

**Gateway Christian School**  
**School Council Minutes**  
**October 17, 2017**

**7:00pm Welcome and Introductions**

- Call to order: Kim White
- Attendance sheet passed around
- Review of agenda.

**7:03pm Devotions**

- Kim White read a passage from the Bible. Prayer.

**7:10pm Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from September 12, 2017**

- Motion by Teresa Tataryn. Motion seconded by Jolayne Webb. All in favour: motion passed.

**7:12pm Caring and Sharing**

- Thank past members (thank you cards presented). Introduce new School Council members: Kim White (Chair), Corinna Van Niejenhuis (Vice Chair), Jolayne Webb (Treasurer) and Faith Plunkett (Secretary).
- Hot Lunch Program: how to best support GCS hot lunch program? Continued support through ordering. Grateful to lunch ladies. Discussion followed.
- Playground Update: waiting on grants. 175k currently in playground account. Pictures of playground layout passed around. Grateful to RDSCE, GCS, and hot lunch program for support. Discussed past fundraising events which have proven to be successful.

**7:17pm Student Council/Leadership Report**

- High School Rep: William Dial. Welcome and introduction. Update on High School Council from William. First meeting of year successful/planning underway. Recruiting students; large turn-out/great response.

**7:22pm Revisioning School Council**

Kim White provided an update and overview of the following:

- Roles and responsibilities of school council, principals, teachers and school board
- Rules of order that the school council will use throughout the year, including voting procedures
- Review the governance model
- Student Council has the ability to be very influential. Goals of being more involved/engaged on local level (ie. attend more Red Deer Public School Council city wide meetings. Establish relationships and increased communication with trustees, etc.)
- Discussion on Red Deer Trustee election results.
- Teacher representative: Leah Baker. Excited and grateful to have her on board. Leah unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **7:35pm Joint School Council & Red Deer Society for Christian Education Initiatives**

- Discussion surrounding RDSCE and School Council joint initiatives/projects going forward. Unanimous decision to continue joint initiatives. No motion necessary.
- Staff Appreciation: Discussion followed. Brainstorming.
- Community prayer time: Motion by Dave Tilstra to initiate the Prayer Championship Program. Motioned seconded by Jolayne Webb. All in favour: motion passed.
- Meet the Teacher BBQ: Successful. Good turn-out. Will continue event in future.
- Lunch supervision discussion: parent volunteers approximately 2-3 times per year. High School Leadership students to help with lunch supervision as well. Will provide teachers with occasional break/reprieve from lunch supervision and duties. Motion by Dave Tilstra. Motion seconded by William Dial. All in favour: motion passed.

### **7:40pm School Council Goals for 2017/2018**

Kim White discussed the following three goals/priorities for this school year:

1. Staff Appreciation
2. Amend Bylaws for School Council.
  - Student Council members to read updated bylaws and revisit conversation.
3. Formation of new fundraising incorporation.
  - Discussion followed. Possibility of RDSCE helping with this process. Motion by Jolayne Webb to begin looking into a new fundraising incorporation. Seconded by John Jenkins. All in favour: motion passed.

### **7:55pm Treasurer's Report**

Jolayne discussed the following regarding the Society budget:

- Budget additional \$1000
- Staff BBQ expense (total cost 1226.11, half= \$613.05)
- Review of the 2017-2018 School Council Budget

### **7:58pm SC - ASCA Report**

#### **School Council - City Wide Meetings for 2017-2018**

- November 14, 2017 - Hunting Hills High School
- January 23, 2018 - Eastview Middle School
- March 6, 2018 - Central Middle School
- May 8, 2018 - Normandeau School

#### **School Council Gateway Meetings (joint with RDSCE)**

- November 21, 2017
- January 23, 2018
- February 27, 2018
- March 20, 2018
- April 17, 2018
- May 15, 2018

**8:00pm School Council meeting adjourned.**