

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm
École Montrose Library

Meeting Chair: *Dawn Moffat-McMaster*

Recorder: *Allison Hill*

Attendance: Paul Therrien, Dawn Moffat-McMaster, Melanie Bayko, Jess Martin, Allison Hill, Lynn Driedger, Joanne Perrott

1. Call to Order and Introductions: *6:38 pm*
2. Review and Approval of Agenda: *Motioned to accept by Corry*
3. Review and Approval of past meeting minutes: *Motioned to approve by Corry*
4. Standing Items
 - a. *Trustee's Report*
 - i. Board has been getting acquainted with changes introduced by the new government; have met with area MLA's to discuss district priorities
 - ii. Change to remove "public" school district names is strictly a change to the legal name - now known as the "Grande Prairie School Division"
 - iii. Contractor announcement for the new Composite high school to be made with sod turning planned for November 1st
 - iv. Education Foundation is hosting the Strut & Strive Fashion Show for Education on November 7th
 - b. *Principal's Report*
 - i. Grade 6's are organizing the upcoming Halloween Family Dance (Oct 24th) as a fundraiser for the annual Grade 6 trip
 - ii. Theme for this month is "Collaboration: we work together, we learn together, we grow together" - represents one of the core values that is part of the Mountaineers/Montagnard code
 - iii. Many school clubs up & running this fall
 - Mini Triple ball tournament for Grade 5 & 6 Oct 19th & 20th
 - After school run club has 45 participants
 - Drama club is planning an improv show this year; will be hosting improv sessions at lunch(??)
 - iv. Wellness Club starting up for grades 4 to 8; will be led by a parent volunteer with yoga one week, mindfulness/journaling the next. School has made a request to the Education Foundation for support for the club
 - v. Change this year for Grade 5 music program -> can now choose between band & orchestra starting in grade 5
 - vi. Halloween Parade -> 2 pm on October 31st, parents welcome to attend

- vii. Christmas concerts: Dec 17th - Gr 5 to 8; Dec 18th - PreK to Gr 4
- c. *Chair report*
 - i. Nothing new to report
- 5. Old Business
 - a. *Nothing to report*
- 6. New business
 - a. *Review of Operating Procedures*
 - i. No substantive changes have occurred since last update therefore no updates required at this time. Allison motioned to accept, seconded by Corry
 - b. *Review of School Policy Handbook - Dress Code*
 - i. Tabled to next meeting
 - c. *ASCA Engagement*
 - i. School Council Engagement Task Force
 - Opportunity for school council to provide feedback on various topics to ASCA; Dawn will be the representative for this
 - ii. Member Engagement Opportunity
 - Online engagement session on Nov 23rd - open to all to attend
 - iii. ASCA Values Campaign
 - Developed to showcase the value of school councils/ASCA to MLAs/Alberta government in an effort to ensure continued support
 - iv. Advocacy Resolutions
 - Start thinking about any advocacy resolutions we may want to bring forward at the AGM i.e. schools as voting stations ~ do not feel this is appropriate due to safety and privacy concerns
 - Will discuss further at upcoming meetings
- 7. Round Table
 - a. Mel asked about the retraction of Bill 24 and what the board's position is. Lynn advised this was simply a return to previous practice and it's not about outing or endangering kids - district has the students best interests at heart. Feel the parents play the most important role in supporting kids going through a difficult time therefore involving them is key. Paul indicated there were conflicts with Bill 24 as previously written; as educators they will always do what is best for each student but need the ability to make the right decisions based on the circumstances specific to each student.
- 8. Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm