

**Gibbons School Council AGM Minutes**  
**October 3, 2022**

In attendance: Deborah C., Suzy P., Jason S., Irene G., Erin D., Crystal M., Katelyn O., Colleen D., Beth R., Jenn G., Robyn S., Christine F., Kris L., Katie W., Katrina S., Cassandra P.

1. Call to order 6:05 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. Chair report
  - a) Erin summarized the year in review
  - b) Operating procedures/council positions available for review
  - c) Cyber awareness/safety- Oct. 24 Saffron presentations all day to classes and an evening session for parents. Health curriculum does include some material about how to have a safe online presence but the school will make a purposeful effort to give more awareness to the topic. Parent suggestion to post informational material in hallways/classrooms as a reminder to students. Local RCMP came to provide informational sessions to jr high classes last year but were unable to get to all for various reasons. Will revisit the option this year if available in addition to continuing a relationship with the school liaison officer. The Redwater HYPE program has received funding this year to provide mental health/wellness programming in more local schools. It is expected that a facilitator will be in Gibbons School 1x/week providing activities at recesses/in classrooms for jr. high students.
  - d) CTF classes/fees- Fees are higher for some classes due to the cost of bussing/admissions/materials. STEAM academy is in its infancy and still not fully developed, which will take time and money. Admin will try to find a balance of interesting and meaningful options while keeping costs to parents reasonable.
4. Admin Report
  - a) Good start to the year. Staff are feeling positive and everyone is adjusting to changes within the building itself and with staff. Several new teachers and EA's on staff. Library will be staffed half days 5x/week.
  - b) Painting has been completed in library/halls/office/gyms.
  - c) New furniture has been purchased for the library and should be arriving soon. Still to be decided if there will be a maker space/STEAM area to complete the learning commons.
  - d) New bell schedule- changes were required in order to accommodate the required minutes for core subjects.
  - e) School supplies- Classroom supply sets will be monitored and revisited in the spring to decide how much will need to be replaced for next year. Fee may change.
  - f) Lots of activities for Truth and Reconciliation Week last week, celebrating Reading Week this week including a visit from Dale Nally MLA. Volleyball is underway. School wide spaghetti lunch Oct.4.

5. Trustee Report

- a) HVAC remediation is 75% complete across the division, supposed to be done by November.
- b) Council of School Councils meeting Oct. 25 at central office
- c) Disability services has been renamed SHINE. GOALS program at Namao, Redwater, Sturgeon Comp. is now called “strategies” programming.
- d) Transportation- buses are now allowed to travel at posted speed limits. The government is looking at the rural funding model, including the rider limit of 2.4km and walking boundaries. Parents are encouraged to contact their MLA to discuss the need for safe and feasible transportation options for students.
- e) There will be opportunities in the future for community consultation with regards to a new school build.

6. Election

- a) Chair: Erin, nominated by Beth, 2nd Christine. Accepts.
- b) Vice chair: Crystal, nominated by Erin, 2nd Christine. Accepts.
- c) Secretary: No nominations. Position vacant.
- d) Staff Rep.: Jason S. Accepts.

7. Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting Nov. 7, 2022