



## Agenda - Monday November 21, 2011 School Council Meeting

Meeting: GCA School Council  
 Chairperson: Andrea Taylor  
 Recorder: Robin Petropoulos  
 Date/Time: Nov. 21<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 6:30-8:00pm  
 Location: Glenmore Christian Academy – Library  
 Distribution:

Item #	Start Time	Description	Person Responsible
1	6:30p	Welcome and Prayer	Derrick
2	6:35p	Introductions (if applicable) Review of agenda items	ALL
3	6:45p	New Discussion Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC (After and Before Care) &amp; Grand Opening update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning to proceed</li> <li>- Still need to determine the fees- estimating \$600/month</li> <li>- Do we provide snacks/food or do the children bring them from home?</li> <li>- Right now we own 1 of the portables and there is a possibility to purchase the other 2.</li> <li>- Staffing has not yet begun but there are 2 potential names that have already been brought forward.</li> <li>- Brainstorming possible building use in the evenings for ESL workshops, community activities etc.</li> <li>- DPA issue – won't take long to get the permit about 2 weeks</li> <li>- Before care would start at 7:00am and after school care would be till about 6:00pm</li> <li>- At a later date council will discuss how to work it with students that are in Kindergarten full day, mornings &amp; afternoons. Also how to work PD day's</li> <li>- Do families have a choice of full time and/or drop in?</li> <li>- There will be a survey coming to all parents with specific childcare questions before the end of the calendar year.</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Grand opening will be on Feb 1!</li> <li>- Invitations to dignitaries have been done.</li> <li>- Whole school outside for arial photo of students</li> <li>- Parent/ community open house to occur during the evening at a later date</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Band of Brothers update/ landscapers               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cheryl has been talking to David Zimmerman to match up people with the skills we need – this did not happen for fall cleanup</li> <li>- The sprinkler system was blown out for fall.</li> <li>- Bob is getting a group together this week to ensure garbage is cleaned up before winter</li> <li>- Now looking at a Spring clean up and it is confirmed that it is organized for Spring</li> <li>- Snow removal contract is also completed, Alonso will clean sidewalks snow day and the parking lot will be cleared if there is more than 2cm of snow.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Cheryl

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possibility- Christmas lights on the 11 trees that are connected to power. Need to buy lights and decorate the trees before Christmas break. Andrea will contact parents to help.</li> <li>• Palliser Updates (if applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Laurie Wilson ( Director of Learning)</li> <li>- Trying to establish a contact with the different schools in the Palliser district</li> <li>- Shares information with other school councils</li> <li>- Left contact information with Andrea Taylor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Principal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 9 mission trip is 3 months (over Easter Break) earlier then in previous years. Looking forward to hearing &amp; seeing how the students enjoyed the trip and have them involved in chapel/devotions for the younger students.</li> <li>- New wing on schedule and should be ready for January move in day's</li> <li>- February 1 Grand Opening of the new wing</li> <li>- GCA School Calendar to be discussed at December meeting. Derrick is meeting with administration and will be presented with the options for the upcoming school calander. Derrick would like councils imput before the meeting with trustees on January 16.</li> <li>- Derrick would like feedback on the Fall break but is waiting until we hear from Palliser regarding calendar options.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Teacher Report (feedback from recess equipment, supplies, other) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback on the November break on the students: Sean stated that the JR students needed the break as they had a lot of demands. Less negative feedback from the JR high parents as they were still able to go to work as the students are old enough to stay home alone.</li> <li>- John stated that continuity was lost with the Elementary students. Parents found the the break might have been better around Thanksgiving.</li> <li>- Elementry teachers are working with First Alliance Church on the Christmas Presentation which will be held all in 1 night.</li> <li>- Recess equipment is going well</li> <li>- Intramurals 7, 8 &amp; 9 – Volleyball Grade 7's about 25-30 students, Grade 8's low attendance, Grade 9's about 20 kids</li> <li>- Quinn Barreth is running the Grade 6's and they are doing Basketball</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Update from ASCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board meeting last weekend spent 2 hrs with the new Education Minister and he is amazing.</li> <li>- Supporter of schools of choice. Talked about alternatives and knew about our school.</li> <li>- Wanted to know what is happening in your school</li> <li>- Talked about investing in education. What is happening to my investment. His client is the parents.</li> <li>- First provincial group that he spoke to was the parents, leaving some confusion for the trustees, superintendants and board representatives as to why they weren't spoken to first. The Minister chose to meet with his clients directly first.</li> <li>- He is sending a letter to each child and parent in Alberta wanting to connect with him personality so you feel more comfortable bring up concerns you may have at your school.</li> <li>- He has scraped the new Education Act</li> <li>- He has to re-write the Education Act. Currently the act is too broad and needs to make learning easy for children.</li> <li>- Opening up Bill 44 – Freedom of Speech in the classroom</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Derrick</p> <p>John/Sean</p> <p>Tasha</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Always talked about Student learning in almost everything he talked about</li> <li>- Expect changes before April</li> <li>- Alberta continues to be Rank #3 in the world</li> <li>- Funding predictability</li> <li>- He encourages and wants to see new pilot projects to improve student learning.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Society Updates/changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrea and Tasha have been meeting with Brenda G. and Bruce C. (society members) to develop a plan for better communication between parent/ council and society.</li> <li>- In order to promote open, honest communication and to allow parents to remain anonymous (if they choose), there is a communication board that will be present at each council meeting. Parents will be given “post-it” notes and they can write their concerns, questions, suggestions, and thoughts to improve GCA. These will be collected after each meeting, sent to the appropriate parties to answer them and will be reported on at the next council meeting.</li> <li>- Proposals that involve the 3B’s (Bible, Building, Bussing) will be presented to society in official written format. These ideas can be brought to school council and the proposal will be written by the council executive.</li> <li>- Items will be discussed at the next society meeting and reported back to council by the next school council meeting.</li> <li>- Society will not be sharing a “minutes” package at this time, there will be a detailed financial statement provided to all parents in Dec/ Jan with an AGM to be held in Jan. to explain the financial statements provided. There will also be an annual report containing the important decisions made by society during their term.</li> <li>- Society will also be part of the council AGM in May.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Andrea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grocery cards fundraiser (Judi Clowes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 9 fundraiser for Missions Trip</li> <li>- Choices of CO-OP value up to \$1000 and can be used toward gas bar as well</li> <li>- Sobey’s value up to \$500</li> <li>- In Parent Preview</li> <li>- Order before December 5</li> <li>- Contact Judi Clowes or Angie Peters or the office to order</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Judi/Angie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking Update (patrollers by cafeteria?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing will be done for this year but will be talked about for next year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Derrick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evergreen update – recommendations for remaining money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will cover the Grade 6 Evergreen (2011/2012)</li> <li>- Grades 4 &amp; 5 Mad Science (2011/2012)</li> <li>- Start from zero for next year and have made a suggestion to make the fundraiser more broad so we can use the funds for the entire school to participate in a school activity opposed to grade specific.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Andrea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraisers- recommendations for registration next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do we want the Technology fundraiser to be part of school fees?</li> <li>- Do we make it mandatory?</li> <li>- Decision &amp; vote at January meeting as group was too small.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Andrea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Supplies suggestions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would like to change how the fundraiser is phrased to be more broad to accomodate the entire school.</li> <li>- Find a better supplier for pencil crayons. They still break off just after the kids</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Andrea

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