



School Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER at 7:02pm

PRAYER AND TREATY 6 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To be read by all present:

“We are a party to Treaty 6 and as such we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory, Blackfoot, Cree, Nakoda Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux. We recognize the diversity of First Nations who have at one time, lived across the territory, as well as the presence of the Metis Nation.”

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

Attendance: Jeanie Traverse, Amanda Loney, Jocelyn Klarenbach, Jordan Robinson, Angela Rastovski, Susan Stuckey, Karla Millar, Brad Skuba, Adele Skuba

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Karla

Seconded by: Susan

Carried

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Catholic High School in Beaumont

- The board will continue to advocate for a Catholic High School in Beaumont. Land has been approved for a dual high school (public and Catholic), but the government has not yet approved the build of any high school. The land also still needs to be serviced. The land is east of the new ball diamonds. Currently there is only a single gravel road leading to it. (notes from September meeting)
- Our local School Trustee will start advocacy for the school next month when the legislature re-opens. (notes from October meeting)
- Jeanie reports that she read in the Beaumont Community report that it is in the budget for this year to add services to the area where the school will eventually go

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Update

<https://www.smore.com/n/guk4v-grace-newsletter?ref=email>

5.2 Paint night with St. Andre

- We are able to get the same grant money this year that we got last year in order to host something like the paint night again. St. Andre has reached out to say they are interested in running a joint event again. Would we like to do this again? And do we want to do a paint night or something different? St. Andre is open to suggestions.
- We decided that yes, we are open to a joint night. We talked about when and decided on April. For the where: we will host it here. Some ideas we talked about were painting a plant pot and then potting a plant in it on the way outside.
- St. Andre has requested that we do it in May again as that is when we did it last year. Are we able to pick a few possible dates and send it to them so we can settle on a date?
- We talked about some more ideas today but decided we liked our plant pot painting. Plant pots were about \$25.99 for 20. At this price point, we could pay for pots, paint and some dirt and plants.
- Supplies: 100 people max. Paint, pots, brushes, paper plates for palettes, dirt and plants. We'll give St. Andre plants and dirt and we'll organize the rest. Possible dates: Wednesday May 8th Thursday, May 9th (before Mother's Day), Thursday May 23rd.
- Karla has talked to Renee at St. Andre and they have agreed to the supplies purchase split and will get back to us on a date.
- They chose May 23rd. 6pm to 8pm. We bumped the number up to 120 painters. Jordan will send out a google sign up (so we have numbers for painters and parents just attending but not painting). The sign up will go out one month before. Karla will share this info with St. Andre.
- School pays for the supplies and then it gets coded back to the district to access the grant.

5.3 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

- We set the date of Tuesday, May 7th
- Susan will make a sign-up genius closer to the event

6.0 REPORTS

8.1 Student Council Report

- No report from Tessa

8.2 Admin Report

Digital PAT Test Field Testing: Grade 6 and 9 (both languages) have been participating in field testing for PAT's:

Field Testing Program Fun Facts - Did you know:

Field tests are one way to reduce test anxiety? "Test anxiety is reduced when a student feels adequately prepared for a test ... Of all the strategies for reducing test anxiety, the surest and most effective is when a student possesses a justifiable confidence that he or she has, prior to testing, achieved mastery of whatever content or skills a test will cover

... Preparation for taking a test should include familiarity with the parameters of the test ... It is important to familiarize students with what the test will actually look like, how long it will be, how many questions it will have, what topics will be covered, how much time will be permitted" (Cizek and Burg, p. 97) and so on. Field tests are great for providing students with that familiarity, boosting their confidence and letting students, and teachers, know what areas of study require more attention.

Reference: Cizek, G. and S. Burg. (2006). Addressing Test Anxiety in a High-Stakes Environment: Strategies for Classrooms and Schools. Corwin Press.

New Sports Starting: Elementary Floor Hockey, JH badminton

ESports Inaugural Season Running: Competitive matches against highschoools from Colorado, Idaho, and Arizona have already taken place; opportunities for managing the platform for players that are non-starters but still part of the team. [PlayVS software](#); Spring tournament for Grade 5-6/JH Date TBA

Feedback from Parents Defenders Rec: Google forms have been sent to parents from Junior High Defenders Rec; in addition, in late April/early May a google form will be sent to current elementary parents in the program to get feedback on it.

Indigenous Artist in Residence Confirmed for June 2024: Activities will be for all students including dream catchers, necklaces, keychains, and traditional weaving activities.

Our Lady of the Kitchen Night

- 5 families attended (30ish people)
- TikTok pasta was made and it was a very fun night

Fundraising total for Zebra Centre: Just under \$400 for PIE day; still more to calculate through pizza sales

EverActive Schools Fundraiser: All classrooms will be participating in a mental health activity as a class with a financial or mental health goal formally called a Well-a-thon; encouraging business donations to support either a mascot or an outdoor classroom--fundraiser supports our site and another school in need. *new program in lieu of a mental health day as we've done before but still celebrated during mental health week in May.

Final Exam Week Information: Junior High Exams will be held the same time as Gr. 9 PAT scheduled exams. The last gr. 9 exam will be Thursday June 20th. We still have an additional four days of school following this last exam: June 21, June 24-26 based on the STAR Catholic calendar and Alberta Education exam schedule. These are the dates for our indigenous artist in residence.

Upcoming events:

- Gr. 5-8 Face to Face Weds. March 20th
- JH at Marmot Mar. 21
- Gr. 8 Field Trip Kung Fu Panda @ Leduc Cinemas Mar. 22
- Gr. 6 NET April 2nd
- Easter Mass April 9th 9:00am
- Junior High Science Fair April 26

8.3 Trustee Report

- Liz not in attendance so no report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34pm

Upcoming Meetings: Every third Tuesday of the month. All meetings this year will be held in person. Everyone who has a student at MDY is welcome to attend.

Dates: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 2023, and Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 18, Apr. 16, May 21, June 18, 2024