



Wetaskiwin Regional Public School Division

## Griffiths-Scott School


Box 180, Millet, Alberta T0C 1Z0  
Phone (780) 387-4101 Cell (780) 216-1474

**"A Journey of Learning"**


### Griffiths-Scott School Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**<https://meet.google.com/voe-eyao-xyx?authuser=0>**

1. Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many Indigenous Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for time immemorial. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.
3. Note Taker for this meeting: Anita Hendriks
4. Introductions: Anita H., Angela L., Ashley, Kyrsten S., Kathryn W., Camille G., Doug M., Susan C., Michelle H.
5. Consideration of Agenda/Additions to Agenda (add new items to #10):
6. Adoption of minutes from our last meeting  PAC Meeting Agenda - January 26, 2023 : Adopted by Michelle H., seconded by Anita H.
7. Business arising from minutes:
  - Thank you to Pipestone Links Golf Course & RV Park (Jack and Anita Hendriks) for donating Milk and Cookies on Pink Shirt Day
8. Staffing Update:
  - Two new admins in the office: Olyvia McLeod & Sharon Fehler. Both full time at the moment; will be 1.5 eventually (Olyvia .5 and Sharon 1.0)
  - Mrs. Johnston is recovering from her shoulder surgery
  - New Principal will be Mr. Trevor Van Someren

## 9. New Business:

-  Assurance Results GS - Summary 2021-2022 :
  - Helps the school division to see where they stand compared to the previous year and Provincially
  - WRPS school board reviewed these results last fall
  - The numbers are looked at to see what can be improved upon. A big concern at the moment is students not completing (planning to complete) high school. What can we do in our schools to help students complete high school?
  - More in depth results are available upon request
- Book Fair:
  - Set up March 10?
  - Preview March 13?
  - Runs March 14-16
  - Volunteers required
  - There will be a cashier box with debit machine
  - Susan C. has the kick-off kit; Admin will help her put out flyers
  - Volunteers can decide on opening times and will have to make a schedule
- Library:
  - Thank you to Kyrsten S. and Kathryn W. for tidying up the school library
  - Our division does not pay for school librarians
  - We used to have Mrs. Johnston as a .5 librarian
  - Kyrsten is willing to take training about how to use the library program
- Lice busters:
  - There was a parent asking if we can get it going again
  - Lice busters was running for a long time prior to Covid
  - Beneficial for families
  - Best to run 3 times a year (after holidays)
  - Michelle H. will add it to the newsletter; see if anyone else is interested in coordinating it

## 10. Additions to the Agenda:

- Milk Program:
  - Angela L. informed us that the set-up with Saputo is now complete
  - Minimum \$100.00 order. They come in cases of 48 x 237ml, so minimum order is 3 cases. They require 48 hours' notice to order.
  - Susan C. recalled that GSS ordered every 1½ weeks previously. Make sure they deliver before 3 p.m., but preferably even earlier. Had problems with deliveries showing up after hours in the past.
  - Cost is \$0.98 per carton
  - Cost to parents will be \$10.00 for 10 milk cartons, paid through PowerSchool. GSS will make the 10 milk cards.

- Saputo gets paid via direct debit
- Hot Lunch:
  - BP Pizza Hot Lunch will be on March 23rd
  - Eight inch pizza (cheese, pepperoni or ham/pineapple) with GF option, apple or orange juice and free cookie
  - Same price as last year
  - Payment available through PowerSchool only
- Jump Rope for the Heart:
  - Camille G. informed us that it Runs from April 17 - 21
  - Cindy McGrath is the teacher representative
  - There will be a kick-off event the week before; twenty minute skipping activity leading up to the event.
  - There's an online education tool for teachers, if interested
  - It was suggested to do a skip-off amongst teachers? It's something that has been done in the past.
  - Camille G. will send Susan C. all the info, so she can bring it up at next Wednesday's staff meeting.

