

Gwynne School Parent **Council**  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Date: December 6, 2021

**Note: These minutes have not yet been accepted.**

1. Attendance and Call to Order at 6:39pm

Candice Hagerman  
Vicki Croft  
Trevor Van Someren  
Aaron Weimer  
Ryan Degenstein  
Christine Priebe  
Meaghan McInnes  
Kurt Pearson  
Trisia Svoboda  
Lynn Ware

Candice Brooks  
Jessica Lueck  
Rick Hayes  
Stu Wilson  
Michelle Degenestein  
Steven Wood  
Heather Orleni  
Kendra Pearson  
Karen Becker  
Rob Moriartey

2. Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

- Move to adopt agenda– Vicki; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Candice; Carried.

Minutes of Last Meetings – September 14<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

- Errors/Omissions: None noted.
  - Move to adopt the minutes as posted – Heather; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michelle; Carried.

3. Principal: Stu Wilson

- Stu was asked by Wetaskiwin Composite High School if GSPA would be sponsoring a student award this year. Discussion tabled until the GSPA meeting.
- Stu presented the results of the “Our School” surveys that the students completed at the end of October after they had been settled at Clear Vista. The reports of the results can be viewed on the Gwynne School website. The survey will be retaken in April 2022.

4. WRPS Update from the parent delegation – Rick, Trevor and Jodie

- Trevor (Principal of Clear Vista and Gwynne schools) presented the Principal’s Report to School Council. Attached to these minutes. Some additional notes:
  - Trevor and Aaron are enjoying getting to know the Gwynne Students and their parents.

- The message of the presentation from Jo(e) Social Media is using social media to present yourselves and others in a positive light instead of putting people down, bullying or making hurtful comments.
- The Government of Alberta put up \$45,000,000 for the learning loss program and together Clear Vista and Gwynne received \$23,000 but can only be used within the narrow requirements the province has dictated. The half-time position they are using the funds for and currently hiring for begins in January. With parental approval, students who are struggling with literacy and numeracy will be pulled from their homeroom classes during social studies and science for additional support on those topics.
- Trevor asked to meet with the fundraising representative for Gwynne parent council. The Clear Vista parent council has a fundraising meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> following the social media presentation for parents. +
- Trevor will continue to attend Gwynne School parent council meetings in the future as the Principal. Direct any inquiries about current school stuff and future council meetings to him by email/phone call/text message.
- Rick Hayes (Deputy Superintendent) reviewed some answers to the questions asked of the School Board by our sub committee delegation. Answers to these questions will be presented in writing to us after the School Board's meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Rick said they can probably post in on the WRPS website as well.
  - Parents are asked to report any specific concerns about their children's well being to their teachers, the administration at Clear Vista/Gwynne and Marliees Leeuw.
  - Rick thanked Stu Wilson for the work he put into the transition to Clear Vista. WRPS put him in an awkward spot and recognizes that as the messenger, he got shot.
  - Rick is willing to come to future parent council meetings and answer any questions we may have about Gwynne school status or future.

#### 5. School Board Trustee: Lynn Ware

- Lynn thanked us for the respect that the delegation showed when they presented to the board. Lynn was proud. She is taking notes at this meeting to report back to the board. School board meetings are now being recorded/live streamed and posted on the WRPS website for anyone who wishes to view them after the fact.
- Karen Becker (School Board Vice-Chair) reported that as the School Board has had 50% turnover from the election that they are just getting settled as a board.
- The School Board had a meeting with George Barrie from Barrie architecture about the physical state of the Gwynne building. That meeting was recorded and they are discussing how to release that video. They are also planning to set up a

town hall meeting with George Barrie so that the parent council and any interested community members can attend and ask George any questions that we may have.

- The new board will be starting long range planning for the division beginning in January.
- A letter has been written to the provincial Minister of Education asking for intervention regarding Gwynne's building. No response has been received.
- A motion was made to get a second opinion on the physical state of Gwynne's building. More conversations about the future of Gwynne will be happening at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 6. Questions and/or concerns

- Meaghan asked Karen if Gwynne being the only school east of Wetaskiwin increases its priority to the board. Karen responded that they are looking to the province for funding for the building.
- Candice asked if parent council would be able to fundraise to support the rehabilitation of the building or building of a new school. Karen responded that it's something that would need to be looked into.
- Meaghan asked if the board was looking into funding and grants for agricultural programming. Karen responded that the new board is settling in.

#### 7. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn – Jessica; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vicki; Carried. Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting scheduled for: Monday, January 10th, 2022, 6:30pm

## Principal's Report to School Council - December 6, 2021

1. Trevor and Aaron are looking forward to getting to learn more about the Gwynne School community; please contact us directly if you have any questions or concerns and we are happy to work with you to problem solve and follow up.
2. Social Media Presentations → December 7th
  - a. Clear Vista, Gwynne and Queen Elizabeth have Jo(e) Social Media coming in to present to our Grade 5/6 students as well as our 7/8 students on social media tools and using them in a positive manner. The company has also arranged for a parent session in the evening as well, you can check the Clear Vista website for the link for the 6:30 pm presentation. CV parent council is providing gift cards for door prizes as is QE parent council.
3. Learning Loss Provincial Grant: We are in the process of hiring a half-time teacher for targeted literacy and numeracy for Gwynne and Clear Vista Grade 2&3 students. The teacher would be covering homeroom teachers during Social Studies and/or Science periods to allow the homeroom teacher to work with small groups on specific skill sets for 3 week sprints. We are anticipating additional funds to include Grade 1 as well in the new year which would be added to this role.
4. Christmas Concert: We will be posting this year's Christmas Concert onto our YouTube Channel, Miss Loov has been organizing the performance for both schools. We will combine the videos into one and have it released on Dec. 17th for families to see it. It will remain posted over the holiday break.
5. Clear Vista School Parent Fundraising Group would like to connect with Gwynne Parent Fundraising to discuss what fundraising and coordination of activities could/should/may look like. Perhaps a

monthly pre-meeting prior to the two council meetings could take place at the school to plan accordingly would be worthwhile?

6. Sports Teams: We are anticipating having a girls basketball team as well as a boys basketball team made up of both Gwynne and Clear Vista students. For badminton we would be putting forward two separate teams as the structure would allow for more students playing. Final tryouts and practices will be resuming soon, we are excited to continue with sports teams again!
7. Quarter Two Parent Teacher Interviews: We will be having PTI on Feb. 1, 2, and 3 for the different grade levels. The best way to ensure meeting with your teacher is through a google meet, we are wanting to resume in person interviews at some point this school year. There will also be Quarter Three interviews scheduled for the middle/end of April.
8. PowerSchool Gradebook: If you need assistance with logging into your child's online gradebook, please contact the office and they can help you to connect. The gradebooks allow for families to see progress and comments as assignments and tasks are completed.