

**Morinville Public School Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Morinville Public School *January 6, 2025***  
10020 101 Ave, Morinville, Alberta T8R 1L5

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:** Kendra Thompson, Stacey Buga, Courtney Derouin, Aimee Blanchette, Moriah Ralph, Margryt Rispens, Megan Knahs, Letisha McMillan Camp

**1. Meeting called to order:** Courtney Derouin calls to order, 6:03pm

**2. Adoption of Agenda:**

*Motion by Megan Knahs to adopt agenda as PRESENTED. Carried unanimously.*

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion by Letisha McMillan Camp to adopt minutes as PRESENTED. Carried unanimously.*

**4. Principal Report**

- Division-wide open house on February 3 for the Pre-K and Kinder expo
- MPS Pre-K and Kinder open house is at the end of February
- Swimming lessons to start again in our Kindergarten grade- February and March
  - Will come out of the kindergarten fees parents pay

**5. Vice Principal Report**

- N/A- Vice Principals are absent today

**6. Teachers Report**

- Presented by Margryt Rispens
- Grade 2s have an upcoming in-school field trip
  - Maple Mystery
- Jan 21: Grade 4s are going to Tawatina- tubing
- Jan 24: Grade 3s are going to the Royal Alberta Museum
- Theme day January 24
  - Hero versus Villain Day
- Jan 31: PD day
- Feb 4: presentation

- Spencer Speaks
- Presenter is a burn victim- comes and shares his story. Talks about accepting others. MPS will make a small donation for the burn foundation.
- Feb 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>: Teacher's convention- no school those days

## 7. Trustee Report

- Presented by Stacey Buga
- With the bills that passed through the province, had to create some policies and bylaws to match that. Elections 2025 & Bylaw 02-2024: To Require Criminal Record Checks for Trustee Nominations - new bylaw has been created in response to Bill 20.
  - Bylaw created that criminal record checks need to be done on those running for trustees
  - Discussion on whether it's useful or not- criminal record check needs to be provided- doesn't need to be public and doesn't need to be clean.
- Advocacy - Letter Regarding Survey Design and Accurate Data - a letter of support has been sent to the Minister to encourage better data collection and analysis
  - Will Creek- wrote an advocacy letter regarding the surveys done in grades 4, 7 and 10. If you click "I don't know"- counts as zero. Creates a negative score. Skews results. A 2% up or down can make a big difference on results and how progress is tracked. Wrote the advocacy letter to request a change in data collection. You have to get the code mailed out to access the online survey.
- AP206: School Attendance Areas and Requests to Attend a School Outside of the Designated Attendance Area - this AP has been updated in response to the Ministry's focus on School choice.
  - Admin procedures about attendance and designated school of choice. Making it ease of access and ease of ability to change from one school division to another.
- CASA Classrooms at Sturgeon Public Schools
  - CASA classrooms (CASA mental health classrooms- Guthrie and Sturgeon Comp)- these classrooms are regional. There's going to be 50-60 of them this year. It's a 5 month program and then the kids are being reintegrated into regular classes. These classes are designed for the kids who are falling through the cracks.
  - 2 teachers- serve 8 students. Very expensive to run. If it disappears- will be due to budget constraints. Need to pay attention how to support kids the best as we can. The Division and CASA are advocating that the province pays for the teachers for these programs. These are health related programs- not education related.
- Let Stacey know if you see priorities.
- Transportation minister said they are changing the funding method again. Not sure what it's going to look like.

## 8. Chair Report

- Presented by Courtney Derouin

- Nothing to report

## 9. Old Business

- Letter writing campaign
  - Toying with how to get information out to parents to make it easily accessible but also so that they will read it
  - Trying to get as much information out to school families as possible
  - Will create a letter template to make it easier to get more responses from more families
  - Focus will be mainly on funding model and assessments

### Action Items and person(s) responsible:

- Courtney is working on the above.

## 10. New Business

- None
- No news regarding strike status

## 11. Adjournment:

*Motion by Courtney Derouin to adjourn at 6:26pm.*

*Carried unanimously.*

Next meeting: February 10, 2025