

**Minutes of Calgary Girls Charter School Council Meeting held on
Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Lakeview Campus Learning Commons**

Attendees: Christine J., Zoey G., Michelle D., Alanna N., Kristie C., Tim B., Dani S., Pam D., Jennifer M., Elizabeth W., Lianne K., Jon E., Wunmi A.

Call to Order: Elizabeth W. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Tim B. moved the motion to approve the agenda for the June 11, 2019 meeting, seconded by Christine J.

Motion carried. Agenda approved.

C. Approval of School Council meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

Motion: Lianne K. moved the motion to approve the minutes of the School council meeting held on June 11, 2019, seconded by Jennifer M.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Approval of AGM meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

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Motion carried. Minutes approved.

D. Reports:

1. Co-Chair Report – Elizabeth Werner

- Welcome to Dani Sever (Principal) and Pamela Davidson (Superintendent) who both recently resumed their roles
- School Council Meetings/Committee Planning meetings:
Current format of council meetings started last year; format is four (4) evening council meetings and monthly planning meetings on Tuesday mornings. Same format will be adopted this year
- Parent Education/Speakers:
Council is looking to plan Parent educational talks/discussions around the evening council meetings
- Welcome back BBQ to hold on Thursday, September 19th

2. Superintendent's Report – Pamela Davidson

Being new to this position at the school, the last couple of weeks has been spent meeting members of staff and the school council, asking questions and getting feedback in a bid to

support members of the school community following the recent string of transitions. Looking forward to learning and working with the school council.

Other updates:

- Community Members (numbers):
 - 28.4 (full time) teaching staff
 - 503 student numbers (same as last year's), looking to increasing these numbers to reach the 600 cap
- New website: next steps are geared towards refinement of information
- First Board meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019

3. Principal's Report – Dani Sever

- Staff Development: staff participated in a 2-day professional learning workshop facilitated by Lorraine Beaudry of the Neufeld Institute. Focus was on the importance of relationships to learning and making the Go-girl curriculum an integral part of programming while considering the developmental stages of students in grades 4 to 9. The next professional learning day comes up on Friday, September 20 and staff will be exploring the new Teachers Quality Standard replacing the previous one this month. More information on the new Quality standards can be found on education.alberta.ca
- School courtyard will host its first event on Thursday, September 19
- Student news: there are a series of events planned for next week, which will include:
 - Welcome back assembly involving all students on Monday, September 23 at North Glenmore Park.
 - The school will host the Ruyton choir from Australia after the assembly.
 - Safety week, where students will practice how to be safe in the event of a bus evacuation, fire drill and lock down.
 - Calgary police will be visiting Grade 4s and 5s with the Safety dog
 - Grade 6s and 9s will be off to camp

4. Teacher Liaison Report – Zoey Graf

Grade 4: students explored sensory writing about autumn, spent quality time outside to appreciate using our senses to explore the world around us. In Go Girls, friendship was explored:

- What it means, generally, as well as, from individual perspectives
- What we give to a friendship
- What we need from a friendship
- The difference between being friendly and being a friend
- How to make friends

Grade 5: To kick start curiosity about Eastern Canada, Wacky Weather and Wetlands, the grade 5 students had a video meeting with a pediatric nurse practitioner in North Carolina whose role leading up to hurricane Dorian has been to stay informed about the weather predictions and to respond in order to take care of vulnerable outpatients who rely on electricity

to survive by moving them to safer locations or providing them with power generators. This has also provided rich connections for future study on electricity.

Grade 6: students have begun Go Girls by exploring self-image, created self-portraits that included adjectives that described who we are and what we portray to others. Students are also excited to begin studying the electoral process through the lens of the federal election. Next week, students will be off to Camp Kiwanis for three days, where there will be a huge focus on science. Students will participate in various hands on activities to facilitate the Trees and Forests unit, cooperative tasks and fun outdoor camp challenges. The girls are very excited!

Grade 7: students had the chance to explore the design cycle process by having students explore and understand a habit of mind and create a device that portrayed that habit of mind. They created prototypes of their designs and shared them with the rest of the girls and in a Google doc. The process will be up on one of the bulletin boards for viewing during the BBQ.

Grade 8: students spent the day at North Glenmore Park reconnecting and refocusing. Activities included observations of the ecosystem, creating micro worlds satisfying the needs of a new creature and playing cooperation games.

Grade 9: In Go Girls, students have been reflecting on themselves as learners and community members. Students started the year with a personality test called the Four Directions, where students worked in groups of North, East, South, and West to consider their strengths, areas of growth, and what they appreciate about the different directions.

PE: Students are working on cooperative games and getting into skipping. This is a great opportunity to take part in cardio exercise and work on their performance confidence.

Art: students are starting the year with explorations of colour by looking at marbling traditions, watercolours and acrylics. Students will be working on large and small compositions in October.

Drama: started the year learning about each other and building a sense of community within each of the classrooms. With this being a non-show year, junior high students will get to experience creating theatre from scratch, also known as devised theatre, where they are in charge of all aspects.

