

Graminia School Council
6:30 pm Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in Google, meets

Attendees: Angie G (Chair), Amber D (Vice-Chair), Kelly Heiser (Secretary), Treena Neuman (Principal), Erin Chessor (Acting Vice-Principal), Ameer Hennig (Trustee), Sheila Avison, Paige Schriener, Katrina Jackson, Randy Boonstra, Rose Leder, Angayla Waterman, Katrina Jackson, Megan Foster, Tanya Vogel, Melanie Tonhauser

1. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions

- 1.1. Angie G Called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and gave a brief explanation of what the Council is and a reminder that some information goes out in advance.

2. Approval of Agenda

- 2.1. Melanie T made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Sheila A seconded. Carried.

3. Review of May Minutes

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

4. Trustee Report-Aimee Hennig

- 4.1. Visit to Duffield
4.2. Still reviewing boundaries that will not affect Graminia
4.3. Spruce Grove Composite High school is up to have a new facility built

5. Presentation from David Irvine - - David Irvine - Cultivating Compassion - Passcode: 59h6XE.6

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6. Principals Report-Treena Neuman

- 6.1. Connection Building
- 6.1.1. Parent Volunteers - Track Meets
 - 6.1.2. Literacy Night- Great turn out of parents and students. Wonderful opportunity for kids to interact with parents in a school learning environment
 - 6.1.3. Kindergarten Test-Run
- 6.2. Athletics
- 6.2.1. Badminton
 - 6.2.2. Spring League
 - 6.2.3. Track and Field
- 6.3. Class configurations for next year ... as of right now
- 2- K
 - 3 - 1
 - 2 - 2
 - 2- 3
 - 1 - 3/4
 - 2 - 4
 - 2 - 5
 - 2 - 6
 - 3 - 7
 - 2 - 8

- 6.4. **Staffing Update**
 - 6.4.1. Mr. Finlayson is moving to Memorial Comp
 - 6.4.2. Mrs. Bates has resigned and has moved on to other life opportunities
 - 6.4.3. Mr. Woloshyn is taking a year off to build his business
 - 6.4.4. Mr. West is moving to Jr high (gr 7) to allow his schedule to fit in two band classes
- 6.5. **Foundation Updates :**
 - 6.5.1. Quote from CDI today or tomorrow
 - 6.5.2. Ice Cream Truck Monday June 27th
- 6.6. **Hawk Helpers (Mrs. Chessor)**
 - 6.6.1. Helping kids navigate less structured time
 - 6.6.2. Building connections
 - 6.6.3. Older students learn leadership, mentoring and responsibility
 - 6.6.3.1. Training for conflict resolution, equipment use and game/play ideas and strategies
 - 6.6.4. Younger students get support and lots of ideas for play and interaction
- 6.7. **Hallway furniture**
 - 6.7.1. Bench setting in front Fourier, two-seat with table work stations throughout 6-9 wings, tables and chairs for younger years group work, tall bar-style tables and chairs for grade 4 commons by the artroom
 - 6.7.2. \$43000.00 estimated cost.
 - 6.7.3. This would be funded by foundation and a 50/50 grant
 - 6.7.4. Once we submit for the grant we are committed to spending the full amount. We could go ahead with the project as soon as we wish, but we won't know the outcome of the grant application for some time
 - 6.7.5. Amber D made a motion to spend \$44000.00 on furniture for Graminia school hallways and common spaces. Tanya V seconded. Carried.
- 7. **COSC-Angie Gehlert**
 - 7.1. I HAVE, I AM, I CAN: Building Resilience in Children
 - 7.2.
 - 7.3. Understanding the New English Language Arts and Literature Curriculum
 - 7.3.1. Literature is a learning tool. New: Common features across all subject areas
 - 7.3.2. Organizing Idea - idea that spans across all grade levels (K-6)
 - 7.3.3. Question - specific to each grade level
 - 7.3.4. Learning Outcome - specific to each grade level
 - 7.3.5. Knowledge, Understanding, Skills & Procedures (KUSPs) - KNOWLEDGE (required to understand), UNDERSTANDING (how to put that knowledge together), SKILLS & PROCEDURES (demonstrating knowledge & understanding)
 - 7.3.6. Literacy, Numeracy, and Competencies
 - 7.3.6.1. ORGANIZING IDEAS:
 - 7.3.6.2. Text Forms & Structures (K-6)
 - 7.3.6.3. Oral Language (K-6)
 - 7.3.6.4. Vocabulary (K-6)
 - 7.3.6.5. Phonological Awareness (K-2) - oral only, for example - rhyming
 - 7.3.6.6. Phonics (K-3) - attach print/letters
 - 7.3.6.7. Fluency (K-4) - reading accurately, automatically, and with expression
 - 7.3.6.8. Comprehension (K-6)
 - 7.3.6.9. Writing (K-6)
 - 7.3.6.10. Conventions (K-6) - grammar, spelling, punctuation, organization, etc
 - 7.3.6.11. CURRICULUM (what is being taught - same across all teachers) vs. PEDAGOGY (how being taught - will be different between teachers)
 - 7.3.6.12. more emphasis on word parts - phonological awareness, phonics, morphology
 - 7.3.6.13. more phonics (but not the way we were taught - not as worksheet based)

- 7.3.6.14. introduction of decodable texts: leveled texts vs decodable texts (in decodable texts all the words follow the phonetic rules of English and builds confidence in readers, avoids words that don't follow English phonetic rules - for example, "the") - primarily expected in Grade 1
- 7.3.6.15. formal inclusion of ORAL language instruction
- 7.3.7. HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?
- 7.3.8. Way to show appreciation for staff - parents submit kind/appreciative comments about specific staff members and then those are sent in an email to them
- 7.3.9. Helping Kids Prepare for their Financial Future
 - 7.3.9.1. CFEE the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education has lots of resources on their website
 - 7.3.9.2. CFEE will put on sessions and they are all free. Great resources
- 7.3.10. All the resolutions were passed

8. Adjournment

- 8.1. Melanie T adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm. Shiela A Seconded

Next council meeting date: June 7th

**If you have questions or thoughts that you think School Council should look at please speak to
Angie G, Amber D or Treena Nueman**