

Meeting Minutes

26 March 2025 / 7:00 pm École Montrose

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement 7:00
2. Welcome & Introductions- Dustin (chair) Salene (vice chair) Corbin Stephanie (vice principal) Lynn (vice principal) Matt(principle) Tanya Valerie (Secretary)
3. Review & Approval of Agenda, Corbin, 2nd Tanya
4. Review & Approval of February Minutes Tanya, 2nd Salene
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report
 - i. Went to the council of school councils; hand soap was brought up and administration will investigate further.
 - b. Trustee Report (Ray Away, relayed by Matt)
 - i. Annual division three year capital plan approved. Top priorities, school in kensington modernization solution for Peace Wapiti, updates to Composite high school and replacement for Crystal Park school
 - ii. Interpreting service trial- We are trialing an on demand interpretation service to work with families who's first language is not english/french. Can call a number and have over 1300 translators available.
 - iii. spring kinderg intervention, asking for funds for after April break till end of the year
 - iv. Measles- MOH letter sent out to all school families. Please see more information at <https://www.alberta.ca/measles>
 - v. ASPA Friends of Education award nominated corporal Gavin Ool.
 - c. Principal Report
 - i. After break we will have the 3D charity floor hockey tournament. Proceeds goes to Sick Kids. \$20 for students to participate. Will take place in May.
 - ii. Soccer opportunity with Swan City mini soccer league, many kids have signed up. We will have recess practice and 2 tournaments. \$25 for fee and tshirts
 - iii. The ski trip a couple weeks ago went well. Thankyou to MMe Alyssa for organizing. There was good feedback. Grade 6 was moved to the 7th day to not cancel tubing.
 - iv. Badminton started 7-8 swimming for grades 2-4 information has gone home
 - v. New TVs are up, showing advertisements, share pictures and events
 - vi. The Rotary Club nomination for service above self- reviewed at this meeting and nominee picked.

d. Vice Principal report

- i. Lynn- March is francophone month. Every year the school chooses one francophone culture to focus on; branching out every year. This year we did aMardi Gras theme focusing on the cultural food, music, and parades done by different communities that celebrate Mardi Gras. There was a scavenger hunt, masks, instruments on the 20th of March. Grade 6-8 band students participated in the parade other students were both spectators and joined into the parade
- ii. Stephanie- grade 5 DELF French proficiency exam, assesses students early and late entry written on may 13, 14th. for later. separate oral exam that assessed speaking. Assessors come in that are trained for the exam. Students will receive results in a few weeks and certificates in the fall. The certificate is recognized world wide and students can use it for academics, universities, and job opportunities.
- iii. In April after break will be starting track and field grade 7-8. Grade 5-6 also have it during school and have a meet. 7-8 can qualify for zones. Badminton finishes April 22nd.

Approval for reports- Tanya, 2nd Ccorbin

6. Old Business

- a. nil

7. New business:

- a. 3 year ed plan and school assurance meetings
 - i. Reviewed at meeting. Can be found at www.gppsd.ab.ca/school/montrose at the bottom of the main page. Under "School Plan & Results".
 1. "School Plans and Results Reporting establish confidence in the quality and value of the work of our schools. School Plans include an interpretation of results to parents, students and the public. Schools use previous year results to plan for improvement in the quality and effectiveness of education programs with a focus on improving student learning and achievement. School Plans include priority areas, strategies and evidence that align with Division and Provincial direction and allow us to maintain our system focus on teaching and learning and supporting the overall success of our students."
 2. We just wrapped up the survey for the current school year. It is filled out by grade 4 and grade 7 families. We have roughly 28/29% engagement.
- b. ASCA Symposium and AGM <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
 - i. For the AGM, council delegates will vote on ASCA resolutions outlined at- <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/256168>
 - ii. These resolutions are to be discussed at council meetings and chairs are to get a consensus (yes/no) on how the delegate is to vote.
 1. Priorities reviewed and consensus gathered from members, generally picking 2-3 top priorities as ASCA does not bring all priorities back to the government.. Dustin (chair) to bring info back to ASCA.
 - iii. These are the advocacy priorities ASCA will be voting on at the AGM. Since we are an ASCA member our council gets a vote.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/256168> . Item/ consensus yes or no:

1. Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta/ no
 - a. While agreeable to the reported reduced costs, questions about them working in the north and level of importance of objective
2. Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools/yes?
 - a. Funding in AB is only ¾ the national average for this.
 - b. At Ecole Montrose we tend to have more options than other schools in district.
 - c. Concerns re. attraction and retention. Will this type of funding make hiring easier
3. Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools/ no?
 - a. Like the idea of transparency, many metrics already gathered by school
 - b. Will use a independent 3rd party- is that the best use of funds
 - c. Not interested in some of the objectives- like counting chairs and desks
4. Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3/ yes
 - a. Need clarification on which tests exactly; find the times ones are reflective of learning
 - b. Time consuming for teachers, especially in kindergarten as students have less hours and teachers have more students
5. Online Safety/ no
 - a. Considered a topic for families to approach
 - b. Have community based programs in Grande Prairie that address same
- iv. Please see documents for full background. Further discussion can be made at the next meeting at ASCA will meet April 27th.
- c. Question re book availability at library- tabled for next meeting
8. Next meeting date
 - a. 16 April 7:00
9. Adjournment 8:27