work around Identity (name, background, meaning)
- vii. Grade 8 Work on Character Archetype. Pick different character and understand their world view.
- viii. Grade 9: Students are really interested in women activists.
- ix. Art: Zoey is always looking for donation
- x. Chantal Gagnon is busy sharing a Cree perspective with the students.
- xi. Music: There is a lot going on. Grade 12 students came for a clinic with the grade 7 band members.
  - 1. Grade 8/9 will have their first concert on Nov 16 at the Bella Concert Hall.
  - 2. Grade 4/5 work on xylophones and will have a choral for remembrance day.
- xii. Drama: Not only acting. Students are learning how to use audio material and how to care of it.
- xiii. French: Mrs. Arscott is busy with plenty of activities
- xiv. PE
  - 1. Health and fitness
  - 2. SMART goals
  - 3. Gratitude walks

#### **H. Committee updates:**

- a. Renee reported on the apples. Great fundraiser. Sold about 30 cases more than last year
- b. Used Uniform
  - i. Facebook page is available

- ii. Thinking of doing a winter sale with old logo uniforms for a discounted price
- iii. We will investigate options for giving away of the old uniforms rather than just disposing of them

c. By-laws

- i. The current b-laws are not protecting the council of the executive so it needed to be addressed with new by-laws (actually operational procedures)
- ii. Link will be shared so everyone can review them
- iii. A feedback form will be opened until Nov 10<sup>th</sup> for comments
- iv. We are addressing how to work with online meeting as well

**I. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**