

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes

15 March 2023 / 7:00 PM / School Library

ATTENDEES

Attendance-Heidi George(Vice-Chair),Valerie Johnson(Secretary), Allison Hill, Andrea Couture(Principal), Lizanne Cleland (Teacher Rep), Andre (trustee), Joanne Peters, Johanne, Andrea Willman, Cindy

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** Heidi 7:07
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
3. **Review & Approval of Agenda** Andrea, Alison
4. **Review & Approval of Minutes** Johanne, Alison

Standing Reports

1. Chair Report

- a. Liaison meeting March 30 blanket exercise 7-9ish. Today or tomorrow deadline? Alison, Cory and another person or Heidi.

2. ASCA Update

- a. not posting modules that have costs of \$200 plus. Still have some free online things available and Heidi will post same.

3. Trustee Report

- a. At the february 14 board meeting, Chair Andre and superintendent Macdonald met with mayor re old Composite High School site; would like to see some type of facility either a domed area for soccer and other activities or a building for activities. Sending out an email letter to the city council to let everyone know.
- b. Assurance surveys extended again until the 23rd of March. kindergarten registration has started; we are at the same place as last year for overall enrollment and Montrose is sitting about the same as this time last year.
- c. February 28 board meeting- requests for additional funding will be submitted for grade one to continue existing interventions
- d. Budget- another meeting on looking through the budget
- e. Grade 7 and 9 track and field; working with PC wolves and catholic school to host citywide meet track and field; that would also be qualifier for zone

- f. March 9 student advisory meeting- posters/ how to do presentations at schools about the committee and how to recruit other students for a 2 year term.
- g. Meeting March 14- board made a motion that all trustees had all criminal checks. Other divisions are doing the same.

4. Principal Report-

- a. As part of social emotional learning we had the passion and interests day for students and teachers to connect outside their classrooms. Lots of leadership noted. Kids and parents seemed to like it. More info from the survey later. Debating if will do another in spring.
- b. Social emotional- did 2 things true and one made up. Collected all the grade level stats. All came to the gym, 3 grades mixed to do trivia in the gym.
- c. March 31st. family carnival. funds will be split between bandaged paws and mcd house
- d. Presentation- Help I can't help my kid learn a 2nd language. good turn out
- e. next week francophone week- trivia; learning places in Canada, flags, and music
- f. PTIs next week- decided to choose the option to be most flexible to help parents. Offering pizza for PTI.
- g. report cards get published on friday; can print off at school if need be
- h. Library- parent evening at public library Dianna. 2 tentative dates, April 25th or 26th. Teachers, principal and people from french language resource centre. Dates will be confirmed for the next school newsletter. Inviting new families. (lots of new families follow us on facebook)

Old Business

1. Community Foundation grant from the city of Grande Prairie- using it for pizza evening. potentially using the money as we go along.
2. Parent Presentation- done
3. Game Night- looking for dates. Possibly May

New Business

4. School fees- ie basket ball team or to nitehawk, swimming etc. may need to up the fees. 2 switches in fees; swimming grade 2 and 4 for 8 lessons billed it in as part of extended phys ed. Currently the max charge is 60\$ and that is what was charged for lessons and bus; proposing to move max up to \$70. Cost is supplemented by phys ed funds may or may not use- full package rental 47\$ nitehawk, charge 45. Also asking for an increase to \$60 dollars. Coverage exists for families. Approved by all that are present.
5. Zoom option- stopped offering as it was very hard to manage and participate. Proposed zoom meeting a few times, possible in zoom. Previously leadership had done babysitting but has stopped due to low attendance. Will continue to look at.
6. Role of School Council- carry over to next month
7. School plan: reviewing Priority "Teaching, leading and learning that prepares students academically, socially, and emotionally for high school completion and future success through a second language learning focus".

- a. When asked in the survey- learning, successful for life after school all percentages up from last year and Montrose is slightly higher than GPPSD
 - b. Provincial data asks a slightly different question about "...successful at work when they finish high school" and percentages are down for parents and Montrose is lower than GPPSD and both lower than Province.
 - c. Provincial Achievement tests FLA reading and writing were in the low 60% which is below province stats.
 - d. We use a Neurolinguistic approach: hearing - saying- reading-writing, at the school. In the fall kindergarten to 3 there will be a new FLA curriculum and 4-6 is optional.
 - e. FLA GB+ reading data is up from last year quite a bit which was low due to COVID. We are close to the stats from 2018-2019 year.
 - f. English is around 80% which is similar to other schools in the district.
 - g. We are looking at how to motivate students to talk to each other more in french.- more info in the report.
 - h. Other outcome reviewed: Developing and Applying First Nation, Metis and Inuit foundational knowledge with staff and students- Parents staff and students all view as improved from last year to 95-100%
 - i. We utilized Elder Theresa Gladue Tuesdays last year and that has set a solid foundation. This year our Indigenous Liaison Loriann Gignac continues to offer opportunities.
8. Social media presentation- week of may 8th through 12th 8 schools in grande prairie will include presentations for kids and parents asking for 4-6, 7-8 and parent presentation (combined schools)

Round table

- 9. Online tutoring from Canadian parents for french learning resource centre?
- 10. Substitute appreciation week this week- most days short subs. and in class rooms. Surprise bags for subs coming in this week. And classroom supervisors

Next meeting date April 19th at 7pm

Adjournment 8:19 pm by Allison