

École Montrose School Council

Meeting Minutes

17 NOVEMBER 2021 / 6:30 PM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Corry Harper(Chair), Heidi George(Vice-Chair), Allison Hill(Secretary), Maxine Herbert, Andrea Couture(Principal), Lynne Goosney(Vice-Principal), Joanne Peters, Chris Johnston(Trustee), Andrea Willman

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - 6:39 PM by Corry
2. Welcome & Introductions; Quorum verified
 - a. Welcomed Chris Johnston as our school trustee rep for the year
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION to approve agenda - Joanne
4. Review & Approval of Minutes
 - a. MOTION to approve - Joanne; seconded - Maxine
5. Standing Items
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. Chair Liaison meeting with School Board will be on December 9th
 - ii. Upcoming ASCA session on Nov 27th - virtual engagement session open to all parents & school staff
 - b. Trustee's Report
 - i. First meeting of the whole held on Oct 26th; three new trustees elected to the board; Joan Nellis elected chair and Andre Ouellette elected vice-chair
 - ii. Development of Admin Policy related to vaccines ongoing - working to create a policy that protects students & staff and helps to mitigate community spread; not intended to be punitive and will address valid exemptions
 - iii. Review sessions occurred earlier this month to give the public an opportunity to hear more about upcoming boundary changes
 - iv. Upcoming AGM for ASBA - following items up for discussion:
 1. Petition for funding

2. Environmental Education in the new curriculum
3. Allow board to access reserve funding without needing ministerial approval
4. Request review of the entire proposed draft curriculum slated to be implemented in 2022

c. Principal's Report

i. Indigenous Learning Project (Lynne)

1. Building teacher & admin staff knowledge of indigenous learning so they can transfer those teachings to students
2. Incorporating in to the social & emotional learning piece of the school plan - elder Theresa Gladue will be working with students every Tuesday afternoon for the remainder of the school year
3. Each month will focus on learning one of the Seven Sacred Teachings

ii. Building French Culture (Andrea) - goal is to expand beyond learning to read & write in French and to expose students to authentic French culture learning opportunities

1. Q1: What do you want your child to get out of FI experience?
 - a. Future opportunities, way to challenge students while in school, advantages of learning a second language in regards to brain development
2. Q2: What types of French culture do we mean when we think of FI?
 - a. Quebec, France, etc (note from Andrea: goal is to expose students to all cultures)
3. Q3: What are parents expectations when it comes to FI?
 - a. Majority feel French all day is appropriate, including at recess (this is not currently enforced)

iii. Asked if we felt that parents be interested in a parent presentation on internet safety - yes

6. New Business

a. ASCA update (Heidi)

- i. Heidi has started looking into and will be attending meetings webinars to learn more about how best to utilize their resources

- ii. Maxine asked about the \$500 given to each school council.
Andrea advised board applied as a whole and will be using to host ASCA sessions - more info to come on these

7. Old Business

- a. Road issues - no real congestion, parking lot expansion seems to have cut down on this
- b. Snow clearing continues to be a safety issue - contact city with concerns
- c. Will we have AMA safety patrollers this year? No

8. Round Table

- a. Provincial Government has heard the message loud & clear; Minister LaGrange advises they continue to gather feedback as they move forward
- b. Letters to ASBA, school districts, and MLAs suggested as a way of continuing to make voices heard

9. Next meeting - Wednesday, January 19/2022 on Zoom

10. Meeting Adjourned - 7:48 pm