



Gateway Drive School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 17th, 2024 6:30pm

Attendance

Sheena Grinwis	Karin Terluk	Tasha Trebell
Natalie Leeming	Janna Roberts	Nicole Carnegie
Lisa Petryschuk	Catherine Thurston	Shannon Hause
Ashley Schadenberg	Natasha LeBlanc	Meghan Lewis
Tiffany Hanna		

*This month's meeting took on a Town Hall format to discuss the next phase of our playground greening project. Members were encouraged to bring ideas to the table to discuss potentially changing the current plans for our outdoor play space to meet the needs of our current school community.

Discussion Items

- Currently the next phase of our greening project is adding a 33ft. (width around) wooden climbing dome, which has been quoted at \$26, 000
- Phase 3 is to consist of natural log "stairs" and a slide embedded into the hill on the far side of the school near the basketball court, and has been quoted at \$17, 000.
- Things to consider regarding playground structures:
 - all climbing structures, slides, etc are required to be closed from Nov. 1st to April 1st.
 - inspections are required daily, monthly and annually
 - council is responsible for maintenance fees (should always have 10% of cost set aside at all times for this)
 - structures should be no more than 2 metres fall height
- Discussed the possibility of including a variety of smaller play stations with natural climbing/balancing structures (logs, etc) throughout the school yard
- Natural obstacle course style play stations
- Discussed possibly looking around for quotes, and depending on cost there could be potential to allocate some funds to purchase more outdoor equipment for kindergarten area (more bikes, plasma cars, etc). Also the potential to provide funds to teachers to use for classroom supplies.
- We agreed that the most important factors in our decision going forward are:
 - natural materials used
 - spread out around the school yard and accessible for all
 - a few smaller play spaces as opposed to one larger structure
 - not something that would be required to be closed for the winter months
- In the future we will discuss how to better allocate funds to designated initiatives for the school year
- Our winter social event Winterfest will take place on January 31st 6:00-7:30

*Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

**There will not be a February meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th,
2024
New members are always welcome!**