

École Montrose School Council

Meeting Minutes

16 April 2025 / 7:00 pm École Montrose

1. Call to Order And land acknowledgment Dustin
2. Welcome & Introductions- Dustin (Chair) Salene (vice chair) Stephanie (vice principal) Matt (principal) Lizanne (teacher rep) Valerie (secretary) Tanya Julian Corbin Ray (trustee)
3. Review & Approval of Agenda Salene, 2nd Corbin
4. Review & Approval of March 2025 Minutes Salene, 2nd Corbin
5. Standing Reports
6. Chair Report- end of the month ASCA AGM on the 27th. Will be attending to put forward our support of priorities. Can email to add anything
7. Trustee Report-
 - a. Annual division capital plan modernization is for old Harry belflower. The division has been thinking of taking it over and possibly house the Montessori school. There is a waitlist for students and the school is wanting to expand to grades 7-8.
 - i. Needs extensive upgrades. Notes have been made by head maintenance. \$20 million.
 - b. Division is confident it could find a tenant for parkside.
 - c. Permanent addition to Comp approved. Funding approved; should be able to start within 1 year.
 - d. The superintendent is retiring. Search continues; consultant hired to do legwork based on board's wishes. Ad is posted on the school division website. Closes in April or may. Haven't had the board meeting since the 25th
8. Principal Report
 - a. Soccer- 84 kids 3-6 in GP soccer; enough for 4 teams; practice at lunch. Sent in for t-shirts.
 - b. 3D charity (different soccer) and ball hockey goes to sick kids and medically fragile kids. Forms are due tomorrow. \$25 to play goes directly KC flied, silent auctions- find date? Food trucks etc. No overhead, volunteer board. Also can help other families struggling with kids with exceptionalities. May 9th back up date if raining
 - c. staffing- out of 6 jobs posted, 4 closed. Some temps to perm. We've hired Jackie and Allysa for phy. ed. Mme. Jillian in grade 8, has been here 3 years temp, Nihal student teacher in Mme Laurie class is the recipient of scholarship \$5000 busary and interim contract with the division and will be finishing preceptorship shortly.
 - i. 2 outstanding jobs for mat leaves going till christmas. Have been reposted.

- d. Congratulations to the jr high band on gold superior. They will be playing at the fine arts night coming up May 1st.
- e. PL day is this monday
- f. Plug- if you have not done the assurance survey please complete; it gathers all student's family information. ray- concern of back to back surveys has been brought higher up to review.

9. Vice Principal report-

- a. Last week grade 8 voted for the celebration theme- old hollywood won; 2nd was glow party; can include some glow in theme. Will take place June 5th. Free for 8 and \$5 for 7. hiring a DJ
- b. kindergarten celebration- bussed to orange park and did cakes table celebration and kids played. well received last year. plan on doing it again; alt day for weather.
- c. Alan Black award (Matt) family members will be able to come for grade 8 awards

Approval Hulina, 2nd Tanya

10. Old Business

- a. ASCA Symposium and AGM- please email Dustin
- b. EM Library
 - i. looking at improving library services at EM. looking at resources offered at similar sized school. YA books here are not considered YA at other sites (and are usually offered to younger grades) and choices are small. Lots of kids get the books from public libraries and other places, purchasing them. We are creating a student action committee with Mme Gillian and Mme Claudette. Asking parents what we would like to see. Suggestions in meeting:
 - 1. grade 6 or other grades wasn't allowed to take out books reserved grade for 7-8
 - 2. option for audiobooks? Magazines
 - 3. rebranding learning commons- AB education has document
 - 4. inviting atmosphere, cozy seating, other activities puzzles, games, legos etc.
 - 5. revisit next month- staff will be discussing on monday; question re funding; to review later
 - 6. French language resource centre helping with content

11. New business

- a. nil

12. Next meeting date- May 21, 2025

13. Adjournment- 7:37