

École Morinville Public School Council

Minutes

École Morinville Public School **November 20, 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.

(Courtney Derouin, Aimee Blanchette, Kendra Thompson, Michelle Keller, Sheena Sadoway, Kelsey Soparlo, Jill Hibbs-Pinney, Renee Thompson, Margryt Rispens, Kristen Moltzan, Caelie Landry, Stacey Buga, Megan Knahs, Christina Chubak, Online: Aimee Diewert, Krista Case)

1. Call to order: **Courtney Derouin calls to order at 6:02PM**
2. Adoption of Agenda: **Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt agenda as AMENDED. Carried unanimously. Amendment: Renee Thompson is going to present the Counselling and Wellness Plan and Aimee Diewert online.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Insert name to adopt minutes as PRESENTED or AMENDED. Carried unanimously (Unless it's not)**
4. Principal Report by Kendra Thompson
 - Thank you for attending Christmas Fringe
 - i Lots of families came
 - ii Lots of positive feedback from parents in the hallway as they were attending it during the day
 - iii Will be sending a mid year survey in the upcoming weeks
 - Pre-K and Kindergarten Expo:
 - i Division at Four Winds on January 17th from 6-7:30 PM
 - ii EMPS Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House will be on February 22nd from 6-7:30 PM- confirmed today will put out in Dragon News this week
 - 1 Presentation on what is provided here
 - 2 EMPS swag bags- welcome to our school
 - Reminders regarding cold weather
 - i Indoor recesses occur at -25 with wind chill using The Weather Network

- ii Reminder there is no outside supervision until 8:35 AM (Admin procedure 255).
Doors open at 8:35 AM
- Bus Cancellation Admin Procedure 320-
 - i School bus service may be suspended at a temperature of minus forty (40) degrees Celsius, as determined by the Weather Network at Bon Accord, AB., or as articulated in 2.4.1. Other contributing factors include:
 - 1 Visibility under 1km or impassable roads;
 - 2 Reports from bus drivers, counties or municipalities concerning the conditions of rural roads;
 - 3 Notification of severe weather provided by Alberta Emergency Alert and or;
 - 4 Information received from neighbouring school jurisdictions.
 - ii Use the app to stay on top of bus routes
- Parent Engagement Night February 15th- Four Winds School- 6-7 PM
- Confirmed the ICE presentation for May 6th - School Council meeting that night as well. Can combine to increase parent engagement.
- Photography:
 - i Life touch was a negative experience
 - 1 Won't provide Kindergarten grad cap package
 - 2 Apologetic, but not much done regarding poor experience on Life touch's end
 - ii Positive feedback from Camilla using Edge Imaging
 - 1 Smaller and more personalized
 - 2 Will honour family program- Four Winds may be potentially looking at using Edge as well
 - iii Not so positive feedback from Smart Photography
 - iv Wanting to meet with Edge regarding a session in the spring
 - v Booked for Lifetouch for spring, but aware that we may be cancelling
 - 1 Feedback- if there is dates available, would like to change to Edge
- Budget Update:
 - i Resource allocation: 32.54 FTE staff- includes all teachers, counsellor, and school administration
 - ii Support Services: 34.6 FTE support staff-
 - 1 Pulled out staff employed by Jordan's Principle:
 - a Federal funded program where students who are status and on reserve, their families can apply to get the funds needed to support them
 - b School can apply to get extra funding to support these students
 - c Funding is temporary and is year to year
 - d From Norway House Cree: Jordan River Anderson
 - e Federal funding into provincial establishments- supposed to alleviate barriers between federal vs provincial funding so that kids can get the support they need

- f Every EA funded with this is 1:1 with the one student that we applied with for the grant- so EA needs to support that student
- g Federal funding that we applied for that particular student so that they don't fall through the cracks
- h If that child switches schools/switches divisions, the EA leaves with them. Funding for a student support
- iii Basic Program Allocation Per Student: \$100, 851
- iv Nutrition program: \$91, 500 (increase from last year)
- v Operational Carry Forward: no budget leftover to carry from last year
- vi School Generated Carry Forward: \$6407 (is carried forward for multiple years)
- vii Will continue to share the budget 2 more times this year
- viii Working through the new curriculum and funding the appropriate resources for same

5. Vice Principal Report from Kristen Moltzan and Caelie Landry:

- Grade 1s are doing literacy and numeracy screeners
- Chickens are doing well
 - i Any extra eggs are being donated to Jesse's House
 - ii 1 dozen every 2 weeks

6. Renee Thomspson:

- Counselling and Wellness Plan:
 - Revisited and re-tweaked each year
 - On EMPS website
 - Top half is Sturgeon Public Schools which is applicable to all schools
 - Further down is more specific to EMPS
 - Supports/Interventions
 - Who we are focusing on and how we are ensuring to support all students in our school
 - Focus: what goal we are trying to achieve
 - Examples: how we are working towards achieving it
 - Left column is more generalized to all students and becomes more individualized as you move columns to the right
 - Communication plan:
 - How we are communicating it
 - Aimee Diewert is the Mental Health Wellness Coach
 - Theme:
 - What we are working on for the month
 - Teachers can address this in the classroom
 - When Aimee goes into the classroom, addresses the same
 - Assembly at the end of the month
 - Students are nominated for the theme
 - Ensuring that each student is nominated once for the theme throughout the year so everyone is included

