

Date: 03 October 22
Time: 7:00 – 8:09 PM

Attendees:

Mark Baxendale
Jackie Farnsworth
Kelsey Doolaar
Navneet Rondeau
Donna Gylander
Karen Hunter
Cindy Galligan
Tammy Mclennan

Regrets: Linda Pecora

MINUTES :

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Item added to the agenda- Financial Literacy Program.
2. Approval of minutes (sent via email prior to meeting)
 - Approved as read.
3. Principal's report
 - Kelsey said that they had a quick September;
 - First week went well from the staff's perspective, it was a very positive return to school.
 - We had assemblies for students; grade 8 students had teacher orientations and their timetables were handed out.
 - Wednesday, there was a welcome back BBQ organized by school and hosted by the Rotary Club of Golden Everyone got a burger. Vegetarian options were also available.
 - Thursday; Rock Solid program was delivered to all grade 8's with the help from the community network support. It was well done thanks to the help of Justin Telfer, Doctors, Nurses and Counsellors. It was a good way for the grade 8 students to connect with the organizations.
 - Friday; was the first GSS Spirit Day for all students. Family groups were created for all grade 8-12 students. There were various games organized such as, lawn games, sidewalk chalk and trivia. We are looking to build relationships between all 8-12 students. It was great to see the mentorship and guidance by senior students towards the grade 8's.
 - It was a great way to kick off the school year because of how the things ended last year this was good to see.
 - More mental health support is available for students. Ron Ainslie is available in the mornings.
 - We also have GSS Hub on Thursday mornings from 8:45-12, we have doctors and counsellors available for students to see. Jill Cunis, Jess Chiles and Christy T are here on Thursdays and students can book an appointment via a QR code which is totally confidential.
 - Ken Thompson, Justin Telfer and John Denham are also helping during this time. Great

opportunity for struggling students.

- GSS website has the link to ERASE-an anti-bullying forum where students can report bullying anonymously. The reports go to Kelsey and she deals with them. She has not have many online reporting's yet as students are reporting directly to her.
- ERASE is also hosting parent session on November 15 and 30 if any parents are interested.

Donna G asked if there were any changes that could be made to make this forum easier to use for Special Needs students?

- Kelsey said they can reach out to YCW if they need support.
- GRAD committee meeting took place last Thursday and there was a good turnout. Donna said the students are doing a great job promoting dry GRAD. Some of the things they are planning for fundraisers are, Mom's Pantry, Bottle Drives, School Dances, and Purdy's.
- Tammy McLennan said the mental health support at school is amazing.
- Sports ; The gym is open for VB students on Wednesday mornings for workouts. Thursday morning the Basketball players are doing morning practices already. We have Boys and Girls VB teams playing various tournaments. We also had a Boys Soccer team that was playing.

4. School Success Plan

- Kelsey said we have 21 Teachers, 15 Support Staff and around 350 Students. WE have 31 international students and 76 Indigenous learners at GSS this year.
- **Goal; Belonging, here are some of the answers that students gave.**
- Safe
- Happy
- Activities they enjoy
- Place to be accepted/ Who they are
- Pride in place
- Valued for the gifts they have
- Recognizing good students

Because for the past two years the doors have been closed -how do we get them involved?

Cindy said she received a positive feedback from a teacher about her daughter.

- **Trauma informed Strategies;**
- October – there will be initial belonging survey so she will have a feedback on that for the parents in November.
- **Numeracy**
- **– Success plan is on the school website as well.**

- Karen Hunter asked for more info on the trauma informed strategies, Kelsey said she will bring more info to the next meeting.

5. Treasure's report

- There was no report just a discussion about the gaming money to be used for the scoreboard for BB in the gym.

6. Sex Education (J. F.)

- Jackie F said that the LGES (PAC) id planning on bringing Kerri Isham to schools for Sex education sessions. They are wondering if GSS (PAC) would be interested in helping to bring her here at GSS. Kelsey said she would be interested. Jackie was going to forward her the information to look into it.

7. Selection of Gr. 11-12 (J. F.)

- Jackie asked if there is any information that could be provided to parents so they can help their child select courses they require for graduating.
- Kelsey said she can give some details at our next meeting which can help parents understand the graduation program.

8. Sports Fees (J. F.)

- Jackie asked about the fees for sports and if there is any support for paying them. She was informed that there is Kidsport grants that parents can apply to help pay fees.

Next meeting: Monday November 7th 2022