

Graminia School Council
6:30 pm Tuesday, January 11, 2020, in Google, meets

Attendees: Angie G (Chair), Amber Darragh(Vice-Chair), Kelly Heiser(Secretary), Treena Neuman (Principal), Erin Chessor (Acting Vice-Principal), Aimee Hennig (Trustee) Sheila Avison,, Jennifer King, Katrina Jackson, Amy Osmond, Alicia Phalen, Trish Lemoine, Jen McVey, Chris & Jasmine Toffoli, Danielle T, Paige Schriener, Andrea Breckel, Megan Foster, Marta Yakemchuck

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.
- 1.2. Round table of attendees

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Review of January Minutes

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

4. Trustee Report- Aimee Hennig

- 4.1. [Trustee Report](#)
- 4.2. Parent Questions were raised. Principal responded.
- 4.3. Trustee Aimee offered this link for further information.
<https://new.learnalberta.ca/learning-info-hub>

5. Update on Integration of the Literacy Programs-presented by Alicia Phalen and Amy Osmand

- 5.1. Alicia and Amy as certified teachers are planning all the programming and support staff, Kelly Heiser and Rachelle Skarett, and providing the program to students in small groups. Ten groups of 4-6 students from grades 2 and 3 four days a week for 20 minutes a session.
- 5.2. All students were tested one on one by teachers or our literacy support staff to identify not only what level the student is reading at but also where they are struggling and where they are strong. By identifying gaps in their literacy we are better able to group them but also provide targeted intervention.
- 5.3. This intervention focuses on breaking down the processes needed to read such as rhyming, syllable identification, sound identification, letter blends, word sorts and families, and much more.
- 5.4. Programming is being pulled from different programs and resources. Heggerty, IPA, Funtis, and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention, Sound Thinking Using pieces from each again allows us to best target the different needs and learning styles of the students.
- 5.5. Parent question: Why is this program not being offered to older students such as grade 6? Principal Treena Neuman explained that this program is the grant-funded program set out through the Division targeted at Literacy support for young students facing learning loss due to covid. We have other testing happening for older students as well as teachers using programs and strategies in the classroom setting.

6. Principal's Report-Treena Nueman

- 6.1. COVID update and information
 - Updated PSD Guidance in school [Guidance for Re-Entry](#)

PSD Students Return to In-Person Learning - UPDATE

-[Return to In-person Learning Update](#) changes highlighted in yellow

 - Delaying the start of Jr b Basketball - return by January 24
 - Pausing rehearsals for Drama Jr - return by January 24

- Delaying the start to the Building Positive Community lunch activities for Jr high indoors - January 24

6.2. Christmas Concerts

- All of the concerts were lovely and wonderful
- Huge thank you to the music teachers and band teacher

6.3. Staffing Update

- Mrs. Jacobs' and Mrs. Shea-Pecoskie's classes will be welcoming Ms. Elsa Schoepp

6.4. Upcoming Purchases provided by Foundation - Thank you :)

- Literacy Kits from Fountas and Pinnell
- Cross Country Skis - delayed but Mr. Breckenridge is working with the supplier

We are having some issues with suppliers due to production and shipping delays, Megan F clarified that we are not committed to any one supplier, and that we are still waiting on delayed grant information. We could absolutely try other suppliers or multiple supplies in order to get what we require.

- Drama supports

6.5. Additional Purchases to be decided by Foundation - thoughts on adding to the approved spending

- 5 new teacher laptops - \$6000
- Outdoor Recess Bins - \$5000
- 5 new FM sound systems - \$8000

Some other suggestions made for consideration of funds were seating in the hallways for students, a continuation of the outdoor development, and updated library furniture.

7. Adjournment

- 7.1. Sheila A adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm. Paige S Seconded

Next council meeting date: February 8th

If you have questions or thoughts that you think School Council should look at please speak to

Angie Gehlert, Amber Darragh or Treena Nueman