

Meeting Minutes

15 Jan 2025 École Montrose

1. Call to Order - 7:01
2. Welcome & Introductions- Dustin (chair), Lizanne (teacher rep), Valerie (secretary), Tanya, Ray (Trustee), Matt (Principal), Lynn (Vice principal) , Stephanie (Vice Principal), Corbin, Julian.
3. Review & Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve Corbin, 2nd Tanya
4. Review & Approval of November 2024 Minutes- Motion to approve Corbin, 2nd Tanya
5. Standing Reports
 - a. Chair Report-
 - i. Council of council meeting attended. Reviewing priorities. Lot of chairs and vice chairs would like more training to better fulfill the rolls. At the end of the month they will be doing a session with a facilitator to review questions.
 - ii. Division is facing a funding shortfall; not keeping up with growth and has been challenging for the trustees.
 - iii. Sandy McDonald is stepping down as superintendent in December of next year.
 - iv. Questions or issues can be brought to Dustin or Ray, but you can also "bid" to present at the council of councils
 - b. Trustee Report-
 - i. Met with Grande Prairie Catholic School Board to share priorities/work together. Meeting later this month with city council
 - ii. Continue to advocate for a field where the old Composite High School and Leisure Centre was. The city wants a indoor soccer building; advocating to have the space be open for our kids
 - iii. Supervisor of transportation: 99% of all buses on time all year. Spending more on transportation than we are getting back from the province. Dealing with changing requirements.
 - c. Principal Report
 - i. Basketball started: the first game is next week. Mme Sarah, Mme Piepgrass and 2 parents and others are coaches. We had to make a few cuts for the boys as not enough for 3 teams.
 - ii. Jan 24th 3rd assembly recognize students for success
 - iii. Kindergarten through 3 provincial assessments in literacy and numeracy; some new and old help inform where kids are at and how we can support them. The assessments increase time pressure for staff. Teachers will have time after the results to review results and make responsive changes
 - iv. Indoor recess- The cut off to going outside is -25 and we use the Environment Canada website. Can also stay indoors if there is danger for other reasons like ice or animals (moose

and coyote outside one day). GOing outside is determined on a school by school basis. Please dress for the weather.

v. Ski day March 12 grades 4-6 and March 13 grades 7-8. will need lots of volunteers.

vi. Bus route was canceled last week due to driver shortage.

d. Vice Principal Report

i. Lynn- shareinfo about connect team, courses in classrooms to support social -emotional learning. We have a spot program, kindness empathy. Grade 6 has completed mental health literacy team support. Grades 1,2,3, and 6 all received something related to social -emotional learning. The eureka program is booked for grade 7 for April. It is a two day facilitated program and provides teachers with follow up lessons.

ii. In December we provided 8 Christmas hampers to families from the school that were identified by teachers or self identified. The hampers are from staff who collectively donate items for a Christmas meal, game, chocolates. The Division indigenous team was able to give some additional ones. Possible open to broader school community- at this point we are able to cover most needs but may consider donations from families if unable to support.

iii. Stephanie- January 27-30 is literacy week. Planning done by teacher volunteers

1. Events include: drop everything and read, 5-8 students doing a book scavenger hunt, 2 quotes daily every day (French and English), literacy board game, bistro in foyer literacy, book tasting cafe scrabble context, dress up day. There is lots of excitement.

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6. Old Business

a. Student council invite- Missed. Will reach out for February

7. New Business

a. Powerschool- there was a breach worldwide that occurred and information was compromised. There should be an email to explain everything. Mr. Pepper has been collecting questions from parents;

i. Picture leaked? no pictures believed to have been accessed from montrose. Steps working on keeping safe? all admin has reset passwords (external) uses two factor authentication. Was student registration information access? no its a separate system. Will the division consider paper? can if needed but will be uploaded to the system. Reconsider sharing photo? FIOP asked every year to sign to opt in or out of that and we will continue with that practice. Does the breach affect past or just current students? can be both but not confirmed.

ii. Powerschool paid a ransom to get data back. Powerschool can be asked questions. Different divisions can use powerschool differently . Alberta education demands some kind of system to communicate with Alberta ED. Many school districts use Powerschool because it is customizable and can be used very differently.

8. Next meeting date- February 19th

9. Adjournment- 7:45 pm