



St. Gabriel School Council

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Minutes – March 11, 2019

4:00pm CTS Meeting Room

This meeting was called to order at 4:00pm with an opening prayer done by everyone.

In attendance:

Sarah Dube, Marianne Corbett, Jennifer Lacey

No amendments were made to the February 19, 2019 minutes.

Presentation: RCMP - Bullying

Cst. Hutchings-Archibald presented and provided handouts on bullying. She went over the materials that are presented to classes. This was so that parents are familiar with the materials that students received. First, it is important to understand what bullying is: a conscious, willful, deliberate and repeated hostile activity marked by an imbalance of power, intent to harm, and or a threat of aggression. Bullying can take different forms including verbal, social, physical and cyber. Bystanders have all the power and can recognize bullying, speak up, walk away and go get help, encourage bystanders to get involved as a group, help the target, and don't fight the bully. If your child is a victim of bullying then they should stay calm, don't fight back, avoid vulnerable situations, project confidence, don't be afraid to tell people you trust, never give out or share personal information online, don't reply to messages from cyberbullies, don't erase or delete messages from cyberbullies. Warning signs that a child is being bullied- being afraid to go to school, starting to do poorly in school, losing belongings or items being destroyed, unexplained bruises or cuts, nightmares, becoming withdrawn, bullying other children, or attempting/ talking about suicide. As a parent you can offer comfort, work together, make arrangements for safety, help develop confidence, practice effective responses, build self-esteem, and communicate. If your child is the bully as a parent it is important to ask the question "why?" and to be a positive role model, communicate, see the child inside the bully, teach empathy, do something fun together, teach leadership, make amends and be friends, set consistent consequences, and work together with all the adults in the child's life. Cst. Hutchings-Archibald also presented on what criminal conduct and consent is. With students accessing and sharing information online it is important for them to know and understand what is appropriate to distribute and possess.

What consent is was demonstrated in the video Sex is Like a Cup of Tea

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDhKM8qWWBM>).

Principal Report:

Thank you to School Council for supporting and funding Alien In-Line Skating. It started today and the kids and staff appreciate it.

The decision to remove seclusion rooms by the Minister of Education will have a high impact on our JTP program. Meetings between Alberta Education and our District about the matter are to come.



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Treasurer Report:

Summary of Account Balance Forward	\$13,512.15
Recent Deposits	0
Recent Expenses (Donation, Apples, Child Care, Valentine Dance, Office-website, Parent Recruitment, Alien In-line)	3,597.11
Total Available on Mar 11, 2019	\$9,915.04

We also received \$275 from last year's school supplies fundraiser.

There remains \$6,100 in expenses for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year based on the budget. Therefore, it is anticipated that we will have \$4,000 going forward for the next year if we were not to do any more fundraising this year. This would be a \$3,800 net loss for the 2018-19 school year.

Old Business:

Election of Vice Chair/ Selection of Coordinators

At this time no one came forward for Vice Chair or Special Event Coordinator. Our Secretary, Ana Everson, has stepped down from the position. At this time no one came forward for Secretary.

Volunteer Update

Volunteers are needed for the Recycling Fridays, Extra Hot Lunch Day, and Monday Muffins. Sarah to send information to Mrs. Lacey to email out to help get more volunteers.

Science in Motion

Mrs. Lacey approached the staff and they would like to continue with Science in Motion. Sarah Dube motioned to approve the deposit (approximately \$1000) to reserve Science in Motion for the 2019-2020 school year. Marianne Corbett seconded.

Sensory Floor Decal

Mrs. Lacey followed up with the Facility maintenance about the floor decals and it would be fine to do. Mrs. Lacey would like the Nature Hop set for \$325 + GST. Sarah Dube motioned to approve purchase of the Nature Hop set. Marianne Corbett seconded.

Eco Club – Food Waste Recycling

Sarah requested reimbursement for the machines and supplies prior to receiving the government funds. Sarah Dube motioned to approve the purchase of two Food Cyclers and supplies. Marianne Corbett seconded.

