



## PARENT ADVISORY MEETING AGM

September 28, 6:00 pm. Resource Room

Mr. Kalynchuk began the meeting at 6 pm. He began the meeting by providing parents an administrative report prior to sharing an overview of some of the initiatives/projects taking place. Golden Gate will continue to have its' parent organization function as a Parent Advisory. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

### (1.) Introductions

a) Administrative Team: Dan Kalynchuk (Principal)

### (2.) Administrative Report (DK)

New/returning staff:

#### *Teaching staff*

- Stacey Chrabaszcz
- Kevin Rempel
- Taylor Stanowski

#### *Support Staff*

- Vince Campbell
- Kaitlyn Martin
- Janna Neufeld
- Sheli Paolucci
- Chris Sass

#### *Office Administration*

- Shirley Hutchinson
- Mary-Clare Jackson *½ time mornings only*

### a) Opening Day Enrolment

i.	Grade 6	68	Total:	Band 28	Art 40
ii.	Grade 7	80	Total:	Band 42	Art 38
iii.	Grade 8	78	Total:	Band 38	Art 40
iv.	Total school enrolment: 226				

### b) Staffing

- i. 16 teachers
- ii. 1.5 office staff
- iii. 2.5 custodial staff
- iv. 10 support staff (EA)

- v. Half time Librarian Technician (pm)
- vi. 5 U. of W. Teacher Candidates

**c) Opening Day Conferences**

These conferences went really well. The evening session busier than morning session. All teachers, but especially our grade six teachers were booked. It was wonderful to see the people of the community in the building.

**d) Overview of Programs/Initiatives**

- i. School Start up  
Good start, everything is open and back to sports. Students transitioning with routines.
- ii. Return to School Covid Protocols  
Mr. Kalynchuk discussed as per memo sent to parents previously in Gator News and re-iterated.....if sick, stay home.
- iii. Manitoba Remote Learning Center  
Our school is the learning hub for the Provincial Learning Center. We have allocated 3 classrooms, 2 office spaces and parking for the program.
- iv. Locks/lockers  
Transitioning going well, and students respectful about their lockers. Students asked if can have locks as additional security measure for their personal belongings and cell phones. We agreed and have provided time to teach, learn and practice use of locks.
- v. Immunization Vaccination Clinic
- vi. Bike Program  
Divisional Initiative: It has been wonderful to see this program roll out these past few days. Students are learning safety, and some are learning how to ride a bike for the first time. This program will be in our school next spring as part of the divisional rotation of bikes.
- vii. Co-Curricular programs
  - 1. Atomic/Tier 2/Tier 1  
We discussed the differences between the levels of play, frequency of play at each level, and parent volunteers.
- viii. Please see the school website. Programs will be posted as the year rolls. We currently are running Cross Country and Grade Seven and Eight Volleyball. Next week, Grade

Six Atomic Volleyball will start. Parents expressed the positive nature of their children getting involved.

- ix.** Intramurals  
Reviewed currently what outdoors looks like at lunch time with many activities taking place.
- x.** Respect in Sport  
All coaches will be required to take this training program for certification. Mr. Kalynchuk completed the program and shared his thoughts of the program.
- xi.** Renovation Projects/Capital D  
Still waiting for completion of 2 projects to enhance the fitness studio in adding rubber flooring and some mirrors.
- xii.** Fitness Studio  
Likely one of the few schools in Province at middle years level that have this space to complement their PE program.
- xiii.** Outdoor Recess Guidelines  
Reviewed policy, and will maximize opportunity to go outside, and to dress appropriately.
- xiv.** PowerSchool  
Parents/students in grade 7 & 8 have access to Powerschool. Will send out memo to parents in helping them start it up.
- xv.** Student Code of Conduct  
Reviewed Code of Conduct and discussed some presentation in creating awareness and education related to some topics.
- xvi.** Classroom Placements  
Discussed the process as per a letter sent out in June. We are seeing a smooth start to the year because of the hard work done in making our classroom placements. It is appreciated when parents understand the hard work that is put into place. We are making this placements with the best interests of all our students. We acknowledge that difficult transitions can acquire because some friendships are not together in the school
- xvii.** Options Rotation  
All students take a PA course per term, completing all 3 by year end.
- xviii.** Guests to the School  
Access front door using PA intercom. School essentially in lockdown as all doors locked after student entry.

