

Meeting Minutes

20 November 2024 École Montrose

1. Call to Order - Dustin 7 pm
2. Welcome & Introductions-Dustin (Chair), Lizanne (teacher rep) , Salene (co chair), Valerie (secretary), Jill, Tanya, Julian, Ray (trustee), Lynn (Vice Principal), Stephanie (Vice Principal), Joel Favel.
3. Review & Approval of Agenda- Jill, 2nd Tanya
4. Review & Approval of October 2024 Minutes- Salene, 2nd Tanya
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report- Council of School Council on the 28th. Chairs from all GPPSD schools meet and listen to school board priorities and chairs bring feedback. indepth, looking forward to same. Quarterly meeting. If anything you like raised, bring forward to Dustin.
 - b. Trustee Report-
 - i. [Municipal affairs amendment bill 20](#); changed 2 parts of local authorities info including in admission package. First change requires Trustees to have a criminal record check, second change is to make a financial deposit. The idea is to help rule out non serious but the money could pose a barrier for some applicants.
 - ii. Annual student attendance- support regular school attendance- 90% of school days; necessary to help students start positive habits. There has been an increase of 500 students (or 5%) in school 90% or better. This is the largest increase since 2020. Gratitude to everyone working towards that.
 - iii. Personal electronic devices- thank you for feedback. So far going rather well, some issues/resistance from students in the high school.
 - iv. Online engagement with staff + community identify essential skills and plan for life after high school; what are the most important- go online to "thought exchange" To share QR code. This thought exchange will close November 27th.
 - v. Modular classrooms submitting HS as enrollment is high. Permanent additions approved asked for portable to be distributed at that time 8 modular units; 6 for comp (over 100% cap in 4 years). 2 for Isabel Campbell (100% in 3 years).
 - vi. Question- The Alberta Government increased its funding in education, where is it going? The funding is going to places where there are specific needs; it is usually short term. We need to recruit teachers to Grande Prairie but it is hard to recruit and retain staff with temporary positions.
 - c. Principal Report
 - i. Volleyball season wrapping up 3 of our teams in the finals. The schedule is on FB.
 - ii. Elder Darlene has begun Wednesday afternoons rotating through grade. Grade k-7 have done drumming with her.

- iii. New report cards highlight strengths and growth main difference outcomes should be more clear grade with each
 - iv. booking for PTI coming out soon 4-5th dec 4-7 pm. looking at using microsoft bookings instead of sign up genius. Website glitch- will be able to sign up a week in advance
 - v. Showcase division happening here. Two concerts, grades 7-8 will present at Aspen and Montrose, and grades 5-6 will present here as well. Times to be announced.
 - vi. Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) club is going well, as well as the art and crochet club.
 - vii. Volleyball season closing, basketball tryouts coming for grade 7 and 8.
 - viii. Vandalism issue with school= handles on lockers missing; had assembly with grade 7 and 8 to talk about expectations, entry and exit to building with wet floors; student agree is reasonable expectations. Talked about computers and lunch. Some improvements.
 - ix. Working culture as a whole and moving in the right direction with student leaders
 - x. Parent night out hosted by student leadership- here for babysitting. There are 32 spots by donation from 5:30-8:30 noNovember 29, 4 stations run by Mme Jessica. Can secure a spot on sign up genius.Leadership has done this in past years.
 - xi. Monthly assembly for October. Students and parents in attendance. Pie in face for Terry Fox run funds; 4 classes that raised the most had pizza parties. Nov assembly is the 29th.
 - xii. Question re basketball- past few years bb student not cut but depends on number of coach; No students cut for volleyball, none for basketball last year. We do our best to give everyone the opportunity; currently 4 interested coaches.
 - xiii. Question -Can the leadership club do the information boards for council and FOM? Old boards found. Can look into- would like to have those and a presence with boards for engagement. goal for this year.
- d. Vice Principal Report
- i. Grade 1 class on halloween went to Grande Prairie Care Centre in the morning trick or treating. There was a haunted hallway, treat bags. Invitation to return. Both the school and Care Centre would like to continue with the same class. May include reading with residence in French as they gain confidence in their reading skills. Invite some times toward Christmas for possibly caroling; and will pay for bussing. Students and residents are enjoying it.
6. Approval of reports Joel, 2nd Julian
 7. Old Business
 - a. Student council invite- student council students that sit on board with the central office team, invite them to come January; open invite to have them see how we operate.
 - b. Posting meeting minutes- post 1 week in advance with a reminder to submit topics at that time. Can include possible topics we know are upcoming for council.
 8. New Business- nil.
 9. Motion to approve- Salene, 2nd Tanya
 10. Next meeting date January 15th
 11. Adjournment- 7:34pm