COSC (Council of School Councils) Meeting

The COSC Meeting on February 4th was postponed because of the cold weather. It has been rescheduled for April 1st 7pm at Elsie Yanik. All executives are invited to attend.



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PTI Welcome Table – March

A welcome table will be set up in the entrance during PTI evening hours. Volunteers will be needed to man the table. Sarah Dube motioned to purchase fruit to give out at the welcome table. Marianne Corbett seconded.

ASCA Conference & AGM

The ASCA Conference and AGM is on April 26, 27, 28 at the Delta Edmonton South. Each school can have two representatives go (cost of one to be provided under school budget, and cost of second to be provided under school council budget). At this time no one requested to attend.

ASCA Draft Resolutions

As parents on school councils we shape the future of Alberta’s education system with input through advocacy resolutions proposed at the ASCA AGM. Resolutions passed into policy form the association perspective as presented to Alberta governments and organizations in provincial education. New this year is pre-voting until March 22, 2019. This is to indicate our support or disapproval of resolutions proposed. The group decided the following for the proposed resolutions:

Resolution	Resolution Description	Decision (support, disapproval)
P19-01	Funding for Appropriate Physical and Facility Environments to Support Physical Activity Policy Expectations	support
P19-02	Preservation of Locally Elected Boards of Trustees	support
P19-03	Increased Dedicated Funding for Accredited Mental Health Professionals	support
P19-04	Education Assistant Quality Standards (EAQS)	support
P19-05	Policies and Regulations for use of Seclusion Rooms	support
P19-06	Funding for Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program	support
P19-07	Ongoing Funding for Math Enrichment through the Canadian Mathematical Society	support
P19-08	Maximum Ride Times for Bussing	support
P19-09	Change to Funding Model for Schools with Low Student Populations	support
P19-10	Guaranteed In-school Access to Mental Health Programs and Counselling for Students	support
P19-11	Communicating Information Regarding Presentations within the School	support
P19-12	General Permission Form for Students Participating in GSA Activities Off School Property	support
P19-13	Student Education Advocate	support



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P19-14	Regional Collaborative Service Delivery	support
P19-15	Student Record Regulation	support
P19-16	Playground Supervisor Ratios, Identification and Communication	support
P19-17	Standard Student Injury Protocol	support
P19-18	Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review	disapproval
P19-19	Counselling	support
P19-20	Identification of, and Penalties for, Traffic Violations around School Buses	support
P19-21	Equality of CEU Funding for Special Needs Students	support

Breakfast Cart

Sarah requested payment for silicone yogurt tubes (135.92) and popsicle trays (37.80). As well she requested purchasing muffin tins (\$25) and cooling racks (\$20). Sarah Dube motioned approval of \$225 for the silicone yogurt tubes, popsicle trays, muffin tins, and cooling racks. Marianne Corbett seconded.

New Business

Spring Fun Afternoon

The Spring Fun Afternoon is Tuesday, May 7th from 3-4pm. Sign up for students will be based on the number of volunteers who sign up. For every volunteer, 15 spots will be available. More slots will be added as more volunteers come forward. Gift baskets will be made up from previous year crafts to be given away as door prizes. It was decided to do 4 crafts. Craft options are: a tissue paper craft, wood insect key chains, foam insect magnets, and rock painting. Geraldine Connors will look into other options at a Dollar Store in Edmonton. Sarah Dube motioned that \$300 be spent on Spring Fun Afternoon supplies. Marianne Corbett seconded.

Fundraising:

Extra Hot Lunch- March 18th

So far we have received 49 extra hot lunch orders for Monday, March 18th.

PTI Parking Spot Raffle

Parking Spot Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at PTIs at the end of March.

Spring Flowers

The group decided to do this fundraiser and that parents are under no obligation to make a purchase. Rather we want parents who would buy spring flowers anyway to make the purchases from us so that we can get the profits.

Bath Bombs

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Rather we want parents who would buy bath bombs anyway to make the purchases from us so that we can get the profits. Timing of delivery for this will be before Mother's Day.

Special Event Day

The next special event day, Smoothie Day, will be April 26.

Closing Comments:

Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

Next Meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 – 4:00-5:30pm. All parents welcome!