

Centennial Parent Council Minutes - January 22, 2024

Attendance: Emilie Stobert (Chair), Olivia Friesen (Vice Chair/Secretary), Robyn Staffen (Treasurer), Megan Paxman, Candace Elliot (Teacher Representative), Jane Gusdal (VP), Mary Lynn Kary (Principal)

1. Welcome and introduction

- Approval of last meeting minutes- no motion necessary
- Approval of agenda - no motion necessary.

2. Treasurer Report (Robyn Staffen)

- Emilie (chair) and Robyn went to the bank and got Robyn signing authority. The money from the Christmas concert concession fundraiser will be deposited and they will see what the balance is.

3. Staff Report (Jane Gusdal)

- Grades 4/5/6 are working on computer skills for research and studying. They are using Read&Write for Google learning speech to text, word prediction, and having the computer read their work back to them. The kids are very engaged with it.
- Practice for the 2nd annual BB tournament is going well! The tournament is on Jan. 26, 2024.

(Candace Elliot)

- Grade 2 raised over \$200 with the gingerbread house silent auction and by selling popcorn balls! They are well on their way to go to the music festival. Their next goal is to raise money to go to gymnastics. The fundraising is also being used in teaching money math and financial literacy.
- The grade 2 class took a trip to Meteghan! Complete with a flight simulator on the smart board, teachers role playing as flight attendants, and some very active participation from the passengers. They safely landed in the community that they are studying in social.

4. Principal Report (Mary Lynn Kary)

- Staffing: A new EA was hired for grade one, as well as an EA for math intervention, and Bonnie Dickau was hired on as the new indigenous support worker.
- Learning calendar 2024/2025 review: Students will be back to school in September 2024 after the long weekend. There will be an extra long Thanksgiving break for PLC days for staff, and a shorter November break. Christmas break and spring break will remain the same.
- Administrative Procedure 177- Draft review: Bed bug guidelines and

procedures. Preferred student name procedures. Parents are encouraged to read through the draft and voice their opinions.

- Grade 4 Assurance surveys will be sent home for parents. Staff will be helping the grade 4 students complete their surveys.
- If you have seen a police car at the school, have no fear! Constable Dan comes to the school to do talks for the kids, be a positive law enforcement presence, and has been known to even join in on story time.
- Cassandra Wood comes once a week to give lessons to classes on character development and stress management.
- Progress Reports will be printed and sent home with kids as well as being available on Power School.

5. Old Business

- The Christmas concert fundraiser raised just under \$200, we were so sad we ran out of popcorn. It was a hit!

6. New Business

- Food schedules for kids. There isn't a need for more lunch supervision. If parents find that they would like more time for lunches for their kids they are encouraged to email their input on the 2024/2025 calendar. Extending the school day by 5-10 minutes to extend lunch times is an option. The school would also like to make sure that no child is ever hungry without access to food. Snack bins are available in each classroom for students.
- Movie Night fundraisers. Dates set for February 29 and March 14. Volunteers and details will be discussed and organised at the next parent council meeting.

7. Next meeting date: February 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm