

École Morinville Public School Council

Minutes

École Morinville Public School *April 8, 2024*

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, Kendra Thompson, Aimee Blanchette, Michelle Keller, Stacey Buga, Megan Knahs, Sheena Sadoway, Margryt Rispens)

1. Call to order: **Chair Courtney Derouin calls to order 6:02pm**
2. Adoption of Agenda: **Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt agenda as AMENDED to remove Vice Principle Report, removal of deciding on ASCA AGM delegate (no other members were interested,) and addition of date change for ICE meeting. Carried unanimously.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Megan Knahs to adopt minutes as PRESENTED. Carried unanimously.**
4. Principal Report
 - School name:
 - i Survey sent out regarding the school name: Ecole Morinville Public School vs Morinville Public School
 - ii 113 people responded
 - iii 23.9% strongly oppose changing the name back to Morinville Public School
 - iv 52.2% strongly support changing the name back to Morinville Public School
 - v Information will be sent to the Superintendent for official decision to be made
 - Family Dance
 - i Was planning for May
 - ii Cost of DJ is significant
 - iii Would like to have a welcome back dance in October
 - iv Suggestion for a Halloween Dance
 - Family Carnival in June
 - Concert
 - i Tomorrow is pre-k and French concert

- ii 16 and 17th are English concerts
- iii Doors open at 5:30pm and concert starts at 6pm
- iv Each student was sent home with 3 tickets
- v Tried to make as many people able to come as possible
- vi Concerns regarding how many students would be in the back- that's why pre-k was grouped with the French immersion concert
- vii After all concerts, there will be a general survey to all families to capture family feedback- regarding December concert versus Spring concert. Will also include other school information that we would like to gather.
- 3D Printers
 - i We now have 2 3D printers (located in the Learning Commons)- they arrived on Friday.
 - ii Received a grant from Town of Morinville for \$1500 (Morinville Community Grant). Thank you to the Town of Morinville for the \$1500 grant towards the printers. This will be helpful when students compete in STEAM games on May 23rd at Sturgeon Comp.
 - iii Steam package was received today.
 - iv Trying to get our students ready to compete with the other schools
 - v Friendly 3D printer- kids can go on Tinker Cat. It's an easy set up so students can print and go
- Playground equipment and flag
 - i Some playground equipment needs to be removed- the wooden climbing posts (upheaved during the winter, have now come loose and some of the rubber caps are coming off) and teeter totter (broken handle, springs have smaller pieces of metal coming out)
 - ii Alberta flag is missing- when it was at half mast over Spring Break, someone yanked on it and flag is now missing and chain is broken on the inside of the pole

5. Teachers Report : Margryt Rispens

- Teal up Day on Friday
 - i For our military families
 - ii Everyone will be wearing teal
- Pre-k
 - i Hawk presentation
 - ii Puppetry on the 17th
- Kinder
 - i RAM in May
 - ii Puppetry presentation tomorrow
- Gr 1
 - i 2 in-school field trips coming up
- Gr 2

- i Teacher's pet
 - ii Learned about Canadian Culture
 - iii St Albert Heritage Museum- walking fieldtrip and Inuit Museum
 - iv Going to Prairie Garden in June
- Gr 3s are hatching duck eggs
 - i Someone working in Gr 3 has ducks at home- will be hatching the ducks and then sending them home.
 - ii In process of booking field trip to RAM
- Gr 4s
 - i Fort Ed fieldtrip on June 5
- French classes
 - i Going to the Flying Canoe on Friday
- PD day on April 29th
- Mismatch day
- Carrie and Margryt usually take on the gardens in the spring
 - i Hoping to start some seeds with their classes
 - ii April 22- Earth Day: students can plant a seed on Earth Day to grow a vegetable
 - iii One of our parents would like to donate apple trees to plant- need to decide where to plant them
 - iv Planted strawberries, blueberries and raspberries last year

6. Trustee Report: Stacey Buga

- Ardmore Court of Appeal of Alberta Decision (March 12, 2024) went in our favor.
 - i Lawsuit against us from Ardmore Properties from 6 years ago
 - ii Legal defence position
 - iii Finally settled
 - iv Courts ruled in our favour- can't appeal anymore. It is now done.
- 2025/2026 school calendar has been approved and is on the website
- Three Year Capital Plan- Gibbons and EMPS- posted on our website
 - i Priority is Gibbons as they are building a new rec center that we will be attached to. Will depend on if infrastructure is ready, etc
 - ii MPS replacement is #2 Capital Plan. Potential for MPS to be looked at seriously. We have the land already. Would lead to possible restructuring of Grades for Grades pre-k to 6 and would alleviate some pressure from Four Winds
 - iii Links to the calendar and the capital plan are in the Trustee Talk as well
- Budget profile has been released by the province and will be finalized by May 22 Public Board Meeting
- Excited about upcoming EMPS Spring Concert, and Four Winds Performing Arts Academy presentation of Mean Girls at the MCCC. Division-wide Creative Arts Festival at SCHS and Sturgeon Night of Fine arts at Winspear.
- Teal Up Day will bring students from military families across division to Guthrie School to celebrate together.

