

**Graminia School Council General Meeting  
6:30pm Wednesday December 6, 2023, in the Graminia School Library**

**Attendees** Angie Gehlert (Chair), Amber Darragh (Vice-Chair), Amanda Bird (Secretary), Treena Neumann (Principal), Erin Chessor (Vice-Principal), Aimee Hennig (School Trustee), Candace Armitage, Tammy Klippert, Amanda Hunter, Brandon Weber, Morgan Douziech, Angayla Waterman, Kerri Golka, Sheila Avison, Melanie Tonhauser, Kate LaFavor, Megan Woodman, Anna Liska, Sami Mesh, Mandy Lussier

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Angie Gehlert at 6:38pm.
- 1.2. Land acknowledgement read by Angie Gehlert.
- 1.3. Attendee Introductions were made.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

- 2.1. Melanie made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Sheila. Carried.

**3. Adoption of November Minutes**

- 3.1. November minutes were reviewed and approved by Amber. Seconded by Kerri. Carried.

**4. Trustee Report - Aimee Hennig**

- 4.1. Aimee shared Board highlights, which can be found here: <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/regular-board-meeting-highlights-december-19-2023>

**5. PSD Stakeholders and Parent Engagement Night Update & COSC Meeting - Angie Gehlert**

**5.1. PSD stakeholder and parent engagement night**

- 5.1.1. Event took place at Westview School
- 5.1.2. Group was asked: what are the concerns and accolades you would like to share in PSD currently?
  - 5.1.2.1. Concern: French Immersion students don't have a French Immersion high school option in the division.
  - 5.1.2.2. People were happy that all students have access to school councillors.
  - 5.1.2.3. Happy that additional work and resources are available for gifted children.
  - 5.1.2.4. Breakfast program a strong asset to schools.
- 5.1.3. Focused conversations on student and workplace wellness included the following topics:
  - 5.1.3.1. Elder Violet talked about how to build a sense of community back into schools
  - 5.1.3.2. Develop inclusive school culture
    - 5.1.3.2.1. School potluck events have shown that parental involvement increased through volunteering and engaging with additional varieties of professional involvement in the school
- 5.1.4. Additional support for teachers in the workplace
  - 5.1.4.1. Angie shared how Graminia is using the Brag Box
- 5.1.5. It was asked if outcomes will be shared from this meeting, and Aimee explained that Trustees are given the meeting notes which are then shared with Superintendent Boyce. This process helps to determine what the education focus will be for the following school year.

## **5.2. COSC (Council of School Councils) MEETING**

- 5.2.1. Amber and Angie were asked to give a presentation on the school's One Small Thing and Brag Box initiatives. Other school councils were engaged with the idea, and it was a nice opportunity so showcase Graminia School.
- 5.2.2. A "social media in your household" topic was discussed by Jordi Weidman, who shared resources including the PlayTime Limits app that helps to monitor app use of children. Common Sense Media, Safer School Together, and Media Smarts were also tools that were discussed.
- 5.2.3. The Alberta Government has given a \$500 grant for school councils - there are strict guidelines on how this funding can be used. The Board of Trustees will cover up to \$5,000.00 per division to attend the Alberta School Council conference.
- 5.2.4. Office of Superintendent Report: fall break was really appreciated by staff; this will probably continue in future school years.
- 5.2.5. Calendar Survey - topic of early start date came up. Fall, Spring, and Winter breaks will not change in 2024/25.
- 5.2.6. Future agenda items for COSC meetings: hoping to get Mark Francis out to discuss suspension and expulsion policies.

## **6. The "HOW TO" of Powerschool and Assessments - Treena Neumann**

### **6.1. Assessments**

- 6.1.1. The Graminia Development Plan Results Report for 2022-2023 is available to review on the school's website: <https://graminia.psd.ca/download/411274>
- 6.1.2. Annual Education Results Report 2022-2023 was discussed; Graminia uses the Assurance Model. The link to the report is here: <https://www.psd.ca/download/433535>

### **6.2. Powerschool Presentation**

- 6.2.1. The "How To" of Powerschool presentation is available here: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IWgwR1tucM9c0meL-9oZk8J75BwTntnM3FRhWze\\_Ht8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IWgwR1tucM9c0meL-9oZk8J75BwTntnM3FRhWze_Ht8/edit?usp=sharing)
- 6.2.2. Key information shared during the meeting follows:
  - 6.2.2.1. Updated grades may not appear all the time because teachers may be assessing student grades and report card comments; reports coming out January 30, 2024.
  - 6.2.2.2. Question about grading rubric being shared with individual assignments - isn't possible because only one document can be uploaded for an assignment.
  - 6.2.2.3. Options classes don't include as much information as required classes. Parents are encouraged to connect with teachers if they have concerns with their children's performance.

## **7. Principal's Report by Treena Neumann**

- 7.1. Staffing update: Mrs Kim Duchaine is the school's new Head Secretary; Mrs Kent is still away.
- 7.2. The Graminia Band Program sent a delegation to the November board meeting and their performance was very well received.
- 7.3. Basketball is up and running! The amazing coaches are:
  - 7.3.1. Senior Boys: [sidney.lewis@psd.ca](mailto:sidney.lewis@psd.ca) and [kiran.kawa@psd.ca](mailto:kiran.kawa@psd.ca)
  - 7.3.2. Senior Girls: [kara.holst@psd.ca](mailto:kara.holst@psd.ca)
  - 7.3.3. Junior Boys: [isabela.ramos@psd.ca](mailto:isabela.ramos@psd.ca) and [laura.duncan@psd.ca](mailto:laura.duncan@psd.ca)
  - 7.3.4. Junior Girls: [sidney.lewis@psd.ca](mailto:sidney.lewis@psd.ca) and Coach Melissa
- 7.4. Health Day Success! The grade 7-9 Health Day planned by Mrs Jacobs and Mr Lygo focused on mental health.
- 7.5. Hawk Holiday Spirit schedule:
  - 7.5.1. December 18th: Festive Footwear / Socks

7.5.2. December 19th: Holiday Hair, Don't Care / Festive Hat / Hair Accessory

7.5.3. December 20th: Sweater Weather / Holiday Shirt / Mad for Plaid

7.5.4. December 21st: Pyjama Day for our last day of school

7.6. Christmas Concerts:

7.6.1. Grades 4-6 Choir & Band Concert scheduled for Wednesday December 13th at 1:00pm and 6:30pm

7.6.2. Grades 1-3 Choir Concert scheduled for Thursday December 14th. The dress rehearsal is at 10am and the concert performance is at 1:00pm.

7.6.3. Kinder Christmas Celebrations will be held in the multipurpose room beginning at 1:00pm:

7.6.3.1. KM (Munro): Monday, December 18th

7.6.3.2. KA (Kerr-Arnston): Tuesday, December 19th

7.6.3.3. KS (Salon): Wednesday, December 20th

7.6.3.4. Kinder teachers will be sharing details of the celebrations directly with families.

**8. New Business**

8.1. One parent noted their safety concern about the parking lot's drop off area: the pot holes and flow of traffic cause a lot of distraction, and the area is dark during morning drop off. Treena encouraged parents to email her about their concerns regarding the quality and safety of the parking lot so that she can share those concerns with the Facilities department.

8.2. A concern was raised by a parent about the appropriateness of the upcoming Snow White performance at Fort Edmonton Park. The concern was whether there could be sexualized subject matter. Treena informed the parent that she would contact them directly to discuss their concern privately.

**9. Adjournment**

9.1. Melanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Sheila seconded. Carried.

Next council meeting date: January 17, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Graminia School Library.

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