Minutes

Morinville Public School May 6, 2024

Land acknowledgement

(Courtney Derouin, Kendra Thompson, Michelle Keller, Kelsey Soparlo, Stacey Buga, Margryt Rispens, Landry, Moltzan, Megan Knahs)

1. Call to order: Chair Courtney Derouin calls to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt agenda . Carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt minutes as PRESENTED. Carried unanimously

4. Principal Report

* Feedback regarding lunch supervisor conversation

-exploring paid parent lunch supervisors at cost of $60 per student per year/$6 month

-offers breaks to teachers

-surrounding divisions do have paid positions ranging from $180-$40 per year

-casual positions, needing criminal record check, first aid is asset, etc – sort of a “sign up” system

-may need a system for parents to get to know the goings-on in the classroom so they are aware

* Moose-Hide Walk

-third year we are doing this – May 16th @ 12:30 p.m.

-grade 3s and 4s walking, cold treats will be served afterwards

-approach is opening up the conversation on kindness and community and NOT domestic abuse

* Volunteer Tea

-May 24th at 2:00 p.m.

- 2 p.m. – RSVP to the music teacher – included in the Dragon News

* Grade 4 celebration

-June 19th

-will celebrate how long the kids have been here

-informal, not a real grad

-have not done this since COVID

* Possibility of Family Celebration Feast

-June 25th in the evening

-spirituality and tradition focused

-possible concerns about imposing this on kids & parents

-teepee and pipe may be present, but only for people who want to take part

-singing, BBQ, togetherness as families

-logistics being worked on by Kendra

* Class List Conversations

-teachers starting to build lists

-reminder will be sent by Kendra to parents that it is a very complex process

-parent input is considered but not guaranteed

* School Photos

-Pre-K to grade 4

-Waiting to hear back from Edge regarding picture day retake info

-May 22 and 23rd – very busy two days – teachers will inform parents of the day their child will be photographed

5. Vice Principal Report

* Focus on getting grade 4s ready for transition

6. Teacher’s Report: Margryt Rispens

* This Wednesday, May 8th – hats on for mental health
* May 8th – grade 3s going to Royal Alberta Museum
* May 16th – Pre-K going to gymnastics
* May 21st and 22nd – pizza lunch is currently being planned
* May 22nd – Grade 3s going to Telus World of Science
* May 23rd – Grade 2s Money Mentors Presentation
* May 30th – tacky tourist day – dress up day
* May 31st – Cinderella play in the gym
* June 5th – grade 4s going to Fort Edmonton
* June 3-7th – celebrating pride week as a school
* June 11 & 12 – kindergarten kids have in-school field trip – not sure of details
* June 12th – Grade 2 Prairie Garden
* June 14th – grade 1s going to the zoo
* June 20th – beach day & summer play day
* June 24th – grade 1have teacher’s pet coming in
* June 25 & 26 – kindergarten grad celebrations
* June 26th – book awards

7. Trustee Report – Stacey Buga

* Motion passed unanimously to put Morinville Public School Name on the front of the school

-looking at other Sturgeon Public school signs and will come up with something similar

- sign will be movable so that the money will not be wasted if we partake in other capital projects

* Budget

-Budget profile is public as of this week – FINALLY

-History:

-2019 – budget cuts were being managed by using reserves

-during COVID funding was given to get through

-post-covid limitations were put on reserves – this brought about a need to reduce the balances we currently held in reserves

-last three years we have been using up reserves and were able to comfortably spend

-last year we were given stabilization grant

-reserves are currently sitting where the government expects them to be

-Board is progressing in budgeting and funding practices in order to best keep money with the kids in our division – is a work in progress

-school council, administration, plays important role in where the money gets spent – ask everyone to speak up regarding priorities so that they can be addressed

-parent engagement evenings – will be posted on website – written summary and visual summary

-three areas for growth that were determined were

1. Focus on effective communication

2. Prioritize engaged learning and preparing for life outside of school

3. Foster mutual respect

-Several areas of strength were also determined – published on website

* Transition to adulthood fair

-in collaboration with st. albert public schools

* School Council Policies

-no longer its own policy

-now has a specific AP guideline

-part of the Board

* Public Board Meeting

-May 22nd

-budget will be looked at on May 28th special board meeting, not at the May 22nd meeting, but it is still officially a public board meeting

8. Chair Report – Courtney Derouin

* ASCA AGM Report

-indoor air quality motion got defeated - motion for funding for sensors in each classroom for air quality

-all other motions were carried

-climate and biodiversity passed with 52%

-playground passed by unanimous consent

-preserving safe spaces for queer community – long discussion, took majority of the day

-inadequate infrastructure – passed with unanimous consent

-see Chair Report from AGM

9. Old Business

* ASCE Grant

-want to use for June 25th feast

-need to determine exactly what we would use it for within the feast but it does fit in the parameters

-honorarium for elder’s time at event

* Ice Presentation Date

-List of possible dates given by Michelle – June 17th is best option of 11, 17, 18, 19th of June

-group agreed that June 17th is good

-2 hours long – best time to start is discussed – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

-Kendra has advertising ideas already – Roadblocks

10. New Business

* Post approvals FB

-People want to share community posts on our facebook page – would like to make a written directive on sharing these posts

-have had some post requests with teacher names, parent names, student names, etc., post requests with community advertising

-Stacey indicated that as a division, it is preferred to not allow parent posts at all. Only parent council and PFA posts going out.

-Discussed as a group the monitoring that is being done to ensure nothing inappropriate is being posted

-Stacey supported written policy – great idea!

-Suggested to refer back to lines of communication policy and not facilitate communication between parents on the facebook page

-Agreed to have ‘community Friday’ to share parent comment but not overwhelm the feed

* Land Acknowledgement sharing on FB

-Student would not be identified within the post at all

-Kendra indicated this would be acceptable

-Thought surrounding this is that parents can see what land acknowledgements mean to their kids and not just a pre-written blurb

11. Adjournment: Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Carried unanimously.

No next meeting scheduled for this school year. Tentative first meeting of next school year – Monday, October 7th, 6:00 p.m.