

Meeting Minutes

20 Sep 2023 / 7:00 pm École Montrose

1. Call to Order - Allison 7:01pm
2. Welcome & Introductions-
 - a. In attendance: Allison Hill, Maxine Herbert, Johanne Kemp, Salene Cooke, Valerie Johnson (secretary), Russell Henstridge, Julian Camsell, Aaron Penson, Dustin Archibald, Andrea Couture (principal), Dan Stokanovic, Elyse Miller, Corbin Miller
3. Review & Approval of Agenda- Valerie, Selene
4. Review & Approval of May 2023 Minutes
 - a. Deferred to October 23 meeting
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. New trustee this year, Donna Koch. Not present.
 - b. Trustee Report
 - c. Principal Report-
 - i. school year started well, numbers at 610 students, lower than last year down 20 throughout pre-k to grade 8
 - ii. VP Mme. Stephanie Murphy this year
 - iii. In the front office Mme. Jenn is replaced by Mme Michelle part time and pt with students; Mme. Peddie continues in front office
 - iv. As part of our school goals, embedding indigenous education into school learning, Orange shirt day on Sept 30. We have paper cutouts of orange shirts with hand prints and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts. There will also be an assembly supported by staff and the indigenous liaison Mme. Loriann.
 - v. Francophone culture in school- Tristan Demers from Quebec, French author. Also looking as a school for ways to help promote kids to speak french- more next week
 - vi. The playground use has changed from last year. There is the front playground, the back playground, and basketball court. Front is now used by grades k-2 and 5, back is used by grades 3-4 and 6, and grades 7- 8 in BB court. This change is to help with the lack of greenspace in the back and to allow for adequate supervision
 - vii. We are continuing with fruit baskets from previous years- mondays apples bananas oranges for all kids each classroom, grab as they need no questions asked excited to continue
 - viii. Upcoming activities include - pre-K through grade 6 fun run. GPPSD this saturday 9 to 11 at legion field. Families can come and each grade runs a certain distance. Starts at 0830 usually

wrapping up at 1030. Volleyball 7-8 two boys and 2 girls tryouts this week, games start in 2 weeks

- ix. Crossing Patrol- grade 6 for cross walks outside, partnership with AMA. Will have grade 6 students until March and will have the grade 6 students train grade 5 in March.

6. Old Business

- a. N/A

7. New Business

- a. Brief overview of school council & positions to be filled at AGM- We are filling the chair and vice chair roles. Generally, the roles involve:
 - i. advising and providing input, acting as a liaison with Alberta School Council Association (ASCA), keeping up with education ideas, putting agendas together, working with Andrea, the school principal, on certain school plans, and chairing information. They are also invited to meetings where all the chairs come together (3-4 times a year). These meetings review information about what's happening at other schools. Duties may be split between Chair and vice chair as desired.

8. Round table

- a. Asking for more clarity on what the council does- Answer: gather information on what's going on in the school, results reports, how we plan to improve (surveys) and bring a voice to the same, providing feedback, ie how to run parent teacher interviews. or changes to dress codes, school community engagements ie games nights. sharing on FB or via email list. (VC supports chair. may chair meetings may take on some of the roles)
- b. Question: Budget regarding decrease- doesn't currently impact this year, may next year. The decrease in students is spread throughout the school. The budget is done over a period of 3 years and will look at trends for the years.
- c. Question about Friends Of Montrose FOM- is the fundraising side. Having them separate allows for a bank account and have a license under the AGLA
- d. Question re number of people on school council- every parent and/or guardian is a part; engagement is around 10 people per meeting last year. 3 official roles, FOM has more flexibility to not meet as often; meetings are back to back and work together and address bigger/ global ideas instead of individual struggles/concerns/situations

9. Next meeting date is October 18.

10. Adjournment 7:26 pm