

Centennial Parent Council Minutes - December 11, 2023

Attendance: Emilie Stobert (Chair), Olivia Friesen (Vice Chair/Secretary), Robyn Staffen (Treasurer), Barb Johnson (Trustee), Isha Bhaska, Sushma Malhotra, Candace Elliot (Teacher Representative), Jane Gusdal (VP), Brittany Fisher (Mental Health Practitioner)

1. Welcome and introduction

- Approval of last meeting minutes- no motion necessary
- Approval of agenda - no motion necessary.
- Additions to agenda- AGLC to Old Business and Christmas concert plans to New Business

2. School Trustee Report: Barb Johnson

- Addressed the letter from Mike Wake (Superintendent of Schools) regarding new school builds as well as possible closures of schools in an effort to consolidate and expand/update programs. They are hopeful to have more decisions made and funds approved by June 2024. The input of parents/guardians is invaluable as we collectively shape the future of our educational community.

3. Treasurer Report (Robyn Staffen)

- Nothing to report at this time.

4. Staff Report (Jane Gusdal)

- Grade 3: Learning about indigenous storytelling. Writing letters to the Wetaskiwin Seniors Center (penpals).
- Grade 4: First Nations oral traditions: Storytelling. The kids are practicing their own storytelling.
- Grade 5: Practicing their handwriting, writing Santa letters! They are also learning google read & write as well as working on money math.
- Grade 6: Aerodynamics. Christmas wishlist with a global perspective, “What do I want for our world?”
- The Christmas concert is coming up on Dec. 19 @ 6:30pm.
- Gift selection day- the United Church donates various items that the school will put out for kids to “shop” and select gifts for a family member. They get to wrap it and take it home.
- All grades will get the chance to participate in carolling at Sagebrush and Madison Manor.

(Candace Elliot)

- Grade 2: Snowman hot chocolate cups craft. The kids made these for the

residents at Madison Manor. They also coloured door hangers for the residents at Sagebrush. The grade 2's have Holly the Elf visit their classroom. They have daily elf journals where they write about Holly's shenanigans. Grade 2's have built gingerbread houses that will be silent auctioned off at the Christmas concert. The money from the silent auction will go towards a Music Festival field trip in the spring.

5. Principal Report

*Mary Lynn Kary (Principal) was sick and unable to attend. Jane Gusdal (VP) read out Mrs. Kary's report.

- Good attendance at PT interviews
- 6 week intervention for the Rewards Program grades 4, 5, 6
- Practice for the 2nd annual BB tournament on Jan. 26, 2024 will begin after the soccer intramurals wrap up.
- Learning loss grant was used to hire an educational assistant who will be starting in January. She will be working on math interventions with grades 4, 5, 6.
- Ad still posted for an indigenous support worker.
- The Alberta Musical Theatre has been booked for May 1, 2024

6. Old Business

- AGLC application will be tabled until the next parent council meeting.
- Christmas concert fundraising. Emilie Stobert will be contacting the movie theatre about popcorn. Candace Elliot generously donated candy. Olivia Friesen will pick up flats of water and will make the candy bags. Robyn volunteered to come early to set up and help man the tables.

7. New Business

- 1 hour cap on council meetings. Please be mindful of the allotted time for reports on the agenda.
- Student meal times. -Tabled until next meeting
- Movie nights in the gym. Possibly two? One in Feb. and one in March. It would be a good idea to try and coordinate one to take place at the same time as the book fair. Leftover bottled water, popcorn supplies and candy bags from the Christmas concert can possibly be sold at the movie nights.

8. Next meeting date: January 22, 2024 @6:30