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Gateway Christian School
School Council Meeting
November 21, 2023

The School Council is an advisory council to the School Principal and the elected Board of Trustees with respect to matters pertaining to the School.

As we gather tonight at Gateway Christian School, we would like to thank God for all of creation.

Here south of the Red Deer River, Gateway is on land that is known as Treaty 7 territory. First Nations people used the Red Deer River to follow and hunt wildlife - it was a place of provision.

Later, the river was a landmark for First Nations to meet, trade, and come to agreements. The Metis continued on with these traditions and the river was a place of community building and justice seeking.

We acknowledge the traditions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people whose footsteps have marked these lands for thousands of years, and we ask God to help us to use it in a way that honours Him, and blesses those around us.

Attendance: Cathy Mottus-Landry, Amy McAllister, Julie Cavanaugh, Stephanie Stutheit, Alisha Wiens, Karen Wiebe, Christina Billings, Carolyn Anderson, Shannon Driedger, Jenna Brotnov, Kelli-Anne Mysko, Trish Robichaud, Stephanie McKenzie, Jodie Waddy

1. Welcome and Introductions - Julie Cavanaugh

- Meeting called to order at 6:32PM

2. Land Acknowledgment and Prayer - Julie Cavanaugh

- Luke 16 - Those who are faithful in little things are faithful in much.

3. Adoption of Agenda - Julie Cavanaugh

MOTION: Amy McAllister, Second - Karen Wiebe

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes from October 17, 2023 - Julie Cavanaugh

MOTION: Alisha Wiens, Second - Julie Cavanaugh

Motion carried.

5. Reports:

a) Principal Report: Cathy Mottus- Landry for Geannette Lehman

- 1) Staff attended the PCCE Teachers Convention. Staff attended three keynotes, other sessions of their choice and a time of fellowship together.
- 2) High school retreat happened October 30th at Camp Evergreen.
- 3) Construction started in the Student Support Room this week. The Student Support Room is temporarily located in the Science Lab.
- 4) Basketball season is about to begin and hockey practice and games have started for the Gateway Hockey team.
- 5) This month's throughline is Service-Working.
- 6) Through Crews have started in Middle School. Middle school dance is upcoming.
- 7) Elementary students have enjoyed many enrichment activities. Fire safe presentation for grade 3. Red Deer Symphony will be performing for Grade 1 and 2. Grade 3 and 4 are finishing up their swimming lessons.

- 8) Gateway Christmas Village on December 14. Society will provide hot chocolate and popcorn for fundraising.

Question - A discussion took place regarding Gateway possibly having a Christmas concert again.

Question -A discussion took place regarding the timeline of the construction of the Student Support Room (about two weeks).

Question - A discussion took place regarding the practices and protocols of the SSR. *Mrs. Loonstra explained the process in a previous School Council Meeting.*

b) School Results Report: Cathy Mottus-Landry for Geannette Lehman

- 1) Please see the report on the school website.

c) Update from Society: Julie Cavanaugh for Carolyn Stolte

- 1) Society has put together an initiative for staff appreciation. One day a month to bring in an item for staff to have.

d) Update from City-Wide School Council: Alisha Wiens

- 1) There is a district focus on Bullying in elementary and middle school.
2) Broke off into groups to discuss bullying - what does bullying look like, where does it happen, and what strategies can the District implement to help? Pretty much all kids say - there is nothing that adults can do to help.
Question - how do they choose which students to ask the questions to, confident kids, shy kids or kids that have experienced bullying? The District was trying to get a well rounded group of students to ask.
3) Small discussion of budget regarding EAs that were cut due to additional funding for Covid Loss. That money was cut at the end of last year. There is a little bit of new funding for literacy and numeracy interventions for kids grade 1, 2 and 3.

6. Staff Appreciation Initiative- Julie Cavanaugh

Question - is it going out to all parents? Yes. Will multiple parents sign up for the same day? Hoping for two parents for each specified day for the entire year.

MOTION: Karen Wiebe, second - Shannon Driedger

Motion carried.

7. Questions

Question - A discussion regarding the Bible Curriculum. A presentation is scheduled for next year.

7. Parent Prayer for Students and Staff

9. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:31PM.

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

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