

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes

15 Feb 2023 / 7:00 pm Ecole Montrose

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm Attendance-Cory Harper (Chair), Heidi George(Vice-Chair),Valerie Johnson(Secretary), Allison Hill, Andrea Couture(Principal), Lizanne Cleland (Teacher Rep), Andre Ouellette (trustee), Joanne Peters, Andrea Willman, Jill Langdon, Cindy, Maxine Herbert
2. Review & Approval of Agenda- Andrea, 2nd Joanne
3. Welcome & Introductions
4. Review & Approval of Minutes- Cindy, 2nd Heidi
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report-
 - i. Heidi and Cory attended the liaison meeting feb. 2nd lots of good info shared.
 - ii. Education foundation is getting back to having events, date TBD Calendar for 23-24 approved and posted. Spending grant on online modules, learning about ASKA AGM april 21st to 23rd. The district is supporting people wanting to go, reach out to Sandy Friendland if interested.
 - iii. Casino- dates confirmed for the end of July, Cori will not be able to attend. Money not currently earmarked but there are some ideas.
 - b. ASCA Update
 - i. Hasn't been many event, Heidi continues to forward on including AGM
 - c. Trustee Report
 - i. Assurance meetings- attended by principle, gave presentation of 3 year plan (met with all 18 school)
 - ii. Jan 17th trustees went to Grande Prairie operational services meeting- re stormwater utility meeting (a municipal tax) on hard surfaces at the school \$150-175k a year to city for district. Looking for a grant, denied.Now, looking to increase fees to the user group, i.e. fees to use gym to cover tax increase. Property taxes assessments are decreasing but not sure of the overall effect. The city will be having another meeting and may find out more there.
 - iii. Alberta edu annual assurance surveys are coming out for grades 4 and 7 will close March 17th. Posting on the school board- can be shared on the community page.
 - iv. Have updated policy regarding trustee attendance to school councils so that their role is more clear
 - v. Since there is a provincial election coming up this year, there will be a presentation for School board trustees on approaching MLA candidates, and will also receive a toolkit about asking questions and sharing information from the public school board and alberta school board
 - d. Principal Report
 - i. Literacy week "Celebrate your heritage" went well. 4 and 6 built graphs from data and every day of the week was a video or write up from staff sharing heritage.

- ii. Tomorrow night there is an info session for all grade 4 students in the district for late entry in grade 5. Parents can book a personal tour with Andrea to tailor information to personal questions. March 2nd. Asking for parents to share ads to new families on Facebook.
- iii. Basketball season has started. Tournament on Saturday the 25th.
- iv. Passion and interest day is coming up. On the 24th every staff member is offering a session of something they are interested in. Every student signed up for 3 sessions for that afternoon (45) each session will be mixed grades. Sign up genius is up for volunteers for the day and for the wednesday before to prepare materials. Community foundation grant will partially fund the day.
- v. Asking for parent feedback on parent teacher interviews on how it worked to have calls one day and in person another. Multiple opinions on liking the interview types split or mixed. Suggestions to have the two days be half and half; or half the grades in the school one day and the other half the next.

6. Old Business

a. French learning centre info session-

- i. last month decided to pushback the presentation to parents |How do I help my child if I don't speak french" to March 6th at the school. French learning will be later, no date set; will have to work with the french language resource centre to see if they have something mid march between PTIs and Spring break so can be promoted. Andrea will come back with dates.

7. New Business

a. School plan

- i. results from Annual education plan (3 year plan build goals, work on goals, evaluate goals). Overview last month. Target each goal in a different meeting.
- ii. Inclusion- the physician mental and emotional well being of our student and staff is supported
- iii. outcome- increased social emotional learning for students- been working on strategies to problems specific to grades and measure effectiveness.
- iv. There has been improvement in perception by student parents and staff; looking still at how to improve. Work with community resource officers about presentations (students are grade 4-8 younger kids are based on observation. focus groups 6 kids from each class also guiding practice. information impacts what is done at a school level and is sent to division to make decisions at that level. Other schools see similar percentages. Paper is available on the website.

b. Community Grant

- i. use for passion day, would also like to purchase pizza for PTIs (previously sold supper as a fundraiser) have a few parent volunteers. Also food labs will not be able to do any cooking due to renovations. Suggestion to do a stand alone event; increase intake. Possibly do pancake breakfast. Multiple meal suggestions.

8. Round table

9. Next meeting date March 15, 7:00 pm

10. Adjournment ~ 8:30