

Date: Jan. 25 / 2021  
Time: 1800

## Attendees:

Kelsey Doolaar, Principal GSS  
Mark Baxendale  
Jacquie Farnsworth  
Navneet Rondeau  
Andrea Sherriff  
Rhonda Smith  
Mr. Nagar

## AGENDA:

1. Approval of Agenda- sent via email to all nothing to add
2. Approval of minutes (sent via email prior to meeting) No changes to the minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. Principal's report / Covid-19 Update/ Bullying policies
  - Kelsey said Mike Archibald sent a link to Choir/Band concert to all parents to watch. Due to covid this year there could not be an in house concert.
  - Field trips are on hold for now. Outdoor Academy is also on hold this year due to Covid. Since the purpose of this program is to go outdoor and enjoy which we are not able to do this year due to covid. So instead of outdoor ED we are offering a media design course focussed on outdoor ED as well as PE class.
  - Exams are happening Wednesday to Friday, there are also I plan days set side for Grade 10-12 students.
  - Grade 10 Numeracy assessment takes place soon. The students can take it up to 3 times if they wish. It is a summative assessment for only Grade 10 students.
  - Literacy assessment is for Grade 10 and 12 students. There is support available for students in both these areas.
  - There is a tech refresh happening in the district. New technology will be available for GSS students as of September 2021. The tech department is coordinating with staff to see what would work best for student learning. The district is using office 365 which offers students a cloud based account. GSS staff is looking at what tech to purchase and weighing the pros and cons between Chromebooks (\$366), Laptops (\$1200) and Desktops (\$+1500). Chromebooks are cloud base devices and do not allow for printing, but low cost means a better student to device ratio. Some of our courses that use Video / Media design may need access to higher-end processing that is only available with the Laptops or Desktops
  - There is a peer – influence program for Grade 8 students that they will be participating in. There are 3 cohorts and each group will be diving into this program. This program will address critical thinking, building healthy relationships with peers. Will also teach students to speak out for rights of others.

-Basketball will be starting in February as category B sports under the health guidelines. It will be based on more skills and drills. There is no ability to do games at this time. Students will play in their own cohorts.

### **Bullying Policies:**

-The GSS bullying policy is available online on the school website to review.

-We ask students and staff to bring anything that they see to our attention.

-It is based on restorative action to mend the relationship with one another. Both parties have to agree to do this but if that does not work there are other options such as in-school suspension, not being able to participate in activities. If they do not follow student code of conduct there are consequences.

-Parents communication is important for making it right and would appreciate if we can let the school know if we hear anything.

-there is a program at LGES called 'No one is born a racist' that is run by Kristine Divall. She also runs a program 'Youth Take Charge' at lunch hours

Rhonda (Trustee) asked if there is any extra curricular programs?

-Kelsey said yes there are afterschool programs available that are COED and are for students in the same cohorts.

-They are opening lunch hour gym session due to cold weather for each cohort. Students will be able to sign in to the days that are available for their cohorts.

### **COVID-19 Update:**

-First exposure of covid happened at Golden Alternate School on January 21<sup>st</sup> /2021. Kelsey contacted the superintendent who then followed up with Interior Health. Letters were sent out to all people who needed to be informed. All people were contacted by IH and were given directions to isolate.

-Exposure – definition of exposure is that someone with covid entered and left the building; and there was no transmission.

-There was a case at LGES earlier in the month where the students were exposed but there was no transmission

-PAC would like to thank the custodians for doing a great job keeping us safe.

#### 4. Treasure's report –Jacquie Farnsworth

-Jacquie and Mark met with Jeannette Schultz (previous treasurer) and have signed over both accounts to the new committee.

-Jacquie thanked Navneet to take over the gaming grant application process and applying for the grant. Navneet has submitted gaming summary for the last three years and now we are waiting for the grant to be processed.

-we have \$6000.00 in our gaming account and around \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the savings account.

-Navneet and Jacquie met and discussed some of the things that could be purchased for students at the school from the grant money. (small sanitizer bottles with hooks for the backpacks, Masks etc.)

There was a discussion of some of the things we can purchase with the grant money. Mark suggested some sports equipment with team logo.

Kelsey asked what are some of the things that can be purchased through grants. Navneet had the following list according to the grant reports that were purchased in the past.

1. Guest speakers –Mark discussed about a couple of possibilities like “I Got Mind” and “Y Minds” programs for students.
2. Christmas breakfast
3. Financial assistance for students in need
4. Sports jerseys, equipments
5. Student furnitures
6. Work stations
7. Funds for teachers to purchase classroom supplies

## 5. New business arising from the Agenda

Mark asked Kelsey if there were any issues with vaping in the school?

-Kelsey said it has improved this year, there are some concerns here and there but over all there is no issues with vaping. However she has had to deal with substance abuse more often this year.

Navneet asked if there are any assemblies at the school even within the cohorts?

-Kelsey said not yet, if there is anything they need to discuss with students they go glass to class.

Meeting adjourned 1900 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday Mar. 8 / 2021 @1800