

Gwynne School Parent **Council**
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Date: January 17, 2021

Note: These minutes have not yet been accepted.

1. Attendance and Call to Order at 6:31pm

Aaron Weimer	Barb Jevne
Vicki Croft	Christine Priebe
Faye Ambler	Heather Orleni
Karen Becker	Laura White
Melissa Manion	Michelle Degenstein
Rick Hayes	Steven Wood
Jessica Lueck	Trevor Van Someren
Greg Ambler	Christo Vanderwesthuizen
Barry Streeter	Rob Moriarty
Lynn Ware	Meaghan Hurd
Candice Hagerman	Kristine Belbeck
Tara Persson	

2. Minutes of Last Meeting – December 6, 2021

- Move to adopt the minutes as posted – Vicki; 2nd – Greg; Carried.

3. Principal's Report – Trevor Van Someren

- Quarter 2 is ending on January 31st. They are not issuing paper report cards but all marks and comments will be available through PowerSchool. Please contact the office if you have trouble accessing your PowerSchool account. Parent-Teacher Interviews are coming up as well. Access to booking an appointment will be available on the Clear Vista website on January 25th. If you can, please book to use Google Meet rather than over the phone. The phone system at the school is old and there's only 1 line for teachers to call out of the school on so it's really hard to accommodate phone interviews.
- There's an in school field trip coming up for Grades 3-5 (Gwynne classes of 3/4 and 5/6). Fitset Ninja will be setting up in the gym. If everything goes well and is a hit they will be looking to book them again for Grades 6-8.
- There were about 1100 views of the Christmas Concert on Youtube. Even if they get back to in person concerts next year they will plan on posting a recording for family members unable to attend at the school.

- Through the learning loss grant a part time teacher has been hired to teach social studies and science in the Grade 2-3 classes to allow the homeroom teacher to focus on literacy and numeracy with students who are struggling. The school has begun testing the Grade 1's in the hopes of extending the benefits into those classes as well. This part time teacher will be providing support until the end of this school year.
- Trevor applied on our behalf for the Farm Ed pilot program but was turned down. The coordinator of the program indicated that they are focusing heavily on grades 7-12 and they only awarded to 2 schools across the whole province. The timeline for application was not in our favor as it had to be submitted before the board voted on getting our students back at Gwynne for September 2022. We are able to reapply for next year if we choose.

4. Teacher's Liaison – None prepared.

5. Questions and/or concerns -

- Candice H had a question for the trustees. She would like to know all of the rules and regulations surrounding donations in kind. How much can skilled parents help out with physical work at the school? Lynn responded that she would ask about it specifically tomorrow.
- Steven asked about having kindergarten at Gwynne next year 22/23. How many students would need to be in the class? Lynn responded 12 or 13. Needs to be half of a class and they try to keep classes around 26 students.

6. School Board Trustee Report – Lynn Ware

- We just had a town hall meeting with good turn out so Lynn doesn't have much to add to that.
- The calendar survey is open on the WRPS website until February 4th.
- There's a regular board meeting tomorrow. It will be live on their website as well as recorded for viewing after the fact. This is only the 3rd regular meeting since the changes in the board in October.
- The motion that the school board will work with Gwynne school regarding the town bus is still in place.

7. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn – Kristine; 2nd – Greg; Carried. Adjourned at 6:57pm.

Next meeting scheduled for: February 7th, 2022, 6:30pm