

Date: 08 November 2021
Time: 1900

ATTENDEES:

- **Kelsey Doolaar**
- **Mark Baxendale**
- **Navneet Rondeau**
- **Jane Fearing**
- **Jacque Farnsworth**
- **Rhonda Smith**
- **Trina Wolfenden**
- **Sheila Braisher**
- **Cindy Galligan**
- **Tammy McLennon**

MINUTES:

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Assessments:

- Kelsey said GSS has finished fall assessments for Grades 8 and 9 Numeracy and Literacy assessments
- Provincial Grade 10 Literacy assessment is also completed. Numeracy assessment for Grade 10 will take place in January.
- Literacy Assessments are mandated by the Ministry to be completed 3 times during the school years from Grade 10-12 starting with the first one at the beginning of Grade 10. Students get a couple of opportunities throughout the year to complete the assessments.
- Numeracy assessments are only done during Grade 10, students have the opportunity to r and retake it up to three times if they are not happy with their scores. Can be taken in the first or second semester. Numeracy is not just Math, there are Literacy components to the assessment.
- Grade 9 assessments are complete and the teachers are sharing with staff and they are working together with each other to share with District.

Student Advisory Committee:

- 1st Student advisory committee meeting took place about a week and a half ago. Data was shared with them as well as the PAC and Trustees. Students agreed with the data. There were 15 students who attended the meeting, would like a larger group.

- Some of the topics discovered were sense of belonging, ownership over learning.
- Students needed to understand how belonging worked, they like school, people but don't feel that this is their everything. Some of the things that have been impacted due to COVID.
- They wish to see the Gym open at lunch, this has been discussed with the staff.
- Will create a survey and send it to all students to get more input.

Sports/Clubs

Sports are back up and running again.

-Volleyball is coming to an end. We have many teams for Bantam, Junior and Senior; Boys and Girls who attended various tournaments.

-Boys had a soccer team that also attended some tournaments.

-We had few students who also participated in X Country running team with couple Grade 9 students going to Provincials.

-Basketball is starting this week. We have Bantam, Junior and Senior; Boys and Girls teams practicing regularly.

-There is no Choir due to lack of numbers but Mrs. Lowe is trying to get it started.

-Interact club is running again this year.

-Students Commission of Canada, Kristine Divall, Jocelyn Gallant and William Cooper are working with student group on social justice issues in media. Some examples are; missing indigenous women; Anti Hate Crimes; Racism Staircase and sharing things they did not know about. They also have sessions of Yoga and Mental Health. It's a safe place for students to discuss certain health related and substance abuse issues.

School Success Plan

-Belonging-Group-Connections between Students and Adults at school.

-Teachers will go over how well do they know their students according to their personality, academically and personally.

-Pro-D on Numeracy on what it is and how we can connect it to other subjects in real world contact.

-Literacy -focus on finding books which students are interested in.

-Universal design for learning engagement- why -how-Multiple means of representation; Auditory learners, Visual learners.

-Multiple means of expressions- How are we showing our language; Speech to text technology and getting more laptops.

School Code Of Conduct

-This can be found on our school Website. Kelsey will like to send it out in an e-mail as well.

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Treasurer's Report

Jacque had an update on our accounts after making all the payments including the payment for water bottles for all students.

PAC Gaming account	\$926.60
Chequing account	\$3380.20

-Navneet said thanks to PAC for the water bottles that were given to all students as a token for GSS 30th anniversary.

-Jacque had received a letter from BCTF with information about a 90 minute presentation which is free of charge to any parent who wishes to join in.

QUESTIONS /COMMENTS

1. Jane had a question about the link between Numeracy and Literacy and what can be the link between them? Some examples.
-Kelsey said that there are high expectations for Grade 10's on the Numeracy Assessment, thinking strategies and a literacy skills are a large component of the assessment. Staff are focusing on building numeracy skills. Making inferences and share connections.
2. Rhonda had a question about any fundraising going on at GSS this year?
-Navneet said there was no fundraising at this time for PAC,
-Kelsey mentioned that Grad Executive is doing a fundraising on line from Mom's Pantry.
3. Rhonda Smith suggested we do a check in at the beginning of the meetings as it is a difficult time for us all and would be nice to connect this way.
4. Tammy McLennon said she works with adults and it is important to have a sense of belonging that we are lacking at this time. Knowing how to engage with each another is very important.

Having appropriate language to talk about their unmet needs is necessary in a non violent communicative way.

5. Jane Fearing shared that she was concerned to hear during a SOGI meeting with Viveka Johnson that there was racial graffiti @ LGES and bullying behavior at GSS.
 - Kelsey said they are trying to empower the students in coming forward to resolve these issues.
 - Tanya used the interracial staircase in her teaching in Grade 12 and created a bulletin board to draw awareness to the issue.
 - Policy 5810 Diversity and Inclusion has been reviewed with staff and discriminative language is not tolerated at GSS. Education around diversity and inclusion is occurring during in school suspension when the cause for this disciplinary action is discriminative language and conduct.
 - Kelsey was asked if they used Restorative practices? She said yes these practices are used when the student is feeling regret for their actions.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was suggested by Navneet and carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

6. Next meeting: Monday, December 6 / 2021 @1900