

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contract with Palliser ends August 2013 - Is there a plan for discussion with parents prior to August 2013 or before January 2013 when we have to resign the current contract?. - Are we getting what we ,as parents, agreed apon when we signed on with Palliser? - How are we getting parent feedback on this process? - It was discussed that Society would be looking into this before 2013 and would get feedback from parents. - Give the parents a varities of oppotunities to provide feedback. Ie: website, spoken oppotunities, written, etc. Judith had some ideas. - Would like to see something more formalized - There will be a proposal being sent forward to the Society Board from School Council regarding this matter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Updates (including feedback from calendar proposal and what is being presented to Palliser) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No news on the calander for 2012-2013 school year yet Calendar is still NOT approved for next school year. - Expansion still on schedule and opening the wing February 1, 2012. Parent and children welcome to stop by and take a tour after school or in the evening. - New hire started at GCA January 9, 2012 Ms. Serena Jackson for Gr. 4/5 also increased Bev Wiens and Michelle Kotlewski to full time. - Start renovation in elementary wing after Juniour High moves into the new wing. Construction and renovations will probably come in 2 sections. Possibly beginning summer 2012 - We will be capped next year at 750 students if we fill to compacity - Silent Auction February 3, 2012 - Dominican Republic missions trip during Spring Break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council minute changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes need to be approved by the council before they can be posted to the website. - Minutes will still be distributed the same way after the meeting. Make note of possible changes to be discussed at next council meeting. - Once changes are discussed- motion to approve minutes will take place and minutes will then be official and then posted to website. - Minutes will not be posted to the website until they are approved at the next council meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Report (Christmas concert feedback) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venue was great - More streamlined - What would we do differently? Teachers will be meeting soon to discuss this as well. - Basketball is running right now. - Intermurals 7, 8, & 9 co-ed. Still having difficulty getting the Grade 8's out. May need to change the time they are to start. - Quinn runs the Grade 6 intermurals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Contests? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classroom contest and individual contests? - If there was an individual contest doesn't that send the wrong message to our children and the reasons they are doing the Christmas trees, Shoebox's, etc. as well as adding pressure on the parents to meet the desire to "win" the contest. - The classroom competition was received well and the individual contest to bring the 	<p>Derrick</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>John/Sean</p> <p>Andrea/Jen B</p>
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		<p>most boxes was only for “Principal Recognition” and announcement on the PA- there was no prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas concert feedback (FAC, rehearsal, parts, divisions) - Overall feedback was that everyone liked having the concert in 1 night opposed to multiple nights. - Was a great opportunity of the Grade 5’s to have a larger role before heading into Junior High. - Question? Why can’t we videotape the performance? Answer: There are copywrite issues. So we are unable to videotape the performance. - Ticket sales were good. There was lots of room so we could sell more tickets if needed. - Concerned that tickets were available online before they were announced that they were available. Derrick will make sure this is not the case for next year. - Parents had some difficulty getting the children to and from First Alliance especially if they had a child that was in Grade 6 and up. - Children had some difficulty with the change in where they were suppose to meet before and after the performance on the night of the performance. - Suggestions to make sure that students are not missing too much classtime for rehearsals. - Use the “rehearsal” day to catch up on homework before the holidays so students don’t come home with homework after a “movie day” at school. - Overall fantastic and the message was great especially for those families who were not familiar with the real story of Christmas 	All
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society Updates/changes - School uniforms – the Society Board has stated that unless there is a need to change the current supplier will not be changing. School uniforms will still be supplied by Halpren’s. Brenda G will talk to the powers that be about changing the logo on the Navy Blue Official uniform pants back to the small GCA logo instead of the big logo that is currently on the pants (as discussed last year). 	Andrea
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post it wall (how it will work) - Communication board – on the front table when you walk into the Library on Council meeting nights. Post-it notes are provided. Write your question down and stick it to the board if you are unable to speak at council or are not sure who it needs to be directed to. Andrea will take the questions and send the to the appropriate society members or administration to get answers. - If you have questions and are not able to attend council, you can email your questions to Andrea and they will be forwarded to the appropriate parties. - Answers should be provided by next council meeting - Questions of current meeting will be added to the minutes and answers will be given at the next meeting. 	Andrea
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on fundraiser recommendations for next year (options will be provided at meeting) - Voting on whether to sell the Student Union books or to just write a mandatory cheque. - Decision was to give families the option to sell the Student Union books or to write a \$100.00 cheque. - This is a mandatory \$100.00 Fundraising Fee per family - If you write a \$100.00 cheque you will receive a tax receipt but if you choose the option to sell the books there will be no tax receipt. 	All

