

Gateway Christian School Council Minutes  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017  
GCS Library

- 7:00pm Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions (Dave)  
-attendance sheet passed
- Prayer/Devotions - Corinna
- Focus on the Through Line of Beauty Creating (The Devotion of a Stained-Glass Window - Currentents Magazine Spring 2015 by Akela Newman)
- 7:05pm Adoption of Agenda - Dave
- Adoption of March's Minutes - Dave
- Adoption of agenda and minutes from both the School Council and Society meetings in march
- 7:10pm Caring and Sharing
- Teresa shared about Jeremy Horlings being transferred to G. H. Dawe as Vice Principal there
  - Applications for filling the open Vice Principal position are open until April 19 and Teresa will keep us posted on our new addition for next year
  - Kim shared her excitement about the playground build and the progress happening with both the fundraising team and design team
- 7:15pm Treasurer's Report
- Review of the council budget
- 7:20pm Red Deer Primary Care Network Women's Fun Run - School Challenge - May 13
- Cheryl reported and invited our female students, as well as mom-and-son teams for all ages kids and various lengths of runs starting at 9am
- 7:22pm Citywide School Council meeting date
- Tuesday, May 9, 7-9pm @ West Park Elementary School, 3814 55 Ave
- 7:24pm Ministers Advisory Council
- Opportunity and invitation for junior and senior high school students to apply for participation and input about educational matters
  - Application deadline is May 5, 2017.
  - See more information about this opportunity below minutes
- 7:25pm Honour Roll Process Review
- Discussion about honour roll requirements within Gateway Christian School
  - Schools within Red Deer district and Alberta Schools have discrepancies within the requirements for achieving Honour Roll
  - Further exploration and examination over our process are required
  - It would be helpful to have explanations and requirements for all awards given here at Gateway Christian School (including Christian character awards)

- 7:45pm to Discussion about school water quality and testing (there are certain students who are not keen to drink our school water) Teresa will look into this.
- 8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned - Dave
- Motion to adjourn; all approved

**Red Deer Society for Christian Education  
April 18, 2017 Board Meeting**

- 8:05pm Welcome to our new directors
- Dan Steenbergen
  - Faith Plunkett
- 8:07 Election / Appointment of Officers
- Chairman → Dave Tilstra
- Vice Chairman → Warren Elgersma
- Treasurer → Jolayne Webb
- Secretary → Lucille Snyder
- Directors
- **Bank Signing authorities**
    - Motion to have Lucille Snyder, Warren Elgersma, Dave Tilstra, Jolayne Webb, and Corinna Van Niejenhuis on signing authority list
    - Submotion for Josie Tuazan and Corinna Van Niejenhuis to have bank account information access via telephone and online banking
    - John Jenkins first motion, Lucille Snyder second motion, all in favour
- 8:12pm Strategic Planning - Finance
- Carolyn Stolte provided history of our Society and School plans for what is now Gateway Christian School, explained the process of restricting the funds, and how we invested the funds
  - Recent practice has been to spend interest rather than principal funds and provide 5 scholarships to Gateway students
  - Discussion ensued about how to honour those who worked to raise these funds and how to be stewardly about our financial gifts
  - Question about how we ought to treat the funds - as a foundation, where principal amounts are preserved for long term potential? Or as an asset to be spent towards current needs?
  - We need to review what our ultimate goal and purpose is for the Society funds while revisiting our mission and vision within our Society
  - We ought to create a clear definition about the purpose and intent for our Society funds in order to clarify our intentions for both our school community and Red Deer Public School District
  - Gateway has 2 specific roles that are unique within the Society; within Worship Coordinator and Executive Director; both of which are funded through the society and may be in jeopardy if we did not have the flexibility provided to the Society within the principal funds owned by the Society
  - We must articulate and communicate our partnership within Red Deer Public School

District as well as how our role as an alternative Christian school makes us distinct and gives us credibility for having funds for specific use

- Next objectives to tackle: 1. Define our mission and purpose for our Society and its funds  
2. Allocate our resources in a way that honours our role both as an alternative Christian school as well as a public school within the Red Deer Public School District

8:50pm - Communication & Updates - will be brought up within next months (May) meeting

- Executive Director Update
- a. Golf tournament - May 13
  - i. In the process of seeking sponsors and donors; primarily in monetary support
  - ii. Invite people to golf!
- b. Grade 12 Stand and Deliver - May 19
- c. Field Day - June 8
- d. PCCE AGM - April 22
  - i. invite trustee and be at the event with them (host the trustee) as part of our strategic plans
- Worship Coordinator Update

9:00pm - Adjourn meeting

As a follow up to my February 27, 2017 email announcing the formation of the Minister's Youth Council, I would like to thank you for championing junior and senior high school students to apply for this opportunity.

The application deadline is just a few weeks away – completed application packages must be postmarked no later than May 5, 2017.

Alberta Education's Minister's Youth Council will consist of approximately 32 junior and senior high school students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from across the province. Council members will have the opportunity to provide input on education issues and engage with the ministry as partners.

Alberta Education has developed communication tools and information about recruitment for the Minister's Youth Council for you to share with your schools and communities.

The online communication tools include:

- a sample newsletter article;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- a recruitment poster;
- an information postcard;
- website graphics; and
- sample social media posts.

Please visit the Alberta Education website at [education.alberta.ca/myc](http://education.alberta.ca/myc) for the application form, online communication tools and additional information.

If you have any questions about the Minister's Youth Council or Alberta Education's provincial student engagement strategy, please contact Mark Bevan, Director, Strategic Engagement Branch, at [mark.bevan@gov.ab.ca](mailto:mark.bevan@gov.ab.ca) or 780-644-1809 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

We appreciate your assistance in promoting awareness and encouraging your staff, parents and guardians, and the broader community to support junior and senior high school students to submit applications.

Sincerely,

David Eggen

Minister

Alberta Education

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