

# École Morinville Public School Council

## Minutes

### École Morinville Public School **October 7, 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.

***(Insert all individuals in attendance – in person and online)***

*Alison MacIntyre, Stacey Buga, Michelle Keller, Kendra Thompson, Courtney Derouin, Laura Kavich, Kristen Moltzan, Moriah Ralph, Margryt Rispens, Caelie Landry, Aimee Blanchette, Steven Blanchette, Tasha Collins, Letisha McMillan Camp, Nicole Wilson, Megan Knahs, Sheena Sadoway, Mary LeBreton*

1. Call to order: ***Chair calls to order by Courtney Derouin at 6:01pm***
2. Adoption of Agenda: ***Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt agenda as AMMENDED- Need to add in PFA liaison report. Carried unanimously.***
3. Approval of Minutes: ***Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt minutes as PRESENTED. Carried unanimously***
4. Principal Report
  - Presented by Kendra Thompson
  - Terry Fox Run
    - Thank you to families for helping raise \$585 for the Terry Fox Foundation
  - This week is Read-in Week
    - Had honourable Minister Dale Nalley come to read last Friday
    - We have about 25 guests signed up to visit classes
  - Picture Day
    - October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - all classes that are here on the Wednesday will have their picture taken. Classes that only have class on the Thursday will have their picture taken on the 17<sup>th</sup>- also kids who were absent on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Families can expect to get a sheet sent home in about 10 days for the sample pictures.)
    - Edge photography
    - Went smoothly for spring photos
    - Worked really well with the kids
    - Good turnaround for the pictures
  - Theme days on Dragon News

- October 25: dress like a teacher day
- Halloween Parade
  - Out in the community
  - Halloween walk for Grades K-4
  - Walk in their grade groups
  - Drop food off at the food bank
  - Come down to the Central Office and “Trick or Treat” and do a parade through the hallway
  - Will be an addition in the Dragon News to let families know about food bank donations
- Parent teacher interviews
  - Nov 5 and 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Digital platform to sign up
  - We will be having a book fair that week

#### 5. Vice Principal Report

- Presented by Caelie Landry and Kristen Moltzan
- It is Fire Prevention Week
  - We will be having our first fire drill tomorrow to practice
  - We can also expect a surprise fire drill from the Morinville Fire Department in the next two weeks.
- Social Pilot
  - Teachers are piloting the New Social Studies Curriculum this year.
  - This allows teachers up to 5 days of relief time to take professional development and provide feedback to Alberta Education.
  - All grades are participating
  - This year teachers have an opportunity to share what is going well/have a say
  - The new curriculum will be implemented next school year

#### 6. Teachers Report

- Presented by Margryt Rispens
- Fearless in the Forest came out last week
  - Grade 2s last Tuesday
  - Had last session today.
- Prekindergarten and Kindergarten: Safely on board
- Grade 1s: having teachers pet come in (some classes this week and some classes next week)
- Grade 2: clay for kids on October 24
- Grade 4: clay for kids
- Grade 3:s have a new teacher that started this week, learning about science and trees

## 7. Trustee Report

- Presented by Stacey Buga
- 2026/2027 calendar has been approved in principle
  - Goes out 2 years in advance for approval
  - Balanced for curriculum and teaching hours
  - Starts early in August
  - Out for feedback
  - Give feedback to principal and she will forward feedback
- Council of School Councils
  - 17 schools have a School Council
  - All chairs and vice chairs come out to meet each other and ensure best practices
  - October 23 evening at the Rendez-Vous Center
  - Include dinner and conversation about School Council proceedings
  - School boards and School Councils have equal say in how the schools are run
- Policy 900- Student Conduct has been passed to align with ministerial order and administrative procedures
  - Aligns with cell phone regulations passed by the Minister
  - New policy in place that includes use of social media and cell phones in school
  - Autonomy given to the schools for how to discipline in accordance with this policy
  - Chat with principal and teachers if you have any concerns regarding cell phone use
- Information about the division can be found on the website-
  - Trustee Talk and E-Newsletter
    - Linked on the Dragon News website
    - Welcome to take a look if interested in the information
    - Indigenous Education team provided a lot of information regarding Orange Shirt Day and what is being taught/what our kids are learning
  - Board meetings are recorded and agendas are available online:  
<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/>
- Review communication process for Trustees
  - Concerns- Start with teachers, then principal, and escalates accordingly up to trustees
- Going into an election year if anyone is interested in participating as Trustee

