

GCA School Council

GCA School Council Self Evaluation

2010 GCA School Council

Review Period: September 2009 to May 2010

Goals

Describe the goals you had set out to accomplish for this time period:

There were 4 goals set out for School Council this year.

- 1. Establish a GCA School Council Mission Statement**
- 2. Create GCA School Council By-laws**
- 3. Increase School Council membership/ GCA parent awareness of the opportunity for involvement within School Council**
- 4. Build a working relationship with the Society Board that is conducive to achieving the mission of enhancing student learning for GCA students.**

Which goals did you accomplish?

During the school year 2009/2010, the GCA School Council achieved the first three goals. The Mission statement and the bylaws were voted on and accepted at the School Council AGM. The increase of awareness of GCA parents is evident by the 21 nominations for the new executive team at the AGM on May 4, 2010 and the increase, although still small, in regular attendance at monthly meetings.

Which goals did you not accomplish and why not?

The goal of building a relationship with the GCA Society Board is a work in progress. Possibly new strategies will give a better result in the 2010/2011 school year. Calvin Tong accepted a role as a liaison from the Society Board to attend School Council meetings. There is no parent representative from the School Council currently invited to attend Society Board meetings. Calvin is currently attending both meetings and representing both sides. Larry Hamm attends School Council meetings when he is able. Minutes from the School Council meetings are sent to the Society board for their review.

Which other objectives did you meet, beyond your stated goals?

- 1. The Crosswalk on 24th Street SW is now a reality. There is a sign posted at the intersection of Bridleridge Heights and 24th Street SW.**
- 2. The Playground Committee which originated at the School Council completed the Division One Playground Project. It was an incredible success and came in under the expected budget.**
- 3. Advised on the Palliser Calendar and School District Budget**
- 4. Expressed the School Council desire to create a COSC to Dale Backlin and the Palliser Trustees. The first unofficial meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 8 at GCA.**

"Successful Schools have engaged and committed parents."

5. **Began the creation of a Volunteer Coordinator position to bring all of the volunteer opportunities at GCA into one place and allow all parents the ability to participate. Andrea Taylor was in this role prior to accepting the Co-Chairperson position in May.**

Which achievements are you most proud of?

The refurbishment of the Division One Playground is a huge accomplishment for the parents at GCA.

The creation of the School Council By-Laws and Mission Statement provide some necessary structure.

The increase of awareness by the teachers, administrators and the parents that School Council is a place that all stakeholders can be meaningfully involved in the student's education at GCA.

Comments

Additional Comments:

The evaluations showed positive remarks regarding relationships within the School Council membership and with the GCA Principal.

The following is a quote from a School Council Self Evaluation form:

"The School Council is a much needed opportunity for parents to participate in the success of GCA gong forward. I am thrilled to be a part of something that has a positive impact on students at GCA. Thank you for giving parents a voice."