

# GMHS Parent Council

## Minutes

October 20th, 2015

*In Attendance:* Karen Lewall (Chair), Sheila Hughes (Secretary), Shannon Mauro (Treasurer), Sharon Rhodes (Principal), Jim Reilly (Assistant-Principal), Linda Stadnyk (SOS), Katee Bartholomeusz, Michelle Arcangel, Tracey Gledhill, Marni Adam, Li Wang, Jian Sun, Charmaine Penner, Kathy Schulze, Khalid Buti, Sheryl Page

1. *Meeting called to order - 7:02pm*

2. *Welcome and introductions*

Thanks to Linda for the baking, and to the parents from EAMS, who have joined us for their second council meeting of the evening.

3. *Approval of Agenda*

Moved for approval by Linda Stadnyk. (All motions auto-seconded by Secretary) Motion carried.

4. *Approval of Minutes from September 22nd, 2015*

Moved for approval by Marni Adams. Motion carried.

5. *Principal's Report - Please see attached*

Comments:

2. MFWHSR (Moving Forward With High School Redesign) will include a 'flex project' that allows the school to not be restricted by the Carnegie Units system of credits.

3. The cohort stream would allow for reduced overlap in curriculum from class to class, and also more independent progress for the students

5. Administration is working with a committee of parents to look for a local alternative for Grad that could offer a date in late June.

6. Last week Telus upgraded the schools broadband data capacity.

7. If parents have concerns they are encouraged to contact their student's teacher, or the administration, to begin a discussion with the school.

8. Many thanks to the McPhee family for helping to find support for the Mustang Mornings, a program that provides breakfast for students before school.

6. *Trustee's Report* – please see attached

Trustee Todd Brand is unable to attend. Karen read from his report. The new Airdrie schools for 2016 are still on track. Nov 19 will be the Joint Council Meeting.

7. *New Business:*

a) *Bylaws* – The search continues for the historical by-laws. Karen has contacted 3 previous Chairs, but no luck. Sharon will continue the search through the office areas.

b) *Report from S.O.S. (Support our School)* – Linda spoke about the upcoming casino on Oct 28/29. Please contact Jordan Harris to volunteer your time. Franca Broughton is the SOS treasurer and will be confirming the schedule with the volunteers.

c) *Questions, Concerns, Ideas and Updates* – sign up for Parent-Teacher Interviews begins tomorrow, Oct 21

7. *Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm.*

8. *Adjournment* – 8:08pm