

Meeting of the GPCS Parent Council

September 13, 2021 3:25pm (Grande Prairie Christian School Library)

1. Meeting called to order by Maeghan. Travis opens in prayer.

1.1	Attendees:	Travis Fehler	Rebecca Peterson
		Maeghan Coles	Lesley Schamehorn
		Joy Hawkes	Sylvia Tokamp
		Cherie Brandt	Lynn Driedger
		Cathy Prangnell	Victoria James

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2.1 MOTION: Maeghan motions to approve the June/21 minutes with correction to record the attendance of Joy Hawkes and Sylvia Tokamp. Seconded by Rebecca.

CARRIED

2.2 MOTION: Lynn motions to approve the September/21 Agenda. Seconded by Rebecca.

CARRIED

3. Old Business:

3.1 None

4. New Business

4.1 GPCS AGM will be in November. Date and time TBA.

4.2 Discussion on nominations of officers. Slate of officers is uncontested. Maeghan Coles is elected chair of council for 2021/2022 by acclamation. Lesley Schamehorn is elected secretary of council 2021/2022 by acclamation.

MOTION: Lynn motions to elect Cherie Brandt as vice chair of council for school year 2021-2022. Seconded by Lesley.

CARRIED

4.3 Childcare: Maeghan proposes that we provide childcare during our parent council meetings in an effort to increase attendance. All agree. Lesley will draft a letter to the GPCS Society requesting funds to hire 1-2 junior high staff to provide the service.

4.4 Staff Support: Maeghan tables discussion on ideas to show staff support. Discussion includes providing food during PTIs, K-cup donations, baking, and coffee. Suggestions will be posted on the GPCS Parent FB page.

4.5 School Spirit: Current Covid-19 cohort guidelines prevent planning for a Christmas concert or Meet the Teacher night.

4.6 Hot Lunch: Current Covid-19 restrictions do not allow home cooked lunches. Rebecca Peterson suggests ordering individual lunches from local restaurants; pre-ordered and delivered. She will recruit volunteers for a hot lunch sub-committee and make arrangements for ordering and payments.

4.7 Trustee Report: NA

4.8 Principal Report:

- A) Parent volunteers allowed in school by appointment only. One parent at a time per class. Flexibility for children requiring medical attention. Lynn suggests teachers have a master list of available volunteers to be contacted when needed.
- B) School plan is available on the school website, includes focus on early literacy (literacy support by Holly Ruxton, Travis will also request another EA to support literacy goals) and inclusion outcomes pertaining to social/emotional learning and wellness, spiritual/physical wellness.
- C) AEAMR Report is available on the school website and GPPSD website. Information included are results of parent surveys/comments for GPCS and for GPCS vs. provincial results. Generally, GPCS results are 10% more positive than the provincial average.
- D) Travis will provide Maeghan with the administration procedures for parent council for her review.
- E) Enrollment has increased to 335 students for the 2021/22 schoolyear. (Last year was 290 students)
- F) There are currently less Covid-19 restrictions in the school than last year. The GPPSD will be discussing a mask policy at their meeting on September 14. A vaccine clinic will be offered at the school and only administered to students with written parental consent. Date and times TBA.
- G) Volleyball participation is high and includes grade 6-9. There will be 3 boys' teams (ABC Teams) and 3 girls' teams (ABC Teams). There are extra volunteers to provide coaching and supervision. Practice for girls is Tuesday and Thursday and boys will be Monday and Wednesday.
- H) School Budget: no changes. Funding is based a 3yr average. GPCS has the same number of staff as last year.

4.9 Roundtable: Lynn discussed open seats on the GPPSD and the upcoming election. She suggests we spread the word and encourage nominees from our school.

5. Meeting Adjourned 4:25pm

Maeghan Coles
Chair

Lesley Schamehorn
Secretary

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