

École Montrose School Council

Meeting Minutes

20 OCTOBER 2021 / 6:30 PM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Corry Harper(Chair), Heidi George(Vice-Chair), Allison Hill(Secretary), Maxine Herbert, Vanessa Wolff, Andrea Couture(Principal), Ginette Pelé(Vice-Principal), Johanne Kemp(Teacher Liaison), Joan Nellis(Trustee)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - 6:33 PM by Corry
2. Welcome & Introductions; Quorum verified
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION to approve agenda - Joan; Seconded - Heidi
4. Standing Items
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. Request for someone to take the lead on ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) relations - Heidi to take this on
 - b. Trustee's Report
 - i. Discussion around mandatory vaccinations for school staff at next Board meeting
 - ii. Involved in curriculum working sessions for proposed K to 6 curriculum - highlighted importance of parents to be writing to MLA's, Education Minister with their thoughts on the curriculum as govt seems poised to implement
 - iii. Boundary proposals determined (FI not moving from Charles Spencer) and community engagement/info sessions to occur early November
 - c. Principal's Report
 - i. School Improvement Plan
 1. Social/Emotional learning committee established; will focus on teachers/admin.
 2. Classroom instruction that prioritizes second language learning; upcoming PLD day will involve discussion around what we see/feel/hear in regards to french language learning

3. As part of social/emotional learning focus, tying in indigenous learning at school ~ currently learning about the 7 sacred teachings
 - ii. Looking for feedback on what we would like to see as parents ~ activity at November school council meeting to help learn more
 - iii. New notification process for COVID-19
 1. Will receive a notification if student has been exposed
 2. If there are 3 or more cases in a K to 6 class, parents will receive notification that student will move to online learning
 - iv. Communication
 1. Move to classroom newsletters this year ~ very low percentage of school wide newsletters were being opened or read
 2. Administration will also be sending out newsletters every 2 months to update school families on what's happening
 - v. Current School Projects
 1. Remembrance Day: students asked to share info on family members who are veterans; will be on display in the school with plans to be a yearly project
 2. Montagnards in the Community: Highlighting things students are doing in the community so share what great things your children are up to outside of school
 3. Leadership Group working on a Pay it Forward project in support of Sunrise House, Bandaged Paws, and Salvation Army
 - vi. New parking lot ~ seems to have cut down on traffic congestion and overall, working well
5. New Business
- a. School Council Priorities ~ ways we can best support the school
 - i. Help build Francophone culture
 - ii. School community engagement ~ encourage more attendees at meetings (sandwich board advertising meetings), ways we can bring people together (ie. similar to last year's movie evening)
 - iii. Plans for winter carnival this year, possibly in conjunction with Canadian Francophone Association
6. Next meeting - Wednesday, November 17th on Zoom
7. Meeting Adjourned - 7:26 pm