

# **Griffith Woods School Council Meeting**

September 17, 2025

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Griffith Woods School Library Common

## **Meeting Agenda**

**Attendees:** Ashima S, Karina D, Cathy U, Ryan M, Jennifer B, Debkanya J, Shanelle, Alex M, Michael M, Geoff L, Jennifer S, Arshiya J, Denise T, Leonard N, Liz N, Rachel H, Jenn M, Laura B, Shevaun P,

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement - 6:32 PM call to order, introductions and Land Acknowledgement by Karina
2. Approval of meeting agenda Approved Jenn and Arshiya J
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes Approved Jenn S and Jenn M
4. School updates - Dr. Batycky and Mr. Molyneux
  - School opening has gone smoothly
  - We are in an overflow. Total students 962
  - Basketball, cross country and soccer all have started.
  - Only one new staff member in our teaching staff.
  - Learning Common area back in Library, music room has moved to an adjacent room, and kindergarten is in a large shared room space. Changes seem to be working well.
  - We do not know any new information about the strike. October 6th is the announced strike date and pending any agreement, teachers will strike that day. The administration will know when the public knows.
  - If there is a topic parents are interested in please let us know, they would be happy to bring in staff members to speak on specific topics such as curriculum .
  - Parent asking about cyber bullying speaker Paul Davies, we could potentially bring him in later in the year

Council gets a grant so we can look into getting a special topic speaker in.

## 5. Executive Reports

- 5.1. Chairs - Insurance in the mail for renewal. Some changes are being made to the bylaws, so we will have to vote on that next time.
- 5.2. Secretaries Ashima and Laura
  - Nothing to report. Link to the Minutes will be posted on facebook.
- 5.3. Treasurers - Cathy U. and Jill have created a treasurers report. Please see attached report  
Surplus \$31.204.62. \$695 in the bank from the cash box and \$100 left in the cashbox. Here is a PDF of the budget
- 5.4. Communications - Alex and Shanelle.
  - Back to school flyer to be printed at staples
  - Sarah has a contact Printing, will reach out for printing alternatives
  - Cathy Motion to pass a budget for \$500 for printing  
Laura second. All in favour.

## 6. Committee Reports

- 6.1. Fun Lunch - Jenn G. and Sharon R.
  - Fun Lunch all Loaded till June
- 6.2. Garden - Jessica P.
  - Another successful year, we need to mulch in Spring, forgot to spray for weeds in summer, moved into a new shed and we will be sharing it with the social committee. A successful apple sale to cover mulching and weeding. Looking for garden club and teachers for new ideas for projects
  - Looking for some volunteers as well to join the committee
- 6.3. Social Committee - Laura B. and Cathy U. (*K-6 interim*), Arshiya J. (7-9)

### **Laura B and Cathy (k-5)**

- Looking for groups to help with different events eg. Halloween

- Looking for people for Halloween Dance to help (food and beverage coordinator, activity coordinator, volunteer for take down and set up)
- Halloween Dance Thursday Oct 23 4-7 pm for K-5
- Older kids volunteer opportunities as well
- Craft Fair Nov. Decided to scratch it for this year and look for a social in the spring for parents and teachers

**Arshiya J. (6-9)**

- Cineplex Westhills Wicked for Good 2
- Friday November 28th. 10 Am movie ticket Various pricing depending on the packages to be approved at a later date.

Movie changed to **Grades 6-9**

6.4. Teacher Appreciation - Jenn S.

- Handed out the gift cards first week of school to teachers
- \$500 for dinner in November for parent teacher night
- Budget for Meet the teacher night food for teacher
- Maybe in October something for teachers

6.5. Library - Carolyn M.

- Setting up schedules
- Owls Nest Week Sept 22-26th
- Spring book fair Scholastic

6.6. Yearbook - Allison P.

- Looking for parent to mentor with her

6.7. Lost and Found - Cherine R.

- Twice a year usually

7. Friends of Griffith Woods School Updates - Jamie E. We have our Casino dates January 3, 4th 2026. Matt Bryan is their casino person and will recruit volunteers
8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Playground Structure - Jessica P. Found exact piece but then will go for new structure and we will use friends of Griffith Woods funds.

9. New Business

9.1. Harvest Festival; food trucks, games, raffle

9.2. Question : Is Basketball going to be fixed -Yes they are already fixed.

9.3. Question: Social event for Jr high where they can actually socialise -Arshiya J. said Maybe a spring event Activate

9.4 Apple flyers were originally \$200 motioned offline Sept 2nd but came in \$86

9.5 Cathy U - Should we buy a photobooth for next year and maybe collect usage numbers, usage data and storage? Came to the conclusion we should just rent it to ensure upkeep and lack of storage we have at the school

9.6 Jill and Cathy have created a google form for expenses -

[Here](#) is the link. Please see attached to these minutes.

10. Motion to Adjourn 7:52 Shevaun and Jenn

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 pm, Griffith Woods School Library Commons