- School Insurance (recommended \$1000-1300). Insurance Information for Parent Fundraising Groups was sent to all School Councils- Follow-up from COSC.
 - i Big difference for schools doing casino nights
 - ii Morinville has not run a Casino
 - iii Brings in a lot of money on a regular schedule

7. Chair Report – Courtney Derouin

- Council of School Councils
 - i A lot of PFAs looking at charity status
 - ii If looking into AGL license and looking at doing a Casino
 - 1 Have to make sure their bylaws are updated regularly
 - iii Park audits
 - 1 A lot of schools have the same problem as us
- Surveys from Parent Teacher Interviews
 - i People like getting their news from Facebook and the Dragon News
 - ii People are interested in Mental Health topics
 - iii People are as involved as they want to be in Parent Council- more interested in PFA topics
- Playgrounds
 - i Emailed MLA to put on his radar that we are on a petition regarding playground funding
 - ii Giving feedback on the very tedious PFA revival process
 - 1 Now need a 2024 audit

8. New Business

Advocacy Resolutions

- P24-01
 - i Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12
 - ii Voted NO unanimously
- P24-02
 - i Funding for More Assessments of Learning Disabilities
 - ii Voted YES unanimously
 - iii Proposed amendment to specify funding from PUFF to Grade 1
- P24-03
 - i Improving Indoor Air quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms & Shared Environment
 - ii Voted NO unanimously
 - iii Could be brought to your school division for specific school rather than be province wide
- P24-04
 - i Equity in Playground Funding
 - ii Voted YES unanimously to both of the points for recommendations #1

- iii Wanting clarification on what a basic playground looks like
 - iv Voted YES unanimously to both of the points for recommendations #2
- P24-05
 - i Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students
 - ii Alberta School Boards is making a strong statement on this
 - iii Voted YES unanimously to all 4 points of the recommendation
- P24-06
 - i Resource Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)
 - ii Voted YES unanimously
- P24-07
 - i Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity
 - ii Province no longer wants data on class sizes/complexity
 - iii Voted YES unanimously
- Voted YES unanimously to all Administrative Resolutions
- Courtney will vote on our behalf regarding representative as there are only 2 candidate profiles at this time
- What to do with rest of ASCE grant money for the year:
 - i \$250-280 left to spend
 - ii Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:
 - 1 Workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
 - 2 Information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
 - 3 Parent resources and workshops on important topics such as mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc
 - 4 Programs to support multi-cultural and indigenous families including English language learners and First Nations, Metis and Inuit learners
 - 5 Parent resources and tools in multiple languages
 - 6 Events to engage parents on important local issues
 - 7 Conference fees
 - 8 Parent engagement in promoting the value of arts
 - 9 Trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above
 - iii Examples of non-allowable expenses include:
 - 1 Entertainment costs, meals, snacks, other food
 - 2 No capital asset purchases
 - 3 Activities that have already taken place
 - 4 Organization memberships
 - 5 Fundraising events
 - 6 Prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
 - 7 Payment to school board staff including honoraria, gifts
 - 8 Entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances, etc

- iv Mason Arcand would be interested in a feast- in talks with Kendra regarding same
 - v Something to enhance the ICE night?
 - Transition for Grade 4s to Four Winds:
 - i Family night at Four Winds May 16
 - ii In June Grade 4s will go to Four Winds during the day to see what it's like to be a student there during the day
 - iii Fees for academies are due Sept 30 of the year you're going into
 - iv Information is on the website and brochures are available online
 - v Academies are flexible based on interests of the current student body
 - ICE- date change
 - i Move to sometime in May?
 - ii Tabled confirmation of date until next meeting
9. Old Business
- Feedback on School Council Purpose
 - i Good to do once, but the pamphlets were enough
 - ii Consider a different course to attend for next year

10. Adjournment: ***Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 7:22pm. Carried unanimously.***

Next meeting: May 6, 2024 at 6pm