



Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 10.01.24



# Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

- In Attendance: Arlin, Jessica Rempel, Kyla Theoret, Cindy Kroetch, Anita Hendricks, Kathryn Weremey, Kyrsten Stewart, Ronalee McConnell, Doug Markevich, Chris Blonski, Trevor Van Someren, Michelle Micklich
- Call to Order: 7:02
- [School Council](#) (linked documents)
  - How would group like to proceed this year: Parent Advisory Council (voted majority)
- Additions to the Agenda: Kyrsten Stewart is now the Chair of the GSS PAC
- Adoption of Minutes: Minutes can be found on GS website under parents tab
- [Minutes 05.30.24 G.S.S. PAC Meeting](#)
  - Anita H. adopted minutes
- Special Guest: Chris Blonski - New Director of Plant Facilities
  - Parent feedback on accessible playground :
  - Kathryn from a parent view would like more options for equipment
  - Jessica R - as a parent would appreciate this playground to be more accessible, her family does not use the school playground outside of school hours
  - Kyla T - would like to see a playground with safer options
  - Playground would be closer to the div 1 doors
  - Chris B - Some work was done at Pipestone (equipment paid for by Parent Council)
  - Chris B - A new ground cover is being tested at QE this year (Manufactured woodchips)
  - This projects fundraising will take place over the next couple of years
  - Connecting with the Town of Millet to join forces possibly
  - Interactions with Chris have been positive and helpful this year



- Principal Report:
  - Accessible Playground (see above point)
    - Nisku - Park Craft (QE is using this company to build their playground)
  - [Parents as Partners](#)
    - Shared trifold communication (will be sent out to parents soon)
    - Parents have the right to make informed decisions about their child's education
    - Communication between home and school is critical
    - Recommended steps for questions (regarding your child's education) are suggested
  - [Cell Phones](#)
    - GS has followed the wording of the province
    - Have had to have a few conversations with students and parents, but have not had to confiscate any phones
    - 7 & 8's are allowed to use phones in the foyer during non-instructional time
    - Will look into whether students are taking pictures during class time and teachers are having a relaxed approach to not having phones in class
  - Town of Millet request re: Christmas Market
  - Town of Millet sponsoring Oct. 23 Mental Health Presentation to Gr. 7 & 8
    - Thank you to town of Millet for bringing and paying for this opportunity

- **Trustee Report: Kathryn Weremey**
  - Implemented M.O. for cell phones (official policy will be out in January)
  - Schedules for air quality tests in schools
    - Jan 2025, Pigeon Lake, Pipestone and GS
  - Discussed calendar, instructional time, complex learning needs, strategies for middle years and new curriculum implementation, focus is also on early years
  - Next board Meeting Oct 2 at 11am
- **Upcoming P.A.C. Meeting Topics:** School Success Story/Results Report, SGF Plan/Budget, Assessment
- **Future PAC meetings**
  - For the next couple of meetings we will keep the meetings to Tues at 7pm through a google meet
- **Adjournment: 7:43pm**