

# Gateway Christian School Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017

GCS Library

- 7:00pm Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions (Dave)  
-attendance sheet passed
- Prayer/Devotions - Corinna  
- Wisdom in decision making
- 7:05pm Adoption of Agenda - Dave  
Agenda adopted as amended.
- Adoption of April's Minutes - Dave  
Minutes were adopted as presented.
- 7:10pm Caring and Sharing  
- Teresa announced that Carolyn Stolte is the new vice-principal.  
- Teresa thanked Kim White for all of her hard work on the playground so far.  
- Teresa shared her appreciation for the hard work Corinna and the team did for the Golf Tournament.
- 7:25pm Treasurer's Report  
- No report this time. Discussing school council sponsoring a hole at the golf tournament.  
- Dave discussed that at the past weekends the school council sponsored two holes for the golf tournament. Dave will check the budget and we will discuss at a later time.
- 7:30pm Leadership Student Report  
- Had a lot of attendees for the recent Chill Fest. Was a great event and lots of fun. Had a lot of teachers attending.  
- June 8th School Fair Fun Night- to be announced.
- 7:40pm HANDS update & thank you  
- HANDS Josh shared his experiences of going on the trip. Joined in late. Only had two months to get ready. The trip was awesome. The things that impacted him the most. The school they were painting. The first day they painted a family stood outside and waved at them and thanked them for their hard work. Great to make connections with his classmates. He felt that he had a stronger relationship with God. Didn't even really know what he was getting into. It will be a different experience for each student.  
- Ashley shared that God's plan covered everything. Everything fell into place as it was suppose to be. They thanked the school council for donating the equipment. It meant a lot to the children who received the equipment.
- Dave added Brad's report from the Alberta School Council. Shared that Brian St. Germain gave a presentation on Residential Schools.
- 7:45 PM Meeting Adjourned - Dave

**Red Deer Society for Christian Education**  
**May 16, 2017 Board Meeting**

- 7:45pm Welcome to our new directors
- 8:00pm Communication & Updates
- Executive Director Update
    - PCCE AGM - April 22 Learned a lot. Great way to get to know other Executive Directors and other people in the christian community. A prayer goes out for Doug Monsma.
    - Golf tournament - May 13 65 golfers this year. She was concerned that we wouldn't have enough golfers but we ended up having enough people. The weather was good. Rough estimate was \$19 000 before expenses. Golf course was super supportive. Staff made the day fun. Nice venue. Special shout out to Cherilyn
    - Grade 12 Stand and Deliver - June 7. Corinna has been meeting with Cathy Tilstra. Their goal is to get some Gateway Alumni to come and share their story about how attending a Christian High School made a difference for them. The date has been moved to June 7th so that our students at Gateway can share in this experience. The format has changed. Students can choose how they would like to present.
    - Field Day - June 2 (recently changed from June 8)
      - invite trustee and be at the event with them (host the trustee) as part of our strategic plans
  - Worship Coordinator Update: Has been doing a lot of work getting ready for the golf tournament. For the months of May and June we are working on the through line of Community Building. Next week we will be doing a communion service for 6-12. Has been praying a lot about it as we have a lot of students from different faiths and churches. A letter went home to parents letting them know what will be happening.
- 8:12pm Kim White Playground Build Society Donation Proposal Presentation.
- Kim discussed what we currently have. Most of what we have is summer time fun. Most of our students are inside on their phones. Grade 6-12 are currently allowed to stay inside. The west field area has been sold. It's a very real possibility that we would no longer have our little playground. Teresa met with Della Ruston. She will let us know as soon as we know who has purchased the land and what their plans are for the space. Kids around our school a really excited about this. The team is made up of many people. We need our proposal into the city by May 30th.
  - Kim discussed how the building of a playground fits with the Throughlines.
  - Budget \$400 000 to build the playground. We currently have \$50 000. Planned events: garage sale(May 27th), Family Comedy Night, Food Basket Sale.
  - Most of the money will likely come from Grants. Need approval from the City and the joint use committee. We will know by the end of June.
- 8:50pm Strategic Planning - Finance
- Continuing Discussion about Society Funds
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.

Look at the budget over the last five years so that we can decide what are the consequences for donating the money. How will this impact the society? Dave, Corinna and Carolyn will work on getting the information.

9:35pm

Adjourned meeting by Dave.