

Meeting Minutes

19 Feb 2025 École Montrose

1. Call to Order 7:01
2. Welcome & Introductions Matt (principal), Dustin (chair), Lizanne (teacher rep), Salene (vice chair) Tanya, Ray (trustee) Lynn (Vice principal) Joel, Valerie (secretary) and welcome to Morgan, student council representative
 - a. The student council talks about using student voices to change culture/ school climate in other schools and how they would like to see the school climate. Usually given a task to prepare to bring to administration, set up meetings , follow up, prepare questions.
3. Review & Approval of Agenda, motion to approve Tanya, 2nd Salene
4. Review & Approval of January 2025 Minutes, motion to approve Tanya, 2nd Salene
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. Dustin and Salene attended a presentation at the GPPSD to help run school council meetings for effectiveness. Lots of material covered. Talked about addressing people by their titles, making sure everyone has a voice and feels welcome.
 - ii. Council of council on the 27th talk to other schools, trustees.
 - b. Trustee Report
 - i. Board Meeting Reading University (RU) is a remarkable and exciting Grande Prairie-grown program designed to help Grade 3 students who are almost at grade level but need a little more literacy practice to improve their reading and writing skills. <https://readingu.org/>
 - ii. Next week is employee appreciation week, will be honoring all staff and their commitment to students, culminating with a Friday with a staff wellness day; previously well received by staff.
 - iii. The superintendent is stepping down, creating an ad hoc committee to lead the recruitment process, 3 bids, 2 external and 1 from the head hunting firm. Meet with then this friday to help lead
 - c. Principal Report
 - i. Basketball playoffs are underway for grades 7 and 8. The girls finished 2nd, the boys finished 3rd and 4th. COmpetitive teams, playing in top pool for a chance to go to the finals. We have outstanding coaches. Grade 6 basketball to be 3 on 3 to create more play and more hands on for all kids. schedule will go up in about a week.
 - ii. More events: grade 4 going to cineplex to go to francophone school, grade 7-8 band field trip, feb 26 is pink shirt, teacher convention march, Ski trip grades 4-8- working on digitized permission forms
 - iii. 19th and 20th of march PTIs- sign up will come out in early march.

- iv. Employee appreciation- highlight student leadership Mme jessica- delivering treats to teachers with raised funds from their activities gifts treats flowers and cards. scorekeepers, candy grams, other sales
- v. February is black history month. Every day we recognize a black canadian on the wall and an announcement is made by Mme Lynn daily to keep up discussion. The kids have been enjoying it and we have received good feedback from parents in the school. Teacher have also been putting on events for their own classes

d. Vice Principal Report

- i. Late entry- registration opens for kindergarten in March. We have been going to other schools to recruit grade 4 students for grade 5. We will be hosting an info session on March 5th for parents who are interested. Book bags sent out by division with reading materials- we have extras and can hand them out.
- ii. We have recently changed how we are doing our indigenous foundational knowledge programming. Elder Darlene works for the division and works for several schools exposing students to Cree culture, counting, letters, phrases and words. Room is filled with artifacts like drums etc every wednesday. Story telling tradition found the info was more for younger, we will have Mme Jackie work with grade 7 and 8 and would like to work on boys braids, worry stones, plants, and powwow. We will see them once per month- stems from calls to action, is part of accreditation, essential part of teacher planning.

Motion to approve standing reports Joel, 2nd Tanya

6. Old Business

a. Student council invite

- i. Every year student chairs and they put together a meeting and they get to put together what they see in other schools; goods to see what other schools are doing. Prospective school culture and climate and will continue with the next meeting. Have survey answers and looking at what things we want to talk more about that we see need to be improved in schools. Been trying to change the soap and how it impacts skin. was unable to talk about it last week
- ii. Division orders supplies centrally not sure of suppliers or choices. When more soap is needed, bring them into school . to bring it up on the council
- iii. It is Morgan's 3rd year and she enjoys leadership skills learning about other people and having logistics of school division. Morgan spoke at the Superintendent's address in front of all the teachers last year.

7. New Business

a. nil

8. Next meeting date

- a. march 26th for next meeting, moved for PTIs from the 19th

9. Adjournment 7:35 pm