

CGCS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 - 6:30 - VIRTUAL

Attendance CGCS Administration:

Dani Sever, Superintendent (7:03pm)
Jenelee Jones, Principal
Marlene Vazquez, Vice Principal
Sarrah Johnstone, Vice Principal
Susan Harder, Teacher Representative

Executive Member Attendance:

Sheri Bolitho, Chair
Dallal Taylor, Member at Large

School Council members present 2

Total parent attendance: 4

Quorum established. (Quorum minimum = 4 School Council members, including at least 2 executive members)

Welcome

- Called to order by Sheri Bolitho at 6:39pm

Motion:

Approval of Agenda

- Dallal Taylor motioned to approve the agenda. Charlane Rombough seconded the motion.

Motion:

Approval of Minutes (Oct 25, 2023) & (Nov 22 2023)

- October 25th, 2023 will be voted at the next council meeting.
- Dallal Taylor motioned to approve the November 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Charlane Rombough seconded the motion.

Reports:

Chair Report: Sheri Bolitho

- It's a busy time of the year. Lots going on.
- Next Thursday is the 20th anniversary CSGS dinner at Heritage Park. 120 people attending, parents, alumni and staff. There will be a silent auction, dinner, live band, balloon game and surprises!
- IWD March 7th- coming together. So far, there are 18 speakers. A list of the speakers will go home with students to pick 3-4 conferences they would like to attend at LV. This year's theme: Inspire Inclusion.
- Paul Davis Speaker - went well.
- Literacy - Two guest speakers at Lakeview on February 7th.
- Gaga Pit - Still looking for volunteers to move the pit from Belair to LV. Dates will be sent out.
- Fundraising Society - Still in process.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who make all our programs possible.
- Succession Planning - Continuing to work though. Please contact Sheri if you are interested in joining the council.

Superintendent's Report: Dani Sever - no updates

Principal's Report: Jenelee Jones

- Welcome Sarrah Johnston as the new Vice Principal. She has been with CGCS for 16 years. Excited to have her.
- Open house has been extremely successful. Over 400 people attended. The CSGS ambassadors did an amazing job. Still accepting new applications. So far, we have around 130 new applications.
- Reregistration is underway. Thank you for your patience as we work out the glitches parents have been experiencing.
- SLC thank you to all who attended.
- Professional learning is piloting the go girls program.
- Feb 7-9 some of the admin team attended "thrive together" in Atlanta. Theme was Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Lots of motivational speakers. Experience was great. Highlight was a civil rights tour. Hope to send teachers each year.
- Thank you to the council and volunteers for all their hard work.
- There will be a book drive coming up. Look out for details.
- The next admin coffee talk will be held on March 15th at the LV campus.

Teacher Liaison: Susan Harder

Grade updates

- Gr 4 - Travel Alberta - 3D maps
- Gr 5 - Brave Girl - Beach, playing in the sand.
- Gr 6 - Aerospace - aerodynamics and flights. Budgeting management.
- Gr 7 - Intersectionality - reframing internal dialog.
- Gr 8 - Respond to our emotions - manage conflict.
- Gr 9 - Artemis Moon Mission - So much troubleshooting and communication. Writing Essays.
- Art - colour exploration.
- Music - Gr 4 and 5 - composing melodies, Gr 7,8 and 9 - first fall concert at CMH.
- Drama - Visual Artifacts.
- French - Manie Musicale.
- PE - Weather has been very cold but still managed to get out on the ice and students really enjoyed the accessible sports.
- Robots - Didn't make it to regionals but are now making great plans for future teammates.
- Basketball has wrapped up. Badminton starts next week.
- Newsies - Lots of work. Coming along well.
- Student services - Alberta specialized programs.

Literacy Presentation - Sarrah Johnstone

- General excitement about reading.
- Goal is to get kids into the learning commons.
- Calgary Reads, Team of volunteers read with beginning readers.
- Parents will be communicating with leaders of the program.

Committee updates, as needed:

Special Events - no updates

Guest Speakers- no updates

Volunteer Coordinator - no updates

Hungry Girls- Going well. Campuses are stocked until after Spring break.

Scholastic - no updates

Apples - no updates

Used uniforms - two collection dates will be coming up in April. Sale will be held in April & August.

Fun Lunch - no updates

Budget Update - Sheri Bolitho

Motion: to update budget: To reallocate all funds set aside for family support and outdoor spaces to support current needs for school support.

Reallocate \$15,000 currently approved for spending on family support and Outdoor spaces to: \$2,000 special event support, \$8,000 to be spent on Audio Visual and Presentation equipment, \$1000 for maker space, \$4000 for Indigenous People's Day Learning for all Students.

Dallal Taylor motioned to approve to reallocate all funds set aside for family support and outdoor spaces to support current needs for school support. Charlane Rombough seconded the motion. All in favour. None opposed.

Fundraising

Other Business

Questions

- Will the Outdoor program resume previous activities pre-covid? CSGS will be bringing back more programming next year. Camping for all CSGS grades 7 and 9 still offered to students.

Adjournment

- Sheri Bolitho adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Next School Council Meeting

APRIL 2024- Newsie's conflict on original approved date - NEW DATE APRIL 10

Appendix – Google Meets Chat Record from CGCS Council Meeting

Dani Sever6:39 PM Sorry! I have made you cohosts sheri and J- there is noone in the meeting room. Still in Board meeting!

Jenelee Jones6:39 PM Thank you so much!

Mallika Velamuri7:10 PM the science fair hasn't been mentioned i guess.

Jenelee Jones7:14 PM Hi Mallika, the science fair will be taking place on February 28. from 1-3pm. Ms. Phillips, Ms. Van and Ms. G will be sending home information to families throughout this week.

Mallika Velamuri7:18 PM yup, she has already sent out, i was just mentioning the wonders of science fair hasn't been mentioned. another feather in the cap for CGCS

Susan Harder7:21 PM Hi Mallika - Well said! I will ask for input from Science Fair team for our next meeting/slides.

Jenelee Jones7:22 PM Oh! yes - that is a very, very good point! I am sure the team will be excited to share for the next meeting :)

Mallika Velamuri7:23 PM

I have one question about CGCS. I recently saw a facebook ad where it was advertised that at CGCS the girls will have trekking, hiking, rock climbing, and many other outdoor activities. My daughter has been with CGCS since Grade 4. She is in Grade 6 now. There was a brief summer camp last year but nothing after that. I do understand that we are still coming back from the pandemic just now. I was wondering if these activities are still upcoming in the coming years?

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