



Guthrie School Parents' Association

Chairperson – Kelly Thompson
Vice Chairperson – Katherine Crawford

Meeting Minutes
Monday December 7, 2020
Virtual Google Meet

In Attendance

Kelly Thompson	Chair
Katherine Crawford	Vice Chair
Iain Jamieson	Principal
Kessia Bernneis	Vice Principal
Sabrina Gilbert	Secretary
Sara Pickell	Treasurer
Jay Hansler	Parent

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order 1833hrs

II. Welcome & Introductions

K. Thompson welcomed all in attendance.

III. Guest Speaker Nil

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Katherine Crawford: "To approve Dec agenda"

CARRIED

V. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Sabrina Gilbert "To approve October minutes."

CARRIED

VI. Old Business

- New Chair, Kelly Thompson still Chair until end of this year, if anyone knows a replacement please bring forward.

VII. Committee Reports

School Board Trustee's Report –

Public schools vs Publicly funded schools

Alberta has five systems all of which are publicly funded, which means 95% of funds come from the government. There is currently a movement to take away public schools identity make everyone look the same the theory being parent choice in power of education. Although the government is promoting choice and can be a good thing, the more choice there is the more cost. The more choice there is in each school system the less funds each system receives. They hope to make all five school systems funded equal. This will actually dilute the students choice in favour of Parent Choice. Tasha Oatway-Mclay is always available for any comments questions or concerns at anytime.

Question from Kelly Thompson – Who do I address my questions regarding lockers for bus students and younger students having access to lockers.

Tasha – There was and acknowledgement that lockers are needed and alternatives are being discussed and next bored meeting. Contacting Shauna Walters would be a person to contact regarding your concerns.

Admin Reports

a. Principal Notes -

- Budget report will be distributed to council at next meeting. This report will show how funds are allocated in the school.
- COVID 19 update – Grade 8 and 9 were sent home do to close contact, there were some positive test results during this time. Grade 7 were then sent home for close contact. These isolation cases were done not as positive test results it was done to minimize the potential spread. During this period 50% of staff were isolated, but the staff are all back now and the school made it through.
- More tools for on line learning has made it for a better set up.
- Some parents concern as to which cleaners are being used. Oxifer an antiviral cleaner is being used, this has been deemed one of the better ones by CDC. All WIMIS labels are available. New custodian is cleaning with new cleaning back pack that can spray a room quickly.
- School is surviving virtually, Remembrance day was done virtually Base commander attended.
- Parents do want to get involved and be at the school brainstorming ideas as to how this can happen – Suggestions from Tasha – Parents reading to class via Zoom, Cookie Decorating via Zoom.
- Questions from Kelly. Was enough money given to school for PPE
- Some masks received from the government and from Tim Hortons. The school is now out of disposable Masks and running low on cleaners. Any donations are welcome.

b. Vice Principal Report –

- Just came back from Isolation, extremely excited to be back
- Trying different ways to create Christmas fun in the school, currently doing a different riddle everyday. The class that gets the riddle right gets a candy cane treat.

c. Chairperson's Report –

- The Council of School Councils was a very interesting evening. More information will be given at next meeting.

d. Treasurer's Report –

- The Treasurer Handover has not been complete yet.
- \$1000 from Pizza fundraiser deposited, which then pays for \$100 for each classroom.

e. Fundraising Report -

- Fundraisers for the rest of school year to be decided.
- End of January we will run Cookie dough Fundraiser, another pizza fundraiser or kernels fundraiser in March and a Band aid Fundraiser in May or June.
- Specific dates to be determined.
- Recent Little Caesars fundraiser went really well, a lot of orders done on line which worked out well.

VIII. New Business –

- NIL

IX. Open Discussion –

- Sarah Pickell has asked about school spirit, during the holiday season. School is doing a riddle and or challenge everyday. The class that solves riddle or challenge will receive a pre

packaged candy. Other classes are doing classroom and door decorating, weather permitting going outside to build snowmen. The grade 6 class were able to have there food drive.

- 30 day fitness challenge for PhysEd for Junior high students.
- Different theme day for each day leading up to Christmas break

X. Next meeting date: January 4 @ 1830hrs

XI. Adjournment: 1920hrs