

CGCS Council Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2023

Attendance CGCS Administration:

Judy Gray, Superintendent
Dani Seever, Principal
Marlene Vazquez, Vice Principal
Jenelee Jones, Vice Principal
Susan Harder, Teacher Representative

Executive Member Attendance:

Sheri Bolitho, Chair
Jill Newcombe, Vice-Chair
Dallal Taylor, Member at Large

School Council members present 3

Total parent attendance: 23

Quorum established. (Quorum minimum = 4 School Council members, including at least 2 executive members)

1. Welcome and Call to order

- Called to order by Sheri Bolitho at 6:34pm

2. Approval of Agenda

- Cindy Luterbach motioned to approve the agenda. Jill Newcombe seconded the motion.

3. Approval of October 25, 2023, Council meeting minutes

- Will be voted at the next council meeting.

4. Chairperson's Report – Sheri Bolitho

- Look out for the upcoming 20th Anniversary dinner which will be held at Heritage Park on February 29, 2023. Tickets will be available in the new year. This is an adult event, and the students will celebrate in other ways.
- Funding a Legacy – Thank you to all of those who donated so far. Another email will be going out to parents next week. Update on how the money will be spent will be upcoming.
- The Snowball event is coming up on December 22, 2023, at the Lakeview campus. There will be dancing, a movie and activities. This event will be for the first part of the day. Please sign up if you can help out.
- International Women's Day will be held on March 7, 2023, and we have five confirmed speakers.

- Gaga Ball Pit – We are still looking for someone to move the pit. If someone has tools and times, please contact Sheri.
- Council is still working on the Fundraising Society. Paperwork was submitted to the AGLC and we are still awaiting a reply.
- Thank you to all the parents who have helped volunteering with the apples program, teacher appreciation snacks and our fun lunches.
- The Literacy Program is in full swing, and students are excited for the program. The Program will begin before the next council meeting.
- Succession Planning – Sheri will be stepping down as chair as her child is graduating this year. If there is anyone who would want to step up or get information about the Chair position, please contact Sheri at shericouncil@mycgcs.ca
- Paul Davis – Internet and Social Media Safety – will be speaking to students at the LV campus on January 16th during the day and a parent’s session will be held in the evening at 630pm at the LV campus.

5. Superintendent’s Report – Judy Gray

- Renovations and Portables – Front office should be completed after the winter break. Portables looking for a Spring Break move-in. Thank you for everyone’s patience.
- Transportation – Still looking for a route 11 driver. Less calls from parents. Thank you again for your patience.
- Corsi – Rosenthal Boxes (Air filters) – Not to have gained traction and will not be moving forward. This could be a discussion in the future.
- Casino – A request was sent in on November 1, 2023, to transfer the funds to the Fundraising Society. Judy will follow up if there is no response by next week.
- Charter School Conference – October 20, 2023, many charter school in attendance which was hosted at Almadina Charter. There were many talented presenters.
- Superintendent committees – Procedures have been discussed regarding field trips, issues, resources, Indigenous activities, and professional learning and development.
- CGCS “In the news” – A team of three teachers will be traveling on January 7-14, 2024, to Dublin, Ireland to co-present at the ICSEI. Very excited to be working with Dr. Usha James and discuss CGCS’s award winning work. Lots of opportunities for future conferences.

6. Administrations Report – Dani Seever, Principal

- Intake and Registration – Currently accepting applications. Weekly tours will begin in February 2024.
- Staff Professional Learning – Staff attended PCSC.
- Looking forward to the peer mentoring program. Especially when the campuses merge.
- Club Lunches are well underway. Lots of interest.
- School continues to look for bus driver for Route F.
- Ground has been prepared for the portables.
- Thank you to council for all their hard work and support.

7. Teachers Representative Staff and Student Updates – Susan Harder

- Kintsugi Pots – amazing artwork. The process of broken items transformed into art.
- Grade 4's – Inline skating program has begun.
- Grade 5's – potluck lunches – sharing their heritage, amazing food and sharing stories from around the world.
- Grade 6's – created dioramas based on the Barren Grounds. Beautiful creations and will be on display for parents to view.
- Grade 7's – Created AI generated art which represents a student's chosen binary.
- Grade 8's – Exploring how societies develop in isolation.
- Grade 9's – Wrapped up the book "Lord of the Flies". Discussions on how situations would have been handled by CGCS students.
- Music – Busy with lots of performances.
- Drama – "Newsies" musical – Hard at work and learning new choreography.
- Outdoor Education – Mr. T preparing students for the upcoming outdoor season.
- Robotics – Two portable toolboxes were gifted to them.
- Athletics – Senior volleyball team placed third! Lots of students came out to try for the basketball team.

8. Committee Updates

- Special Events – Samantha/Sheri – no updates
- Guest Speakers – Sarah/Sheri – no updates
- Volunteer Coordinator – Alanna – No updates
- Hungry Girls – Charlane – Inventory on snacks were taken and there are enough snacks to last until after the winter break.
- Scholastic – Georgie – No updates
- Apples – Jill – Looking into getting mandarin oranges.
- Used Uniforms – Jill/Renee – No updates
- Fun Lunch – Cindy – Added two new vendors and removed one which was not working. No complaints.

9. Budget

- Has been very little spending to date but money will be spent before the year end.
- Any questions, please send them to Sheri and she will forward it to Kristell.
- The GC will be renewed.
- The next expense will be the teacher's gift cards to offset their expenses.

10. New Business

- Coffee chat will be held on Friday, December 1st at 9am at the LV campus. Topics will include the Go Girl's curriculum. This is an opportunity for parents to come chat with admin at a round table discussion.
- Request to change the next council meeting from February 28th, 2023, to February 21st, 2023, at 6:30pm virtually due to the 20th CGCS Anniversary dinner. Change approved.

11. Questions

- If the lunch time clubs are filled up, will students be able to join? Admin working on rules to signing up. Lottery system for the filled clubs. Another round of clubs will be offered in Feb 2024.
- Period Products have not always been available. Do we need more? Students overlooked the need for tampons. Students in charge will be having a product drive. Lots of pads.
- Bussing Route E has increased the drive home to an extra hour. How can we address this? Dani will look at the route and have a discussion with Southland.

12. Adjournment

- Sheri Bolitho adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

The next School Council Society meeting will be held over Zoom on February 21st, 2023, at 6:30pm via Google Meets. Please join us.

Appendix – Google Meets Chat Record from CGCS Council Meeting

Sheri council@mycgcs.ca

Jillian Newcombe 6:48 PM Congratulations!!

Dallal Taylor 6:49 PM that is amazing!!! So happy for the lucky teachers going!!

Jenelee Jones6:49 PM Thank you!

Sandra McNeil6:49 PM This is incredible! Congratulations!

Charlane Rombough6:50 PM So amazing. Congratulations!

CGS Council6:50 PM Congratulations amazing staff!!!!

Renee Simons6:50 PM Wow! Amazing! Congrats!

Marlene Vazquez7:04 PM There will be a second round of clubs next semester as well.

Renee Simons7:32 PM Thanks everyone!

Claire Tchhailo7:32 PM Thank you!