

# Meeting Minutes

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**17 January 2023 / 7:00 pm École Montrose**

1. Call to Order- 7:04
2. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Dustin (chair) Salene, Andrea, Allison, Lizanne, Stephanie, Chris (trustee)
3. Review & Approval of Agenda- Allison, 2nd Salene, with date amendments
4. Review & Approval of November 2023 Minutes- Alison, 2nd Salene
5. Standing Reports
  - a. Chair Report-
    - i. Attend the council of council meeting. Heard some ideas and goals of other councils.
      1. Regarding the gazebo, talk to Parle sheds for a quote they are local.
      2. Lots of schools do a turkey dinner before the holidays (something to consider)
      3. Some schools do a parent info night every couple of months on top of council meetings, and have more success getting Parents to come. Should we look at this?
      4. Munch lunch suggestions- Papa John's in state and Main. If we want popcorn for any event, go ask Cineplex and they will give free popcorn.
    - ii. Octoball game seems popular, cost is Approximately \$1000.
    - iii. Blanket exercise invite from Parkside to do a blanket exercise, need a minimum of 25 people to attend (we have done them in the past with grade 7 and staff)
    - iv. things to keep in mind for next holiday season for Fundraisers – auction trees/lanterns this year. We did Carol and cookie decorating for holiday events at school.
    - v. Ways to get more parents– have chair do a quick blur at concert – or put a blurb in the programs for concert – welcome parents at the door at Concert.
  - b. Trustee Report - need trustee notes
  - c. Principal Report
    - i. Basketball started for grade 7 and 8- there are three boys teams and one girl team. Grade 5 and six will start shortly and have a mini tournament.
    - ii. Swimming lessons are ongoing grade 2 current and more in January/February. Grade 4 will be in March.
    - iii. Ski trips upcoming January 23 grade 4-6 and January 24 grade 7-8.
      1. Suggestion to let Parents know what to do at ski hill.

- 2. This year sign up and payment was online with Nitehawk.
  - iv. January 27 is literacy day. We will be doing activities on Monday, January 29. Leadership is providing activities.
  - v. Land-based teaching for indigenous learning- There is a speaker/teacher providing this grade 3 will have an indigenous storyteller coming on February 1
  - vi. Last year passion and interest day to promote connection where staff shares a passion was a success, and is planned for February 29, 2024 for a second year.
  - vii. Having our winter concert February 22, 2024 for pre-K through grade 6. Split into two portions. There will be singing and activities.
  - viii. We have a new website launched on January 16, 2024. It has a calendar, articles, and can do online absences.
6. Old Business
- a. Change in wording to dress code-#3 Hats added and #5 line added to allow accommodations
    - i. motion to make these changes permanent approved Alison second Salene
  - b. Grant \$500 - Have a look through different workshops and print out and suggest a couple. We may be able to spend our grant money on this. Other schools are mostly doing fundraising ones. Possibly joining another school. We should choose by the end of March.
7. New business:
- a. 2024-2025 school calendar- see draft, not yet approved.
    - i. Maybe consider February 28 to coincide with family day for a four day weekend.
    - ii. Possible to have a welcome day before the first day. Other schools do this. Our staff is not fond of this idea.
    - iii. Positives to give feedback – start after September along, two full week, Christmas break, learning days, attached to long weekends
  - b. École Montrose Annual Results Report-
    - i. See data report. Page 7 – prioritizes second language, learning page 9 first nations and math.
    - ii. Page 3 inclusion – increased social emotional learning for students. – Environment – staff 20%. Growth well-being 5% drop. – Support, a small drop.
    - iii. staff dissatisfaction – behavior – students not getting support – maybe curriculum changes? – Understanding what we control – staff time to work together to help support teachers with the new curriculum.
    - iv. Student connection with staff activities – two truths/one lie – pulled students from each grade – focus group to hear students.
    - v. Teachers not feeling equipped to help kids with problems that are not school related
  - c. Crosswalk lights- Call the city to pressure for speed signs. Crosswalk- may be moving or adding one. Alison is emailing/posting about requests for speed light signs.
8. Next meeting date- February 21

9. Adjournment 8:18.