#### 11. Correspondence:

- n/a

#### 12. Reports:

- WRPS trustee Kathryn Weremey:
  - Working on starting up a Hockey Skills Academy in our school division for the 23/24 school year
  - Our School Board was selected to present at the 2023 CSBA (Canada School Boards Association) Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education: Leading the Path Forward in Banff this July
  - The Alberta Education Surveys for Gr 4 & 7 students have been sent out. Deadline is March 17th. Mrs. Coleman has paper copies, if anyone wants one.
  - A Winfield Gr 6 Student's Remembrance Day poem was selected Provincially and is now a finalist at the Legion National Foundation in Ottawa
  - The new learning calendars (2023/2024) are on the WRPS website. It's similar to this year's.
  - Next COSC meeting: March 22nd
  - GameTime Canada Playground Grant: For a limited time, GameTime is offering up to \$70,000 in grant funding toward the purchase of select play systems
  - Have spoken to superintendent Mike Wake about the transition between principals. Mr. Van Someren is willing to attend our parent council meetings.
- Susan Coleman - Principal:
  - There was lots going on in February

- Quarter 3 started at the end of January, and we are now getting ready for spring break
- GSS is still working on student engagement in numeracy. GSS has had Snakes & Ladders and War numeracy events, to help make learning numeracy more enjoyable. Mr. Whitton said there are many different ways to play War.
- Parent Night: April 11th. Theme: Numeracy. This will be an in person event, with resources provided by Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks. It will be great for parents to come play with their kids.

13. Next Meeting: April 5th

14. Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

### **Helpers at Griffiths-Scott School Society Annual Meeting (HAGSS)**

**March 1, 2023**

1. Call to Order: 8:13 p.m.

2. Additions to the agenda:

- BP Pizza Hot Lunch will be on March 23rd. Payment available through PowerSchool only.

3. Adoption of minutes from last meeting (see above): Anita H. adopted

4. Business from Minutes:

- AGLC Raffles: Paperwork has been filled in, but still needs to be submitted. Michelle H. will submit.
- HAGSS Audit has been completed by Michelle H. and Anita H.
- HAGSS Annual Return has been completed and will be submitted by Cindy K.
- Canadian Tire GC: Check with Mr. Granger (Tea Towels/Can Opener?)
- Susan C. read out Thank You cards from the following staff with respect to consumables:
  - Ms. Thompson (used funds to restock science labs)
  - Mr. Tindall
  - Ms. Nicol (used funds to replenish Sharpies)
  - Ms. Pumm (used funds to buy new books)

5. Financial Report:

- Current balance: \$6,050.00 (still some cheques to clear)
- HAGSS Audit was completed by Anita H. and Michelle H.

#### 6. Fundraising Update:

- Susan C. received a letter from Peace Hills Bingo (Sue Gibson), in case we are interested in doing bingos for fundraising. Approximately 3½ hrs. Has to be registered with AGLC.
- Bottle Drive: Focus on County residents? Camille will coordinate.
- Ideas: Fudge? Jerky? Little Caesars? Greeting cards (kids make the art work)?
- Hot Dog Lunch: April 27th
- Y.E. BBQ: June 13th. Order burgers through Pipestone Links Golf Course.
- Student Awards Fund:
  - Awards are given out at the end of each school year
  - Approx. 25 awards annually @ \$10.00 each
  - Approx. \$1,200.00 in fund currently
  - Will need to be replenished in about 2 years

#### 7. New Business:

- Microwaves for Students:
  - Can't have microwaves in classrooms, due to improper plugins
  - There were 2 in the hallways previously; too much to supervise for staff
- Kindergarten entry stairs (puddles):
  - Who does the snow shoveling around the building?
  - Custodians are required to shovel up to 6 feet in front of entry doors only
  - Asked Kathryn W. to check into this for us
- Y.E. BBQ: June 13th

#### 8. Adjournment: 8:42 p.m.