Music: Guitar is a new option for grade 9, with 25 eager students. Grade 7s have almost decided what instrument they are playing. Choir starts up on October 3rd.

French: French classes made a "Tout sur moi" (All about me) sketch note.

Options: Legal studies looked at how to respectfully disagree and practiced with some fun questions such as, what's a better pet, dog or cat?

5. Financial Report – Lianne K.

Lianne K. gave a rundown of the 2019/20 school year budget approved at the last AGM as well as the expenses till date.

Budget highlights include:

- Added new budget lines for Go Girls Convention (\$400), Dances (\$600), May Teacher Appreciation Week (\$200)
- Increased budget line for the 'Back to School BBQ' to \$4000 to allow for the increase in number of guests attending the courtyard opening and Fruit program to \$2800
- Merged Speaker series and Parent Ed speakers as Guest Speakers for \$1300,
- Decreased 'Feed the teacher' meals to \$200 and Teacher Appreciation meals to \$1800
- Carry-over of \$10,000 for the 2020-2021 school year start up.

Budget is attached as 'Schedule A'

6. Committee Report – Jennifer M./ Elizabeth W./ Michelle D.

- Used Uniform sales: the first sale for the school year is on November 14
- Fundraising (Apples): currently ongoing, cutoff date for orders is September 27, with delivery on October 10 (same day as the fall dance)
- Fun Lunch/Healthy Hunger: starts this Thursday, September 19
- Fresh Fruit Program: starts on Monday, September 23 and provides fresh fruits for students
- Casino: next casino to hold at the end of the last quarter of 2020, exact date will be confirmed in May 2020
- Scholastic Books: going paperless this year, admin sent out e-fliers
- Dance: fall dance will hold on October 10 in the school gym, students from BelAire and Lakeview are invited, no uniforms allowed
- WYP Speaker series (Liz): the speaker series is a 40-minute lunch and learn, that holds during the winter months when students are unable to go out to play. It was run by the leadership team, but students were responsible for choosing speakers to make it an engaging series. Series will continue this year and speakers can be paid since this was provided for in the budget.

E. Roundtable discussion - Open discussion

The second part of the Screenagers movie which focuses on the impact of screens on anxiety in adolescents will be available from October. Access fee is about USD650 and will allow for screening to children during the day and parents in the evening. There will also be a screening of part 1 of the movie at the Central library in December and the event will have a child psychologist in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

- Next School Council Meeting: **Tuesday, November 26th, 2019**
- Next Planning Meeting (Executive): **Tuesday, October 3rd, 2019**

Summary of Parent Educational talk - Guest Speaker - Pamela Davidson (Superintendent)

The talk highlighted the peculiarity of Education in 2019 due to the current complex, dynamic, diverse and inclusive environment. Also, highlighted were the following salient points:

- We're in very busy times, with children having a lot on their minds
- Challenges further accelerated by technology
- Research shows that 65% of children will work in jobs that do not currently exist, how do we prepare our children for this?
- The importance of social-emotional learning, students need to understand themselves and learn how to manage their emotions
- The importance of intentionally creating community

There were varying activities carried out with parents with the object of determining areas of needed support for parents. Certain important links and resources were also shared including:

- casel.org
- confidentparentsconfidentkids.org

Pam and Dani will also be starting a book club to discuss books that will provide needed parent support, if you are interested, please send either of them an email.

Schedule 'A'

Proposed CGS Budget June 11, 2019

Fundraising	
Previous year	27,035
Healthy Hunger/fun lunch	\$ 8,000
Used Uniform Sales	\$ 5,000
Apples	\$ 1,700
Total Income from Fundraising	\$ 14,700

Spending	
Go Girls Convention	\$ (400.00)
Back to School BBQ	\$ (4,000)
Oct Int'l Day of the Teacher	\$ (200)
Hungry Girl Lunch Supplies	\$ (500)
Lunch Hour Club - Lakeview	\$ (1,000)
Lunch Hour Club - BelAire	\$ (500)
Winter Skate Party	\$ (1,700)
Rhythmic Wishes freezies	\$ (300)
May Teacher Appreciation Week	\$ (200)
Guest Speakers	\$ (1,300)
Feed the Teacher Meals	\$ (200)
Teacher's Appreciation	\$ (1,800)
Bank Fees/Cheques	\$ (150)
New Parent Orientation	\$ (100)
Meeting Supplies/Social/Flowers/\^	\$ (1,000)
Yearbooks	\$ (70)
Fruit	\$ (2,800)
Volunteer Program SignUp Genius	\$ (150)
Alberta School Council Association	\$ (65)
Maker Space + Scholastic	\$ (300)
Sporks	\$ (300)
Recycling Club	\$ (500)
Dances	\$ (600)
COMMITTED SPENDING 2018/19 funds	
<i>courtyard</i>	(14,000.00)
<i>2019-2020 CARRY FORWARD</i>	(10,000.00)
Total Spending	\$ (41,735)
Closing Bank Balance June 2019	\$ -