- Roots of Empathy
 - Anti-bullying program
- Other programs:
 - Incredible Flexible You
 - Dandelion Club: military children
 - Candy Cane community fundraiser raised over \$500
- Group counselling, self esteem, anxiety is year round
- No name calling week is next week
- Next theme is Courage
- Outside supports we can access outside of our resources if needing specialized areas
 - Ex. First Nation, Metis, & Inuit (Jerome Chabot)
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Blind and Low Vision referrals can be done
- School Councillor is not a one on one providing therapy to your children, it's about making connections and networking to reach out and support children appropriately, providing a safe place and point of contact for kids (assistance now) and can establish a relationship and then reach out and network out to get them the supports they need

7. Teachers Report by Mme. Rispens:

- 10 Days of Christmas
 - Grades 1s and 2s: Polar express day
 - Grade 3s and 4s had Elf Day
- Up coming:
 - Kindergarten: Teacher's pet coming in and learning through 5 senses
 - Grade 1s: Teaching science experiments to one another
 - Grade 2s: visited senior's center sang songs, played BINGO, looking at booking fieldtrips for the spring time
 - Grade 3s: swimming 18th at Westlock
 - Next week is No Name Calling Week
 - January 24th Hero VS Villain Day
 - January 30th Assembly
 - January 31st: PD day (semester break for high school)

8. Trustee Report: Stacey Buga

- Student Advisory Committee
 - i Great way to hear the student voice
 - ii Opportunities for leadership in the schools and getting comfortable with being a voice for your peers
 - 1 Establishes advocacy for their peers and leadership skills
 - iii Rotary Interact Kid:
 - 1 Opportunities for travel
 - 2 First year that this has started at the Comp
- AEA Alberta Education Assurance Survey
 - i Coming out in the next couple of months

- ii Opens end of January
- iii Gr 4s, 7s, and 10s and goes out to their parents
- iv Important for parents to fill it out as well
- v Students fill it out in school
- vi Results from this tells us how we are doing as a school
- vii Gr 4, 7 and 10 is the years after students write their PAT
 - 1 Tells us if they are engaged, enjoying school
 - 2 Use this information to improve or stay the course
- March Board Meeting: Landed on Spring Break- bumped it back a week to March 20th
 - i Can watch online
- Kindergarten Expo:
 - i Reason at Four Winds:
 - 1 Looking at how other divisions are doing their Kinder expos: trying to provide the information at a hub. Hub for west side of Sturgeon County
 - 2 Following that each school will have their own open houses
 - 3 Can sign up for the individual open houses at the Four Winds one
 - ii Redwater is the hub for East side of Sturgeon County
- In-person Engagement Meeting:
 - i February 15th
 - ii Each community will have one of these
 - iii Norm prior to covid
 - iv Town hall to share what is going on in the community/division
 - v Allows parents have the opportunity to have a voice at the division level
 - vi Every parent is allowed to come out
- Kindergarten expo will have an agenda to it
- Stakeholder engagement will be more casual
- In the education act the board exists to ensure all stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, principals, etc) are working together to ensure schools are safe as per legislation

9. Chair Report

- Moved School Council Purpose date to March 4th at 6:30pm: same day as the council meeting- will start following council meeting.
- If we want to submit an Advocacy resolution, have to do it by January 15th 2024
- APEGA Science Olympics
 - i April 7th
 - ii Students can enter individually or as teams
 - iii Points for their projects and can earn medals
 - iv Challenges relate to the curriculum and are developed by professionals in the field as well as teachers
- Call from ASCA for School Council samples of success
 - i Are there any success stories we want to share?
- Online engagement event

- i How parent's involvement is important:
 - 1 Research shows that parents are with children 80% of the time, so lots of learning still happens at home
 - 2 Ideas around parents presenting at events: ex. Parents had a bubble tea business and taught how to make bubble tea

10. Old Business

- Grant:
 - i Using some of the money for the School Council Purpose
 - ii Still have some left to spend so can bring ideas forward. Does not roll over. We will have over \$250 in the budget once we are done the School Council Purpose

11. New Business

- Suggestion for someone to come to the Kindergarten Expo: have a table there to let parents know about Parent Council
- Propose to move next School Council meeting to February 15th (Thursday) to hold meeting at Four Winds before the Engagement Event.
 - i Unanimously voted to Cancel February 5th meeting and move it to February 15th
- HYPE:
 - i Utilize Shopkins
 - ii Mental Health social/emotional program
 - iii Willing to do a presentation on what they are going through in the classroom with the Grade 2s so parents know
 - iv Could come to parent teacher interview night and have a presentation then
- The Jubilee is doing a free online Dance workshop January 17th from 1-2pm open to AB teachers and students: Caribbean Vibes.

12. Next Hot Lunch is supposed to be Panchitas

- January 19th
- Sunday night is last night to order
- Panchitas is waiting for Healthy Hunger to put her menu up- had contacted her regarding putting this up in September, but Panchitas just initiated it. Wanting to support local business, but cutoff is getting close.
- Everything else is booked already for the year.
- Other option is OPA
- Decision to go with OPA for January Hot Lunch. Option could be to go with Panchitas for Staff Appreciation event.
- Net profit from last hot lunch (Jack's Burger Shack) was \$187.50
 - i \$42 of that was Food for Thought

13. Received confirmation of PFA submission for reinstatement

14. Adjournment: ***Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 7:10PM.***

Next meeting: February 15, 2024