## 8. Chair Report

- Presented by Courtney Derouin
- Current Events- Public Funds for Private Schools
  - Announcement of public funding going to building private schools

- SOS- Support Our Students Alberta
- ATA- StopTheExcuses.ca
- ASCA- Letter writing campaign happening- we can look into participating in this next meeting
- Year in Review submitted:
  - ASCA AGM in April
  - Advocacy resolutions are passed at such meetings
  - As a School Council we can present a proposed advocacy resolution
    - We submitted: Equity in playground funding
    - New schools receive a grant up to \$250,000
    - Nothing existing for old schools
    - Community School Enhancement Grant (CFAP)
  - Once resolutions pass ASCA promotes these resolutions to advocate for schools with this concern

#### 9. Old Business

- N/A

#### 10. New Business

- Elect Council Executive for 2024-2025
  - Chair:
    - Courtney Derouin nominated by Michelle Keller. Seconded by Aimee Blanchette. Passed unanimously.
  - Vice Chair:
    - Megan Knahs self nominated. Seconded by Courtney Derouin. Passed unanimously.
  - Secretary:
    - Aimee Blanchette self nominated. Seconded by Nicole Wilson. Passed unanimously.
  - PFA Liaison:
    - Alison MacIntyre self nominated. Seconded by Courtney Derouin. Passed unanimously.
- Adopt or Amend Operating Procedures
  - Michelle Keller motions to approve the Morinville Public School Council Operating Procedures as presented. Seconded by Aimee Blanchette. Passed unanimously.
- Adopt or Amend Special Policies
  - Michelle Keller motions to approve the Ecole Morinville Public School Council Special Policies as presented. Seconded by Aimee Blanchette. Passed unanimously.
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
  - Every year each school council across the province receives \$500 towards school council activities

- Previous uses: going back to ASCA to sign up for courses to help with parent engagement or School Council enrichment. Last year we used it towards a School Council course as well as to celebrate national indigenous day. Year before grant was used for an anxiety seminar.
  - Can use grant money to send additional people to AGM if wanted.
  - Division sponsors our membership to be part of ASCA
  - Extensive list of what we cannot spend the money on: food, BBQs, etc
  - Grant money should be focused towards parent learning and activities towards the classroom- literacy, numeracy, anxiety and behavioural management, indigenous learning, etc
  - Please think on ideas for use of this grant money and bring your ideas to the next meeting
- Proposed agenda for Parent Council meetings for the school year:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month, except for December
    - Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3, March 3, April 7, May 5
    - Need a minimum of 8 times
11. PFA Liaison Report:
- Presented by Michelle Geller
  - Motioned to approve \$5000 for Fearless in the Forest
  - Motioned to spend up to \$300 on cookie day- Huge success
  - Motioned to spend up to \$1500 on hot dog lunch day- first hot dog day is Nov 1
  - Motioned to spend up to \$500 on a DJ for the Halloween Dance which will be occurring October 25
  - Proposed fundraisers of Purdys and bakesale for December
  - Motioned to spend up to \$1500 on insurance
  - Potential changes for AGL casino rules: Something for the PFA to look into. Currently lots of red tape around applying for AGL licensing for running casino fundraisers.
12. Adjournment: ***Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 6:45. Carried unanimously (this one is always unanimous)***

Next meeting: November 4, 2024 at 6:00pm