

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes

18 Jan 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, Andrea Willman

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** Heidi 7:01
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
3. **Review & Approval of Agenda** Andrea and Joanne
4. **Review & Approval of Minutes** NA

Standing Reports

1. Chair Report

- a. Attended the liaison meeting and shared new advocacies pamphlet. The Education Foundation is looking for volunteers to cover shifts evenings and weekend. DELV info PP presentation and gets lots of questions; How can we bring it to our school?
- b. family game night- need 2 people to help volunteering. Can bring some games and use the large board games. Keep tally of who comes and put reminder out on FB

2. ASCA Update

- a. some self directed learning modules creating school council plans, engaging the community, and will be facilitated by ASCA. more info on the website.

3. Trustee Report

- a. Dec 13 board meeting presentation, 158 students attend; 75 from our division. \$ support for bussing \$200/student. Asks for support of \$265/student and was approved. Reading University is a great project, and the trustees are happy to support.
 - i. Three public members were in attendance from Montrose to talk about class sizes and advocate for fewer students per class. 23 Ukrainian students in our district and there is \$5500 per student for funding. And 800 lunches delivered each week via grant from Alberta Education
 - ii. Advisory meetings are ongoing, and students are getting more engaged with each meeting. Last meeting they were divided into 4-5 tables; election voting for 2 chairs and

4 students ran. Next meeting Jan 30. 6 students on the committee are from Montrose (out of 18).

- b. At the School Assurance meeting, trustees learn about priorities at each school and the progress each school is making regarding specific outcomes in their education plans. They cover 3 schools a day.
- c. At the January 10th meeting, for the mental health capacity building project, they added funding to support mental health coaches, increase the capability of teachers, and increase resources for students which will continue to build to the end of the school year. Board Of Trustees blanket exercise.
 - i. The Minister of Education added funding access to specific services including: speech, OT, psychology. They added eligibility criteria to increase access; parents can follow up with school principle.
 - ii. The transportation report revealed that buses are 98.94% on time, down from 99.44% which means it is still going well.
- d. On January 24th the policy committee is looking at the role of the board as far as school councils. Most trustees believe they should be attending as many meetings as possible, but there is no current language specific to attendance and the committee is looking to change that.

4. Principal Report-

- a. It's been busy with ski days; yesterday was grade 4-6, next week is grade 7-8. This year was a really good turn out; only a couple of kids from each section that aren't attending and they stayed at the school and helped out. This is a great addition to physical education.
- b. Before Covid, grades 2 and 4 did swimming for gym and this has restarted this year. They go twice a week for 1 hour and the last class will start up in February. The students are able to attend at a reduced price and are able to get certification for the level as if they attended the classes outside of school
- c. Next week is literacy week; This is an Alberta initiative and each year is themed. This year is "Celebrate our Heritage" and we are asking for family origins from students. This info is collected and some classes will create graphs showing that literacy is not just about reading books but things like graphs, maps etc. For literacy week there will also be challenges for each class to do throughout the week. Friday the whole school will read for about 20 minutes and each student will get to pick where in the school they will be reading.
- d. Next week on Monday we will also have an Indigenous drummer who will be presenting drumming and singing. Every class will be able to come to the foyer to participate. On Tuesday grade 4s and 5s will have a two-and-a-half hour presentation FLRS about voyagers and interactions with Indigenous Peoples, for example fur trading.
- e. One goal of our school is to have an adult to connect with in the school competency low; TO help build connection between students and staff there will be a passion and interest day. The school will be divided into 2 groups: morning and afternoon. Teachers will be leading an activity they love. Kids will sign up for 2 activities. This will give an opportunity to work with kids of different ages and adults they may not see and teachers. This will be happening mid-february and we will need parent volunteers. More information will come out in newsletters. The hope is to do

another one in the spring/summer. Some of the activities include: arts, PE, cooking, hula hoop, desk fit drumming, reading session, knitting. Volunteers will help kids get to where they need to be or prepare material ahead of time. We will use sign-up genius and specify jobs and what the activities are so parents can be with their children if they wish.

Old Business

1. French learning Centre info session pushed back from feb 15 as there are conflicts. We will suggest dates in March to see if something works for them. The event will be like a drop in with kids and parent, and can be shown around. To coordinate with Diane to facilitate.
2. Info session from CPF for parents before; host night. To schedule before registration in March, possibly February 21-23 and will reach out to the previous presenter.
3. Family game night- done; put post out tomorrow to sign up/volunteer 6-8.

New Business

1. School results reports were handed out at the meeting to view in draft form. Quick overview of the four sections at this meeting, and will go into depth over each section and the next 4 meetings.
2. The school builds a three year plan and we are in our 2nd year. The results report is to check in to see where we are at with the goals, and if strategies are working or if they need changing.
3. The data is collected from Alberta Education Assurance Measures, the division's assurance survey, and school data. The outcomes we will be looking at each meeting are: increase social and emotional learning; classroom instruction that prioritizes second language learning, developing and applying First Nations, Metis and Inuit foundational knowledge with staff and students; and classroom instruction that focuses on explicit instruction of basic math facts.

Round table none

Next meeting date february 15th at 7pm

Adjournment 8:19 pm by Allison