

École Morinville Public School Council

Minutes

École Morinville Public School **Oct 3, 2023**

Morinville Public School Council acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

We thank the indigenous people for the land on which we play and we promise to take care of it each and every day.

(Erin Carrol, Stacey Buga, Courtney Derouin, Kendra Thompson, Christina Chubak, Kelsey Soparlo, Marguryt Rispens, Alison MacIntyre, Kim DesChamplain, Caelie Landry, Teena Hughson, Jessica Machinski, Sam Holmes, Krista Case, Aimee Blanchette)

1. Call to order: **Call to order to Courtney Derouin at 6:01**
2. Adoption of Agenda: **Motion by Christina Chubak to adopt agenda as PRESENTED or AMENDED. Carried unanimously.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Christina Chubak to adopt minutes as AMENDED with spelling corrections to names. Carried unanimously.**
4. Principal Report
 - Dragon news included PFA roles, added another flyer to highlight the difference between School Council and PFA. There is a meeting with Chair and Principal to set the 3 year plan for council. We are really in need of a new PFA board, these new positions will be supported by the previous chair and principal, we are looking to reduce the meetings from monthly to 4 per year to reduce the commitment and increase transparency about the commitment. We see that when we provide specific needs, we have an increase in volunteerism. Come and be difference you want to see in our school 😊
 - Staffing update: We have a new Mental Health and Wellness Coach and the successful candidate with Mrs. Deiwart which means we had to hire a 0.5 for grade 4
 - Roots of Empathy, we have 4 babies signed up to come in and visit our grade 1 classes.
 - Redwater Hype partnership discussion around social emotional regulation
 - Chicken coop; chickens have started laying, Kim has been using the eggs in her muffins for Dragon Snack. Starting to prepare the coop for winter.
 - Parent Teacher Interviews, Oct 24&26, book fair will be happening at that time

- School Pictures; Lifetouch did our pictures this year and they have a different process for families to access pictures and we are working on a process to help families do that and find their student ID numbers.
- Remembrance Day ceremony is Nov 3 all families invited Gr 1&2 9:30 am, grade 3&4 at 10:30,
- School clothing orders close on Friday Oct 6.

5. Vice Principal report

- Numeracy and literacy assessments done and compiling reports now
- Fire drill went very, everyone out in 7 mins, fire department will come and do an unexpected drill sometime soon too
- Truth and Reconciliation week included many activities including the kids making their own orange shirts

6. Teachers Report

- PreK; bus safety presentation coming soon
- K: learning about each other and their families, started literacy program
- 1: learning about reading and the codes in reading, two of the grade 1 classes have student teachers
- K-4 read in week, will host different people coming in to read to the various classes
- 2: signed up with senior lodge across the road and they will get to go over to visit
- 3: safe and caring classroom, LA reading and writing activities, harvested our vegetable gardens, caring for the chickens, reading buddies
- 4: reading buddies with grade 1&2, paper recycling, paragraph writing and mapping
- FI: scientific method, reading buddies in the French program looking forward to fall and Halloween themed Oct
- Crazy Hair Day Oct 20

7. Trustee Report

- See Trustee Talk from board meeting, highlights what the division is talking about at their meetings. Focus this last meeting was communication plan, supporting our schools in getting information out to parents
- Read in Week, Stacey will be here tomorrow to read with the kids
- Engagement piece about social studies program for K-12 curriculum, see the province of Alberta website, take a look share your feedback – organizing by importance. If nobody does this the government will stop asking for our input
- School calendar feedback approved in principal for 2025-2026, final approval in May, voice your concerns if you have them
- Orange Shirt Walk, unveiling of monument in Alexander
- Transportation department, increased the number of people in the office to 2. Noon transportation was reviewed, only 9 applications from Morinville were received, less than 10 in the other communities too. We will continue to monitor this situation and see if it is ever feasible to do.

- Council of School Councils; Chair and vice chair from each council and discuss what's happening in other schools in our boards and how they are engaging and addressing issues in their schools

8. Chair Report

- Updated operating procedures and posted on FB for review
- Revisions were adjusting language and taking out our learning farm

9. Old Business

- 3 year plan

1: parent engagement

2: community engagement

3: recruitment and longevity plan to keep our council healthy and growing and sustainable, council communication plan is suggested. Staff on their parent group page to reduce gaps in information for parents and increased engagement from parents

Discussion about involving staff in the FB groups and suggestions about how that may look with opportunities for parents to 'ask the staff' and have quarterly responses, will assess staff safety issues involved in social media before initiating

10. New Business - AGM

- Election of council, motion to vote by Krista
 - Chair: nominations for Courtney by Krista, seconded by Christina, no opposition, voted in by consensus by in person and online members
 - Vice Chair: nominations for Kelsey Soparlo, seconded by Christina, no opposition, voted in consensus by in person and online members
 - Secretary: nominations for Aimee Blanchette, seconded by Erin Carrol, no opposition, voted in by consensus by in person and online members
 - PFA liaison: nominations for Michelle Keller, no opposition, voted in by consensus by in person and online members
 - Vote to adopt operating procedures adopt as presented by Melissa Issak, approved by unanimous consent
 - Motion for special policies to be adopted as presented by Melissa, approved by unanimous consent
- Alberta School Council Association; represent parent voice to government. They offer courses and training on how the council can operate, they have adapted to significant funding cuts. Every school council has \$500 to spend on building council and resources for council and parent engagement. Last year we decided to spend on the anxiety presentation engagement piece for parents to attend but we reached about 20 parents so this year we want to use it in a different way.
 - Discussion about the volume of information for parents can be overwhelming, not a lot of advertising time may have been a factor in the low response to the anxiety presentation. Parent suggestion to have a clear subject line and have the information in a format that doesn't require a click to another link they often aren't mobile friendly.

11. Adjournment: ***Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 07:01. Carried unanimously (this one is always unanimous)***

Next meeting: Nov 20 at 6pm