

Date: 14 November 22
Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Kelsey Doolaar
Cindy Galligan
Sheila England
Linda Pecora
Navneet Rondeau
Donna Gylander
Jacquie Farnsworth
Jane Fearing
Karen Hunter
Melanie Stonehouse
Scott King
Amanda Austin

AGENDA:

1. Approval of Agenda / Additions
 - Motion made to accept the agenda by Kelsey D and seconded by Donna G. Everyone accepted the motion with out any additions to the agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes (Sent via email)
 - Motion to accept the minutes as sent via email by Cindy G and seconded by Karen H. Motion was carried by all.
3. Principal's report
 - Kelsey gave the following updates on the current events at GSS
 1. Grads are doing a spaghetti fundraiser on Monday, November 28 at The Turning Point Restaurant. The tickets will be \$15 in cash only. Please attend and support our grads.
 - Grads are also doing a fundraiser from Mom's pantry. The orders should be in soon.
 - Grads also did a bottle drive last weekend and raised over \$5000.
 2. There is also a health hub that is available for students at GSS. Dr. Chiles, Dr. Cunis and Dr. T are here every Thursday morning. Ken Thompson, Justin Telfer and John Denham are also available these mornings for students to stop by if they wish.

Jane F asked how do the doctors decide who they see?

Kelsey said first of all this is something the students have to want it. They can discuss with parents. The students can sign via a QR code that is posted around the school. They can also go to the school website and book an appointment. There is also opportunity to drop in for an appointment if there are no booked appointment.

Jacquie F asked if parents can book an appointment for their child?

Kelsey said yes they can using the website. Should they wish their child to see counselling services they can contact Ron Ainslie or herself for an initial intake meeting.

 - some students have requested Naloxone training and it is being made available to students.
 - There is also event called Doughnuts with Diddams where students from grades 10,11 and 12 which is about safe partying and Kelly Hale from Public Health will also be going over Naloxone training with these grades.

3. The District hired two priority TTOC who make it possible to relieve teachers for learning rounds. Dona asked how do students react to change in teachers?

Kelsey said this only happens in one block and the students are familiar with the teachers that are taking over.

-PAC also did a coffee fundraiser.

Jane F asked when the coffee will arrive? Navneet said it is suppose to be in by end of November.

4. Diploma Verification- GRAD program is from grades 10-12

-New reporting order will start from July 2023

-Trial has started for Grade 8 about proficiency scale so grades 8 and 9 will get proficiency scale and grades 10-12 will get letter grades.

Linda P asked who decides to use the proficiency scale instead of the letter grades?

Kelsey said it is the government's decision. This is decided so we focus on descriptive feedback instead of looking for grades. This improves their skills and they don't get stuck with grades.

Linda P asked since we don't do honour roll anymore at GSS is there awards for academic students?

Kelsey said we do have award ceremony at the end of school year where the top academic awards are given along with other awards. She said she can let parents know the criteria that is used to select students closer to the award ceremony.

Linda P asked if a student in grade 8 fails Math if they are not doing well on the proficiency scale?

Kelsey said we do not usually hold students back a grade if students fail because it does not help them in the long run. The students do better when they are among their peers, it has been proven that they do better in grades 10-12.

-Grade 11 will be the last year for students to take mandatory Socials, Science and Math

-Parents can request the student grad requirement and completed course list from the school. It shows all courses that your child has completed along with the courses they require to complete graduation.

-Parents can also meet or email Todd Wilson who is the career counsellor at GSS. He is very helpful and knowledgeable.

5. The report cards will be going home next week.

6. Student Affordability Fund- Kelsey said that the government has given schools grants to help families of students; the things that can be covered with the grant are;

-Supplies such as jackets, pants, boots, school supplies etc.

-Food- we have started a breakfast program that has fruit, granola bars, cheese etc available for students in the morning when they arrive. There is fruit available all day if anyone needs.

-Help covering student fees for families in need.

If you know anyone or think of anyone please let Kelsey know. We are asking ABED workers, YCW, counsellors and teachers for input in helping families in need.

7. Kelsey said we are lucky that our students have the opportunity to work with Red Seals to learn trades. LP has also offered an opportunity for students to do work experience.

There was a question about how much money there is for this fund. Scott King looked into it and said that the schools were getting \$105 per student so GSS will get around \$35000.

Jacque F asked about the busses if students can get bus passes? Was it still due to covid and cohorts that it was not allowed?

Navneet said that it is not due to cohorts or covid. We are just not allowed to give out bus passes. Parents have opportunity to register their child on two busses if needed.

4. Kerri Isham: there was a bit of discussion about helping LGES pac in bringing her to Golden for

presentations in the spring. Linda P will look into it and let us know what kind of support is needed to make this possible.

5. Treasure's report

-Jacquie said there was not much change in the accounts for the past three months. she is going to send me a report to add to the minutes.

-Navneet asked if the gaming grant was paid last year and it was not. Navneet said she will look into it.

Elections:

The following positions were open to all members for nominations.

President: Navneet nominated Cindy Galligan to be the President and Linda seconded. Cindy accepted the position.

Vice President: Mark has agreed to stay on as the Vice President

Cindy nominated Karen Hunter to be on as a vice chair as well and Karen accepted the position.

Treasurer: Navneet asked if Jacquie would like to stay as a treasurer and she accepted.

Secretary: Navneet said she will stay on as a secretary but would like someone to take it on next year as it will be her last year on the board. It would be nice to help while the new person can learn.

Navneet made a motion to end the meeting and Dona G seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Next meeting: Monday, January 16th 2023