Visitors/parents are not to be walking through our school and are required to check in at the office.

**xix. Emails**

Please be respectful of teacher's time. Exercise a 24 hour rule to allow teachers to respond to parents, and avoid weekends. Discussed how Principal avoids teacher emails on weekend as well. staff cannot always get to emails and so we ask that parents give them time to respond. We are encouraging our staff to block out their weekends so that they can have a balanced work/family life.

**xx. Lunch Program**

Reviewed expectations and what lunch hour looks like at Golden Gate. No cell phones and electronic devices permitted as encourage activity and being with friends, making friends.

**xxi. Parking**

Reviewed map that was sent out previously. Also to avoid west back lane at end of day as students exit through the gate on their bikes.

**xxii. Literacy-EVERY GATOR READS**

We continue to build our classroom libraires. We are encouraging our students to expand their reading interest by our purchasing of books that match interests. Use of Book Talks to promote literacy. Takes place after every lunch hour from 12:45-1:05

**xxiii. Passport to Learning**

Shared dates below of when will occur, and returning to what we did prior to Covid as received positive feedback in the past regarding the format of some student exemplars present and opportunity to do a learning activity with their child.

**xxiv. School Plans**

Reviewed our 2 goals in the area of literacy and numeracy.

**xxv. Celebration of Success-GREAT GATORS**

1. 4 Celebrations throughout the year to recognize students success.

Celebrations (academic (learning successes), citizenship, and volunteerism), equally celebrated throughout the year for the three areas of focus.

2. Chapters book awards

(from school division and school money is used to provide gift certifies (scholastics or chapters choice)

for recognizing students for academics, citizenship and volunteerism.

3. Criteria

2 of the following categories-

Citizenship/Academics/Volunteer

4. We also recognize students for the following -  
Athlete/Band/Choir/Visual Arts Student of the Month-  
all students will receive a certificate/ other gifts may include water bottles/tote bags and/or some "swag" for band/art
5. Co-curricular awards-students will be recognized at Great Gator assemblies by their coaches and will receive a "Coaches Award"

**xxvi.** Scholarship Bursaries\*

- Athletic/Visual Arts/Band/Choir
- Application Process
- 2 per category
- Available to students in Grade 6 & 7\*
- \$150 per bursary

**xxvii.** Presentations

1. YMCA Youth and Cannabis Grade 7 & 8
2. Gang Awareness Grade 7 & 8
3. WPS Online Safety-Parents Oct. 6th

**xxviii.** GATORAID

1. Talking Circle
2. Board Games

Discussed the focus of this time together with homeroom teacher in supporting and building a learning community.

**xxix.** October is Socktober and Mitten Month

We discussed our involvement in supporting this initiative for the homeless people.

**xxx.** National Week of Truth and Reconciliation

1. Medicine Wheel Garden
2. Orange Shirt Day

**(3.) Parent Organization Presentation and Selection (DK)**

i. Review of Policy KMA (KMAA, KMAB, KMAC)

1. Parent Council – requires an election of members
2. School Advisory Committee – most common form at middle and high school

ii. Motion and Decision on which group we are forming.

- (4.)** Parent Representatives for the following tasks is required:
- i. Mail recipient (sorts through the Parent Council mail that arrives in the school and brings relevant documents to these meetings)

**(5.)** For information

- a) School photos September 27<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> retakes
- b) First Student Led Conferences are in the evening of Thursday, Nov. 3rd (4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.); second evening is Thursday, March 2 (4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- c) Yearbook Pick up-TBA
- d) Remembrance Day Ceremony-November 10<sup>th</sup>
- e) Bus ridership-TBD
- f) Winter Concert Thursday, December 8th
- g) Term dates-formal Report Card Dates are: November 30, April 5, and June 29
- h) Sturgeon Family of Schools School Resource Officer- Brad Johnston
- i) Celebration of Success "GREAT GATORS"- on Wednesday, November 30th 9:15

**(6.)** Discussion-

**(7.)** Questions and Parent Feedback

**(8.)** Next Meeting Date: TBD

**3 Meetings/1 per Term**