

**Gateway Christian School  
School Council Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
September 26, 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, let us remember that we live, play, work, and worship on Treaty Six Territory to the North of the Red Deer River and Treaty Seven Territory to the South of the Red Deer River. We acknowledge and give thanks to the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.*

Attendance: Susie Heinrichs, Geannette Lehman, Cathy Mottus-Landry, Amy McAllister, Stephanie Stutheit, Carla Berger, Jeri Hale, Carolyn Anderson, Julie Cavanaugh, Heidi Rew, Charlene Toews, Trish Robichaud, Jenessa Parker, Amanda Dubyna, Kara Wiebe, Shannon Driedger, Lauren Visser, Nick Robichaud, Alisha Wiens, Karalee Andrus, Stephanie McKenzie, Jenna Brotnov, Carolyn Stolte

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Susie Heinrichs
2. **Prayer and Land Acknowledgment:** Geannette Lehman
3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Susie Heinrichs  
MOTION: Stephanie Stutheit, Second - Carla Berger
4. **Adoption of Minutes from May 16, 2023:** Susie Heinrichs  
MOTION: Amy McAllister, Second - Stephanie Stutheit
5. **Adoption of Financial Statements from 2022/2023 School Year:** Susie Heinrichs  
MOTION: Stephanie Stutheit, Second - Cathy Mottus-Landry
6. **Reports:**
  - a) Principal Report: Geannette Lehman
    - Graduation update
    - 771 students enrolled this year
    - Trustee Liaison - Cathy Peakcocke & Senior Admin - Ron Eberts
    - “Through” Theme - how we play our part in God’s story
      - This month’s theme = Image Reflecting
    - Modulars - almost finished.
      - Fences on side will remain for awhile - due to reseeding grass.
    - Middle School “Through Crews” - Justice Crew, Creation Crew & Community Crew - working towards pizza party & “Crew Cup”
    - Swimming lessons starting for Gr. 3-4, Gr 5’s swim in Spring
    - Dawe Run - 210 students participated & students placed in all categories
    - Volleyball season has started - 12 on each Sr team and 60 on the Jr teams

- High School schedule (new this year - we are aligning with Thurber's schedule) - REACH - Respect, Excellence, Achievement, Encouragement & Honour. REACH time will be used to focus on exploration, academic support, athletic teams, religious studies at Gateway, Connections, etc
- Class activities & Field Trips
- Grade 3 - 5 Wow Science Presentation
- Staff Retreat- Building community together at Camp Evergreen

b) Summary of Council activities from 2022/2023 School Year: Susie Heinrichs

- September: AGM - elections were held but not completed
- October: elections were finalized and the Board was established
- Meet the Council newsletter was created
- Chair attended City-Wide School Council meetings throughout the year
- Chain of Responsibility Shared in Alberta Ed. presentation
- Parent interest survey completed with Survey Monkey
- Jo(e) social media parent presentation (\$500 parent engagement grant)
- Fundraising and Community initiative brainstorming occurred
- Submitted resolution for ASCA AGM; Vulnerable Sector and Criminal Records Checks for Trustees
- ASCA AGM - Chair & Vice Chair attended - amended resolution passed by majority vote
- Budget and Education Plan presentation
- Pancake Breakfast & Market Fundraiser Organized along with the Gateway Society for Christian Education

c) Gateway Society for Christian Education update: Carolyn Stolte

- Meet monthly after School Council - Board members only this evening
- Mission/purpose - support Christian Alternative programming, fundraising events/support School Council, encourage families to attend events and to overall support the school.

**7. Elections: (Susie reviewed roles - we are voting on School Council Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary, ASCA Liaison)**

a. Review of Positions: Susie Heinrichs

b. Nominations: Susie Heinrichs

- Stephanie Stutheit self-nomination for secretary
- Julie Cavanaugh - self-nominated for School Council Chair
- Alisha Wiens- self-nominated for Vice Chair
- ASCA Liaison - still open

c. Voting - All in agreement for all three positions.

MOTION: All in favour of self-nominations

**8. Questions -**

Q. Fundraising question about responsibilities for school council and clarification of roles. School council and Society work together for fundraising. The money went through the Society as they are a non-profit organization.

Q. Are there results from the Count Me In Survey?

A. Results will be shared at next month's meeting.

Q. Question about Before & After School Care and why it was closed.

A. Previous space is now being used for the Student Support Room.

**9. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.**

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Next Meeting Date:

October 17, 2023