

École Montrose School Council

Meeting Minutes

19 April 2023 / 7:00 pm École Montrose

1. Call to Order 7:07 Heidi
2. Land acknowledgments Heidi
3. Welcome & Introductions: Maxine, Heidi (vice chair), Cindy, Andrea, Andrea(principle), Lizanne (teacher rep), Alison, Valerie (secretary)
4. Review & Approval of Agenda: Alison, 2nd Andrea
5. Review & Approval of Minutes: Andrea Alison
6. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. Blanket exercise was well attended and a great experience. It is a different experience every time you do it, keep coming/attending when available
 - b. ASCA Update
 - i. Conference is next week. not a lot going on; there are some seminars for a fee
 - c. Trustee Report
 - i. None; absent this week
 - d. Principal Report
 - i. grade 7s are doing the blanket exercise next week and crazy hair day next week wednesday.
 - ii. In May grade 5 is writing the DELF exam. It evaluates reading, writing, listening, and speaking; the exam is international. There are 6 different levels; early entry is writing the 2nd level and late entry is writing the first. The students get certificates from France. In grade 9 they can write the next level. This may be useful for applying to post secondary or employment.
 - iii. The 12th of May is the tri-district tournament 7-8 hockey, ball hockey, and soccer. All money goes to support the tri-district. Supports students with severe medical needs or that need money for travel. The tournament is at the knowledge campus "3D". The schedule is not out yet. The tri-district is made up of GPPSD, Catholic, and Peace Wapiti.
 - iv. Track and field for grades 7-8 will begin practice next week; in conjunction with Catholic school district; Grades 5-6 at the end of May.
 - v. There was an email yesterday for Grande Prairie public assurance survey for 4-8 parents and staff. This is used to help guide what we are doing at school, what's going well, and what needs improvement. Parents can fill it out for each child.
 - vi. Next wednesday public library tours. It is drop in from 6-7pm and will show resources, games etc.

- vii. The mitt and toque bin in the office to use has been really popular. Everything was washed and put away for next year- suggestion to have a sock bin for spring/summer months- to put something up on FB
- viii. Fruit bin has also been doing well- Monday morning fruit delivered for kids to use throughout the day as part of the nutrition program and funded by government money for nutrition.
- ix. The k-3 grades new curriculum for science and FLA , 4-6 math and english and optional FLA will be implemented for next year.

7. Old Business

a. School Plan

- i. Social emotional support for staff. This is looking at how the staff feel in connection with a consistent approach being able to support the students has dropped; Teachers liked it when there was a little bit more guidance. There was also a drop from the previous year under the school assurance survey. Staff feel that mental health support is lacking; not enough counseling time at school. Can't control right now what we have for counseling, but can look at other things, ie working on lists of resources for teachers to give to parents. The best way to effect change is to bring up to trustee to bring concerns up the chain; school council to help support by advocating for increased resources to mental health; in may. Andrea to bring back what advocacy may look like. To investigate if we can post something that encourages parents to think of questions for candidates for upcoming elections ; talk to teachers for feedback on how the council can help. Increase for staff wellness- division and school has been doing activities.

8. New Business

a. Music fees

- i. Our school is one of the division music programs 5-8. Ask of a possible fee of 300 dollars a year for band or orchestra for things like trips and events out of the city. Council approves given funds available for kids who cannot afford the fee and that this is communicated clearly to families.

9. Round table

- a. social media presentations for grades 4-6 and 7-8. will be hosting a parent night with Riverstone school on the 8th of may. email from contact for technologies? from Heidi. Has an itinerary for the week and the info for school to share. Community grant- \$500 and the rest from city grand. FB postings and school email. use sign up genius for parents

10. Next meeting date- May 17th

11. Adjournment 8:18