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be clearly explained in the renewal packages for next year. • Bible idea.... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Bible: has current drawing almost like a comic book. - Easy for kids to read - You get and understand the stories in the Bible - Would like to see this a part of the Welcome Package given to new families joining GCA that may not know or understand the Bible. - Would like to see current students have a copy along with there NIV Bible. 1 bible per student not 1 per family. - Would like to get feedback from teachers - Is it possible to make a electronic copy available instead or in addition to the actual book. - The idea was overwhelmingly supported and encouraged by the parents in attendance at the meeting - Additional ideas for it- fundraising abilities to "buy Bibles" as Christmas gifts, add to hampers, create CE curriculum ideas around it - Official proposal has been sent to the Society Board already and they will be discussing it at their next meeting. Tanya Gerber sent the proposal to the Society Board. • Scripture Memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the purpose of the memory verses? - Is it more about memorization or learning the Bible? - How is it tied to the classroom? Do the children understand the verse and know what it means? John Bird commented that the verses are "unpacked" by the teachers so that students understand them. - Scripture memory verses offer more the just the teaching of Christianity. It teaches our children how to memorize, punctuation, grammar, etc. - Would like to see something more consistent as you move through the grades. - Possible ideas: create a devotional around the verse to share with parents, clearly describe the expectation of how verses will be marked at each grade level, explain the purpose to parents at the beginning of the year. - A proposal is being prepared by Andrea Taylor with these ideas to be given to the Society Board as it falls under "Bible" • Warm Hugs day? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council makes Hot Chocolate and hands it out to parents and children when they arrive at the school. - Warm Hugs day will be February 14, 2012 - Parent volunteers needed for that morning- please contact Andrea if you are available to help. • Police visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derrick and Andrea are trying to coordinate with area police representative. - To get kids more aware of what they can and can not do. Letting the children be more aware of the consequences to their actions. - Suggested that this should start in Grade 4. If we wait too long we may have already missed the boat. - Police are assigned to high schools but we want to start earlier - Sharing the safety (or lack of) on Facebook- students need to be aware of what they are sharing and who has access to it and how it can be used by anyone! 	<p>Tanya</p> <p>Mary- Ellen</p> <p>Andrea</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be more discussion about this next meeting. • School Supplies coordinator? - New School Supply Coordinator is needed. - One will be decided in February's School Council meeting. - Anyone interested please let Andrea know. - Lisa will help anybody that takes over the role but is unable to take the lead on this. • Student Enrollment - Next Council Meeting • Alumni communications - Covered in Questions • Technology Committee? - Not one at this time • Any other new items <p>COMMUNICATION BOARD POSTINGS:</p> <p>SOCIETY Questions</p> <p>Do we pay for resource (Mrs. Weins & Mrs. Duncan) through our school fees?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, however the .2 increase for Bev is being covered by Palliser. - Where is the Alumni Communications at? Who is doing that? How? - This position is currently not filled but society is in the process of identifying areas that need to be addressed including this one and will report as soon as it is sorted out. - School Uniforms- are we getting a new vendor? Is there parent input? - See above. - Can we lease to distance learning (space or technology) or home schooled kids and receive gov't funds for it? - This is a great idea but again is an area that they still trying to figure out who can take this on. - The parking lot!!!!- What are we going to do about it, long term? - School zone has been expanded, requesting for no parking during school hours along Bridleridge Hgts and creating a drop zone there, hoping to have parking concerns decreased with new wing opening. This is all still in planning stages. - Can our parking lot be leased for Driver's ED or bike safety on the weekends? - This is a great idea but again is an area that they still trying to figure out who can take this on. - Is there any discussion with Palliser about having a democratically elected Trustee? - This is something we need to discuss with Palliser and Dale Backlin to see what can be done- not a Society Board controlled issue - Will Palliser share some of the "Technology fund" with GCA? or is GCA choosing to not use Palliser's allotment? - GCA chose to do their technology in-house so that all our technology belongs to GCA and is not a public tool. - What does the school nurse do at GCA other than gr 5 shots? - Grad 9 shots! She is in the school every Wednesday and if you are needing medical help or support, including eating plans for your children you can contact the office to reach her. - Why was the fall clean up not followed through with after the discussion at the last council meeting? - This was somewhat answered but there are still questions- please direct them directly to Bob Montgomery to ensure that your questions are answered. - What is happening with Lease funding? - It will be discussed further with Tasha Schindel and Society Board member Bruce Curlock to 	<p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>Tasha</p> <p>Tasha</p> <p>All</p>
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		<p>decide what our next steps are. How is school construction going? -See above</p> <p>TEACHER/ADMIN please address: Could we increase the computer time for classes in the portables? - This will happen in February when the renovation is done for new wing How are the iPads being used? - Being signed out everyday and being used more and more by the elementary teachers. They were being used for sky watching this week. Could we create public speaking/ debate clubs for the Jr. High? -This was done by Mr. Barreth and Mr. Bird in the past. It is a great program but it is difficult to find the time. Successful programs are usually done in schools that run this as a course option. It could be looked at in the future but time would dictate this.</p> <p>Communication Board Questions: (to be discussed at the Feb. Meeting)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the cafeteria doing? Are we getting a new vendor or have the changes to improve our current vendor been sufficient? Is there another opportunity for the users to provide feedback this year? How has usage been? Can we expect an increase in cost for 2012-2013? With regard to the new policy that CBE adopted to provide only healthier choices in all of the CBE school cafeterias, lunchrooms and vending machines... are we in line with this trend? How does our Nutritionist rate our healthy food choices available? 2. The land behind Sobeys.... Has there been any further discussions with the city about using that land for GCA sports? What can be done to get that ball rolling? 3. Is there any changes in the "options" available to students in Junior High with the expansion and new facilities available? 4. Kindergarten... please provide some type of an overall update. Ie: entrance testing changes over the last couple of years, enrollment, how is our kindergarten dept handling the Palliser PD days? (They are in school and the remainder of GCA is out of school.) 5. Does the Society Board have an annual or bi-annual School Plan or Strategic Plan? 	
4	8:00p	<p>Next Meeting Date & Time: February 6, 2012 from 6:30-8</p> <p>Andrea to chair</p> <p>Adjournment and prayer</p>	

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