

École Morinville Public School Council

Minutes

École Morinville Public School **November 4, 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.

Attendees: **Courtney Derouin, Aimee Blanchette, Michelle Keller, Kristen Moltzan, Caelie Landry, Stacey Buga, Margryt Rispens, Tasha Collins, Mary LeBreton, Megan Knahs, Alison MacIntyre, Laura Kavich, Moriah Ralph**

1. Call to order: **Chair calls to order Courtney Derouin at 6:00pm**
2. Adoption of Agenda: **Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt agenda as AMENDED- Amended to add under Chair Report some ASCA advocacy. Carried unanimously.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Michelle Keller to adopt minutes as AMENDED. Carried unanimously (Unless it's not)** Amended to change Michelle Keller's name is spelled wrong (spelled Michelle Geller) under point 11- PFA liaison report
4. Principal Report and Vice Principal report (combined as Kendra is away so presenting on her behalf)
 - Presented by Assistant Principals Kristen Moltzan and Caelie Landry
 - Morinville Public School Education Plan 2024-2027
 - i Division Goals:
 - 1 Empowered Learning
 - a Students demonstrate strong achievement across provincial learning outcomes, engage critically and continuously progress as learners.
 - b School Goal: Enhance academic achievement by incorporating evidence-based strategies, such as the use of number lines in the classroom, to develop functional numeracy skills. All students will demonstrate numeracy growth in post-

intervention assessments through differentiated instruction tailored to their individual needs.

2 Healthy School Communities

- a Students belong and learn in environments that support their needs. Public confidence is built when system resources are used to ensure optimum learning for all.
- b School Goal: Reduce the frequency and intensity of challenging behaviours by implementing effective behaviour management strategies, fostering a positive environment, and supporting staff with the necessary tools and guidance to respond appropriately to challenging situations.
- c Plan for aggressive behavioural responses: School will send out communication regarding classroom management plans. Parents can reach out to the teachers for the specifics.
- d Behaviour support teams: Coaching EAs and staff through that process. MPS has a child and youth care worker and an EA4 for consistent people responding to these situations.
- e Positive playgrounds program running: Ms. Moores has been teaching students new skills and games outside at recess to create that foundational skills for independence and play and negotiating through conflicts that may arise

3 Responsible Leadership

- a School Goal: strengthen collaborative engagement with staff, families, and community leaders in school planning and initiatives. The continuation of building a robust School Council and PFA, as well as increased participation rates at monthly school meetings, will result in stakeholders actively engaged in school improvements and initiatives.
 - b Continue to have babysitting present as meetings and create new activities for families to engage in at the school.
- ii MPS has maintained and improved on most areas of Assurance Measure (AEAM). Some areas for continued monitoring, but overall looking well
- 1 AEAMs are completed by grade 4s, parents and staff
 - 2 Still maintaining at a high rate
 - 3 Grade 4s fill it out at school
 - 4 Unsure of how many parents have completed this last AEAM
 - 5 Parental involvement has improved

- Good feedback regarding photos

- i Next year dates available: Looking for feedback regarding same
- ii October dates have received good feedback in regards to yearbook
- iii Spring photos May 21 and 22 (includes Kinder grads)- no retakes for same

- Halloween Parade

- i Went well!
- ii Got a little clogged up around foodbank area- will figure that out for future

- iii Kids enjoyed the walk and parading through Central office
- Remembrance day ceremony Friday Nov 8 (9:30am for grades 3&4 and at 10:30am for grades 1&2)
- Parent Teacher interviews are this week (Nov 5 and 7)
 - i Encourage people to sign up if they haven't yet on social media
 - ii Book fair is also happening this week
 - iii Parents can go shopping with kids after school hours, but students can also shop during recess or library hours

5. Vice Principal Report (was combined with Principal Report this meeting)

6. Teachers Report

- Presented by Margryt Rispens
- Metis week is this week
 - i Booked a Metis kit from the division and has been circulating around the classes- different furs, Metis sash and flag
- November 18-22 is Bullying awareness week
- Remembrance Day ceremony is on Friday November 8
 - i Resources circulating for the classes to look at throughout the week this week
- Trapper coming to visit kinder and grade 4 students tomorrow
- Nov 22 is Jersey day
- Pre-K gymnastics field trip is Nov 22
- Arden theater field trip for Grade 4- Nov 29
- Christmas concert to prepare for
 - i Nov 28 French immersion and pre-k
 - ii Dec 3 (last names A-K) and Dec 5 (last names L-Z)

7. Trustee Report

- Stacey Buga presented
- Loves the Education plan- affects the kids throughout the school and shows up later in Four Winds kids
- Thank you to School Council for submitting annual report on time
- Reminder survey about 2026 and 2027 calendar year is open until December 20th.
 - i Once feedback is gathered, an updated draft calendar will be presented to the board in the spring for approval.
- Transportation services update
 - i Highlights and Challenges
 - ii Full report can be found in the October 28th Public Board package on our website
 - iii Break down of ride times, how many kids are being transported

- iv Driver shortage province-wide
 - 1 One route didn't have a driver for first day of school but was available on second day
- v Details regarding why and how of routes
- vi Collecting transportation fees is a bit of a challenge
- Gibbons School
 - i Replacement was number 1 priority
 - ii Replacement of MPS is number 2
 - iii Gibbons Community Engagement begins in December
- Collecting Art for Christmas Card design
 - i Central office sends out cards to teachers, staff, etc
 - ii Open until November 18th
 - iii Winner will be announced at the Nov 27th Public Board meeting

8. Chair Report

- Courtney Derouin presented
- Council School of Council was held on Oct 23 and Courtney attended.
 - i Parent engagement is up across the division
 - ii Council School of Council loved our assemblies (character assemblies) and assemblies help get parents in the building
 - iii Ideas to increase parent engagement
 - 1 Activity nights on the same nights as parent council meetings
 - 2 Utilize someone from HYPE to create an activity night
 - 3 Family evening out to increase community engagement in the school building
- Parent Council should be talking about spending asks for requests from PFA to advocate for educational goals of students at MPS
 - i PFA decides how to raise the money
 - ii Parent Council decides how to spend the money
- ASCA AGM proposed advocacy
 - i Speaking to the minister about preserving safe spaces for students due to Bill 27

9. Old Business

- ASCE Parameters
 - i \$500 Grant money available for use
 - ii Options for use:
 - 1 Learning opportunities for families (along the lines of anxiety webinar that was done a few years ago)
 - 2 Something to connect to numeracy goal? Mathletics (math night in the gym)?
 - 3 ASCA courses

10. New Business

- Letter writing campaign
 - i Should be spending public funding on public schools
 - ii Strong interest amongst Council members present
 - iii Courtney will look into this
- Alberta School Board Association
 - i Looking for a new funding model for public education
 - ii Keep solution based opinions in mind when writing letters
 - iii Looking for ideas on where to get funding from
 - iv Sounds promising that they are willing to make changes

11. Adjournment: ***Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 6:38pm Carried unanimously (this one is always unanimous)***

Next meeting: Dec 9, 2024 at 6:00pm