

Graminia School Council

6:30pm Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023

Attendees. Angie Gehlert (Chair), Amber Darragh (Vice Chair), Sheila Avison, Angayla Waterman, Treena Neumann (Principal), Erin Chessor (Vice-principal), Aimee Henning (School Trustee)

1. Meeting called to order and introductions
 - 1.1.Called to order at 6:35pm
 - 1.2.Land Acknowledgement
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 2.1.Angayla Waterman made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Sheila Avison. Carried.
3. Adoption of December Minutes
 - 3.1.December minutes were reviewed and approved by Amber Darragh. Seconded by Sheila Avison. Carried.
4. Trustee Report by School Trustee Aimee Hennig
 - 4.1.The cold weather cancellations before Christmas were due to it being -40 or colder for 3 days in a row. The 4th day was warmer but due to the busses not running for 3 days they cancelled the Friday as well.
 - 4.2.Wether or not they can teach new materials depends on many different circumstances. One of which is how many students are in class.
 - 4.3.Cancelled classes are bot able to be live streamed.
 - 4.4.Feb 14 will be the vote on the school calendar for the 2023/2024 school year.
 - 4.5.Registration for the 2023/2024 school year will open Feb 13, 2024.
 - 4.6.The annual education report is available on the PSD website.
5. The vote for using the \$1000 grant for council courses is Jan 20, 2023. Amber shared a brief presentation showing the options.
6. Principals report by Treena Neumann
Attached below

Update on Staffing

Emily Faure - replacing Kendra Evans

Kendra Evans - moving to full time Numeracy and Literacy Lead and interventionist servicing intervention gr 1-3 and teacher support for K-9 with Mrs Chessor

Mrs Wolff is back from her leave and we have said farewell for now to Miss Schoepp

Updates and Information:

- Gratitude and Thanks for our amazing Concerts and huge gratitude to our specialist - Mrs Tepes, Mrs Schultz, Mr West and Mrs Jacobs
- Basketball is in full swing - Sr and Jr - Jr B to start this week on Thursday and Friday at lunch gr 6/7
- Chess club is a hit! Runs Fridays at lunch recess in the library
- Totem Pole is unsafe - will be taken down, looking to work with our Indigenous Facilitator to find a possible artist in residence program for next year to commemorate Graminia's 30th anniversary
- Hawks on the Hill - Jan 27 - sign up!
- Hawk Spirit Assembly - Jan 27

Upcoming focus for School Council:
February - Hate Crimes presentation
March - Transportation
April - Facilities

Chess club is for Grades 4-6

The Hawk spirit assembly on Jan 27 will be for Wisdom, represented by the beaver.

Upcoming Programming Choices

MyPath: Graminia - exploring this possible choice in partnership with Connections for Learning

- cost recovery and must have enough registration to not run a deficit
- Would be offered as two sections:
 - Gr 4-6
 - Gr 7-9
 - Afternoons, looking at 3-4 afternoons a week - would be similar to the MyPath:Lite
 - a variety of physical education, arts, and wellness activities during those afternoons, so Lite students meet their required learning outcomes in those subjects.
 - Those students registered would be required to attend MyPath on their afternoons without an option to stay back regardless of the activity, it is a program designed to stretch and grow interest
 - Next steps:
 - Interest Inventory and Survey
 - Open House Information Session
 - Registration and viability

Upcoming Programming Choices

Full Day Everyday Kindergarten - focus on academics, inquiry and exploration

Next Steps:

- Meeting to determine model that will be used and the parameters for divisional programming
- Kindergarten Open House - February 16 will have all the details and registration information
- Registration Opens
- Early May - viability and registration will be assessed and then determine if the program will run September 2023-2024

Program Proposal: To run a full day, everyday kindergarten class at Graminia School. The morning will focus on the program of studies and learning that is typical to a kindergarten class while the afternoons will be based on a student-centered, nature based, inquiry learning model. This is different from Nature Kindergarten that is at Muir Lake School, as the students at Graminia School will be registered in one class cohort that is together on all the days. This is a different model than Muir Lake School Nature K that allows for registration from other kindergarten students to attend on their alternating days. The Graminia model is similar to the Ecole Broxton Park model that looks to connect the students to their learning on a daily basis in the morning programming.

Seven Sacred Teachings - Hawk Spirit

The Seven Sacred Teachings

Niizhwaaswi Kchitwaa Kinomaadiwinan

Eagle = Love



Buffalo = Respect



Bear = Courage



Sabe = Honesty



Beaver = Wisdom



Wolf = Humility



Turtle = Truth



The Grandfather Teachings

This is a brief slide show that outlines the teachings -

[The Grandfather Teachings](#)

7. New Business

7.1.They are working on rebooking grade 3 for Play Parkland now that the pool is open again.

8. Meeting Adjournment

8.1.Angie Gehlert made a motion to close the meeting at 8:11pm. Amber Darragh seconded. Carried.

Next council meeting is February, 15, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Graminia School Library.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns that you believe should be addressed by the school council please speak to Angie Gehlert, Amber Darragh or Trenea Neumann.