

## **Centennial Parent Council Minutes - February 13, 2024**

**Attendance: Emilie Stobert (Chair), Olivia Friesen (Vice Chair/Secretary), Robyn Staffen (Treasurer), Candace Elliot (Teacher Representative), Mary Lynn Kary (Principal), Brittany Fisher (Mental Health Practitioner), Barb Johnson (Trustee).**

### **1. Welcome and introduction**

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

### **2. Treasurer Report (Robyn Staffen)**

- There have been issues with signing and logging into online banking. The phone # on file needs to be updated. Robyn will work with the bank and Emilie to get this done.

### **3. Barb Johnson report (Trustee)**

- Only 81 people completed the survey to give their input on the school consolidation out of over 2000. Parent involvement has been a struggle. Changes will need to be made one way or another to provide quality education and programming for the kids. It's about the kids.
- Regarding the Administrative Procedure 177 Draft, it is unsure whether there is going to be a procedure for a failsafe for kids who don't feel safe at home in regards to a preferred name. Emails with parents' questions and concerns will be forwarded to Mike Wake.

### **4. Staff Report (Candace Elliot)**

- Booking field trips! Telus World of Science is being considered for grades 1&2, as it aligns with both curriculums. Grade 2's will be going on a walking field trip to the Heritage Museum.
- "Cookies for Kindness" is a Pink Shirt Day fundraiser. The grade 2's will be selling pink shirt cookies to raise money for field trips.
- Grades 4, 5, 6 basketball intramurals are on the go! The kids and teachers are having so much fun with it!

### **5. Principal Report (Mary Lynn Kary)**

- We hired a new EA that will work in Grade 2.
- Kindergarten has started more letter work in UFLI. They are also doing lots and lots of o-operative play.
- The school has posted for 2 more EA's for Kindergarten and interviews will start soon.

- Reading assessments were completed in January. Report cards were sent home and parent/teacher interviews and the book fair are coming up!
- Grades 4, 5, 6 have been working through the Rewards program for reading. Grade 6 has completed it and Grades 4 & 5 are still working on it. Reading has noticeably improved overall!
- Kids are being taught how to tackle word problems in math.
- PCL days: Teachers have different options as to which course they attend. There are teachers attending AI presentations to learn how this will be used in schools. Some teachers will attend the Indian Act presentation, and there will be opportunities to learn about the new curriculum.
- Wanda Fontaine is the Curriculum Coordinator. She helps provide substitutes and support for teachers so that they can go for training on the new curriculum. The teachers also have access to online chats and support to help them learn. There are a lot of changes in the new curriculum and this training is crucial for teachers so that they can feel confident and ready to teach the kids in the best way possible.
- The learning calendar 2024-2025 is still in draft form. The division received feedback from staff and families.
- Grade 4 Assurance surveys have been mailed home from Alberta Education. Students in grades 4-6 will complete them and have staff assist them in reading the questions.

## **6. Old Business**

- Notices went into the Newsletter to let parents know that there is a breakfast cart as well as lunch bigs in each classroom. Food is always available to kids who are hungry.

## **7. New Business**

- Super Mario Bros! February movie night will be held in the gym on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Doors open @ 5:00pm and the movie will start at 5:30pm. Admission is free and there will be taco-in-a-bag, candy, and water bottles for purchase. This will be announced in the next few newsletters leading up to the movie night.

## **8. Next meeting date: March 18, 2024 @ 6:30pm**