

École Montrose School Council

Meeting Minutes

17 May 2023 / 7:00 pm Ecole Montrose

1. Call to Order Heidi 7:00
2. Land acknowledgments Heidi
3. Welcome & Introductions- Andrea (principal) Lizanne (teacher rep) Cory (chair) Joanne, Johanne ,Allison, Heidi(vice chair), Andrea, Valerie (secretary), Andre (trustee), Salene, Maxine
4. Review & Approval of Agenda- strike school results, approval Johanne 2nd Joanne
5. Review & Approval of Minutes- Allison, 2nd Andrea
6. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. May 11 trustee chair meeting at the district office; advocacy priorities pamphlet- looking to tweak/ pare it down. went over at the meeting. Copies available to review. Looking for feedback, to email in to the office or trustee
 - ii. By-election to fill vacant seat, possibly take place this fall.
 - iii. Fundraiser- Donna Koch, education foundation fashion show night is this fall, looking for volunteers. The money helps with some things not covered
 - b. ASCA Update
 - i. had AGM. haven't been posting much for free content. most are paid; harder to promote to parents
 - c. Trustee Report
 - i. March board meeting-
 1. 13-17 May substitute teacher appreciation week
 2. curriculum update 17 May, minister education french first language publicly released optional implementation for next year (k-3 mandated, 4-6 optional)
 3. 2024-2027 capital plan motion to approve to submit to aboli edu crystal park- have to go through process to get a new school, GP compositie all highschoools permanent addition, kensington area school
 - ii. april 24th board passing youth transit passes given out next fall for ages 6-18
 - iii. board vacancy- passing of trustee, looking at having an election. Asking the administration to bring back costs, held a vote, 4 to 2 to bring it back. Election costs can be 30-40k. Last election thousands of people went out to vote. need to pay for all the legal stuff(comes out of division); board decision.
 - iv. Met with UCP and NDP candidates for upcoming election on funding and choice in education. New candidates did not know a lot, education is not on their platform. Discussed more

teachers TAs mental health support MH- competing against other organizations and 1-2 year funding is not as attractive as permanent positions especially for people relocating.

- v. In our budget we were expecting 2 percent enrollment growth and should be able to add teachers and MH including addictions, and increase indigenous support. The next meeting budget will be brought to the board meeting for approval.

d. Principal Report

- i. Social media presentations are coming in September now. Current grade 8 families are welcome to come back. Still going to host with Derek Taylor and Riverstone 4-6 and 7-8. It is prepaid and the grant money will continue to cover the event
- ii. Constable Houle talked to grade 6-8 about discrimination, healthy relationships, and peer aggression.
- iii. track and field -8 7 postponed re air quality, waiting for date
- iv. may 30th 5-6 field trips
- v. Families at french resource GP library- 8 families at the night
- vi. grade 8 celebration happening 8th June, Friday night 6pm 7-9pm dance and grade 7 is welcome to join
- vii. lip sync contest for grade 7 and 8. June 1st 2 pm is the show
- viii. Play day- broken up in smaller groups this year, so will be on multiple (limited number can be in at once) watch newsletter for specific dates
- ix. May 27th morning awards and celebration, working on times
- x. Play day to have smaller groups, fewer centers at once, booked a foam machine
- xi. Advocating for more mental health supports- advocate to get funding, ongoing vs grants to have permanent support. Reaching out to MLAs to make them aware that is a priority; no posting on facebook allowed re elections
- xii. ASCA template to use for writing letter to MLAs- put on meeting agenda for next month to; best to wait after election and into October/November once they are settled in their seat could also be brought up at the chair liaison; has been discussed as an admin team.
- xiii. submitted excellence in education awards- Cory cannot make it. Awards to Shannon and Johanne acting vp and late entry teacher. Will be May 31st, hour long presentation; tentatively Heidi will go in Cory's place
- xiv. new admin teacher for next year.

7. Old Business

- a. School Results-strike

8. New Business

- a. NA

9. Round table

- a. Question- student council attend meeting here? Lets us know what they are working on- their next meeting is June 9th, possibly invite them to the school council meeting in June or start next year.
- b. Student interest in drama club; clubs; kids talk to teacher/principal, open up to see if anyone wants to open/ head the club; to review if teachers or parents can be present for the club.
- c. June meeting- recruiting?? potluck unofficial the 14th end of year wrap-up- not a go for this year.

10. Next meeting date TBD

11. Adjournment 8:09