

Graminia School Council
6:30 pm Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in Googlemeets

Attendees: Megan Foster(Chair), Angie G (Vice-Chair), Kelly Heiser(Secretary), Treena Neumann(Principal), Nicole Marcinkevics, Sheila Avison, Amber Darragh, Darren Hudson, Amy Hudson, Andrea Smith, Danine Regenwetter, Andria West, Jennifer King, Jennifer Krysa, Melanie Tonhauser, Tanya Vogel, Schriener, Angela Waterman

1. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions

- 1.1. Purpose of council explained by Angie Gehlert
- 1.2. Megan F Called the meeting to order at 6:34

2. Approval of Agenda

- 2.1. Angie G made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. * seconded. Carried.

3. Review of June Minutes

- 3.1. Angie G made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Melanie T seconded. Carried.

4. COSC Meetings-Amber D

- 4.1. Amber gave a brief explanation of what the Council of Alberta School Council is.
- 4.2. Meetings are virtual
- 4.3. Any council member can attend.

5. Update on Foundation

- 5.1. Sheila explained that this is the group that handles all fundraising for the school organized and facilitated by parent volunteers.

6. Review of Agreed Investment of Funds 2021/2022 - Megan

- 6.1. Twice a year the staff/Principal comes to the council with a list of items that they would like to have Foundation fund. The council must then approve this list before it goes to Foundation for funding.

7. Trustee Update-Megan

- 7.1. As most of you already know I will not be running for Trustee for this division. I will be throwing my hat in for Councillor for Division 1 (Graminia Area). Let me just say that as a democratic society we all qualify to be Trustees. You would represent our area at the boardroom table at Parkland School Division and at a provincial level. The role is highly rewarding and challenging.
- 7.2. Some of the responsibilities might seem a little bit overwhelming but there is training and support and if you keep up with all the reading you will become a strong Trustee. No one expects you to know everything but be prepared with questions. All you really need for the responsibility is to have a strong desire for the betterment of your school community, a flexible schedule, and a strong reader.

-FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE - the job is considered part-time but you need flexibility. For instance, right before a special board meeting, I spent a day and a half preparing, returning phone calls, responding to emails. It's unpredictable the work that shows up too and the job can take a lot of your time and energy. You also have emails and telephone calls any time of the day. By the way, the pay is just under 35,000 a year.
- 7.3. -MONTHLY ● There are 2-3 meetings a month where the board meets and up to 2 days of prep work on your part so you can make an informed decision at the board room table. (it is an asset if you are a strong reader). The meetings are usually in the day but there are evening meetings as well. You may need to write a report but it depends on what committee you're on. ● Everyone does committee work and this could take half a day to 2 days a month. It all depends on which committee you are on. ● At least 2 School council monthly meetings (you would have 2: Blueberry and Graminia school but sometimes you are asked to do more). You will be required to prepare a report beforehand and be prepared to speak at these meetings. ● Throughout the year: There are public engagement meetings, student

engagement meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, Meeting with MLAs, Mayors and council meetings (Parkland County, Spruce Grove, and Stony Plain) meetings with Evergreen School board, Chief, and council meetings (Paul Band.) • You will be invited to school events like plays, graduations, farewells, concerts, Remembrance Day, special projects or special days at the 22 schools, school visits. It's important (and fun) to show an interest in the schools. • Conferences and AGMs for the Alberta School Board Association and Public School Board Association (there are two that last 5 days Red Deer and downtown Edmonton). Your nominations need to be in by September 20. Only five are required but you may want to get a couple of extra names.

7.4. For more information please visit <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/become-a-trustee-call-for-candidates> or call or text me at 780-619-1169

8. Principal's Report-Treena Neuman

8.1. Nicole gave a brief explanation of the work the school is doing in regards to literacy and numeracy as well as the funding that may be available once all our data has been accumulated and can be submitted.

8.2. Parents asked if we knew what the intervention would look like:

9. New Business

9.1. No New business

10. Adjournment

10.1. adjourned the meeting at pm. Seconded

Next council meeting date: October 12th

If you have questions or thoughts that you think the School Council should look at please speak to Megan Foster, Angie Gehlert, Amber Darragh, or Treena Neumann.