

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes

21 SEP 2022 / 7:00 PM / School Library

ATTENDEES

Corry Harper(Chair), Heidi George(Vice-Chair), Allison Hill (Secretary), Andrea Couture(Principal), Lynne Goosney (Vice-Principal), Lizanne Cleland (Teacher Rep), Joanne Peters, Salene Cooke, Linda Pearcey, Erin Kerkhof, Valerie Johnson, Russell Henstridge, Maxine Herbert, Elke Haggerty, Andrea Willman, Amber Erickson, Jill Langdon

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** ~ 7:00 PM by Corry
2. **Welcome & Introductions:** Quorum verified
3. **Review & Approval of Agenda**
 - a. MOTION to approve agenda ~ Maxine; seconded ~ Heidi
4. **Review & Approval of Minutes**
 - a. MOTION to approve ~ Heidi; seconded ~ Lizanne
5. **Standing Items**
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. School council looking to increase engagement within the school community - participated in welcome to kindergarten evening, meet the teacher night, ordering magnets with meeting & contact info to distribute to families, assisting with parking lot safety awareness
 - ii. ASCA
 1. School board pays for each school's membership
 2. ASCA hosts several workshops throughout the year that are available to all families on a variety of topics (some are free, others have a small cost to attend); upcoming workshops will be posted on our school community page
 3. Website: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>
 4. & holding a board position is all about
 - b. Trustee's Report
 - i. Andre Ouellette is the trustee for Ecole Montrose this year - unable to attend this evening
 - c. Principal's Report
 - i. Current year enrollment is in line with prior years
 - ii. School year started off on a difficult note due to the passing of long time teacher Bobby Noel. Additional mental health support brought in to assist staff & students; mental health counselor is at the school every Tuesday - parents/guardians encouraged to reach out if ever they'd like to access this support for their children
 - iii. New curriculum:
 1. K to 3 math and Grade 3 ELA from new curriculum implemented this year
 2. Grade 4, 5, & 6 Math/ELA implemented next year
 3. Grade 5 English and Grade 6 Math & English doing optional implementation
 4. Grade 1 Science - piloting one new unit from the new curriculum
 - iv. New district policy regarding Grade 7 to 12 sports teams: no longer require a teacher rep at all games & practices, can be a community member so long as individual has taken the Respect in Sport course and have a current CRC & background check; team will still have a manager that is the school connection
 - v. Grade 1 - 3 intervention program for FLA, ELA, and math from last year
 1. Expanded to include grade 4's this year
 2. Is a needs based program this year as determined by school staff identifying who could use the additional support
 - vi. Upcoming events at Montrose

1. Orange Shirt Day Sept 29th - leadership option putting on the assembly this day

6. Old Business

- a. Corry provided high level overview of the school year events that school council, the fundraising society, and leadership club/options class will be involved in
 - i. Distinction between leadership club versus options: club is an out of school program for Grade 7 & 8 students whereas options is a class grade 7 & 8 students can choose as one of their 6 options classes they take each year. Both are focused on building leadership skills both in and out of school
- b. Parking lot safety - volunteers assisted with awareness of parking lot safety through positive reinforcement campaign at start of school year; Magnifiques handed out to students for staying safe on the school grounds and were a huge hit
- c. Safety lot patrollers will return to the school in October

7. New Business

- a. Deb from Canadian Parents for French - Grande Prairie Chapter provided a short presentation
 - i. CPF works to provide activities and resources that assist parents in supporting their children's learning (in both francophone and french immersion programs) as well as being an advocate for french language learning opportunities. Locally, they also support families with fundraising opportunities that go towards the Grade 9 trip.
 - ii. Family membership is \$25/year or \$60/3 years
 - iii. To learn more, you can find the group on Face - CPF Grande Prairie Chapter Association <https://www.facebook.com/gpcpfc/> or email them at cpfgrandeprairie@gmail.com to be added to their contact list.
- b. Allison & Corry provided an overview of the differentiation between School Council and Friends of Montrose Society - why we have two separate groups and what each is responsible for. Also provided information on the various positions we're looking to fill at the AGM in October:
 - i. Elected Positions:
 1. School Council: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 2. Friends of Montrose Society: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - ii. Other:
 1. Social Media Wizard
 2. MunchaLunch Committee
 3. Raffle Chairperson

8. Round Table

- a. Question raised about buses idling in the bus loop, especially with the large number of children waiting in the area and inhaling the exhaust created from the idling ~ could we speak with First Student to see if this could stop/be reduced
- b. Mentioned that Ecole Montrose is on the list to have one of the pedestrian activated crosswalks installed ~ potential advocacy opportunity in terms of getting our school moved up in priority
- c. Snow Clearing ~ issues with the way snow clearing currently happens. Lack of efficient clearing of windrows as well as overall methods of plowing cause safety issues for students as well as causing difficulty for buses & traffic in trying to navigate roadways. Encourage parents to reach out to city regarding snow clearing; talking directly to contractors has also had some level of success in previous years

9. **Next meeting** ~ Wednesday, Oct 19th at 7 pm; 2022/23 AGM to occur first followed by regular monthly meeting

10. **Meeting Adjourned** ~ 8:17 pm