

Sept. 23, 2024 Parent Council Meeting

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- 1) Read through old minutes
- 2) Designating the roles in Parent Council:
 - Emily Stobert: chair
 - Olivia Freisen: vice chair
 - Robyn Staffen: treasurer
 - No one came forward for secretary
 - Look into if one of the staff can take notes for meetings (Jane taking notes today)
 - Talked about looking into the difference between a council and a society and a advisory council
 - Emily will try to attend COSC (Council of School Council)
- 3) Trustee Note: Laura White
Welcome back
 - Feedback good about students coming back until after the long weekend
 - New development and a bit more work on the cell phone admin procedure
 - New AP for quality assurance for support staff
 - Facility and Finance committee set up terms for their purpose and reworking the audit committee for governance
 - Air quality tests planned for Pigeon Lake, Pipestone, and GS this year
 - Financial statements reviewed
 - Ed committee meeting to hear about what staff was doing on the first day back
 - Session around special education
 - Session around the calendar and all of the nuances that influence those decision
 - Update on curriculum implementation and new assessments
 - Update on Indigenous Education, working on a book club on “21 Things You Didn’t Know About the Indian Act”
- 4) Treasurer Report: Robyn Staffen
 - same as June \$7916.86
- 5) Staff Report: Candice Elliot

- 31 students ran in the Rod Drebert- some good placements this year and all students received a Centennial t-shirt and a water bottle
- New staff members, Amanda Pastusyk and Britteny Smar are taking over the athletic intramurals and sports for our school
- Raised over \$250 for Terry Run

6) Field Trip possibilities"

- A musical like Frozen whole school trip
- A ESO Student Performance at Wlnspeare Div 1 ands Div 2 performances
- A free trip wto Winspeare with open rehearsal for Richard Eaton Singers (free pizza also for attendees) just need the transportation

7) Principal Report: Mary Lynn

- 113 students registered, down from 135 in June
- Students per grade: 8- Kindergarten, Gr. 1-19 , Gr. 2- 11 Gr. 3- 24 Gr. 4- 11 Gr. 5- 19 Gr. 6- 22
- 30 staff (9.5 teachers and EA's, 2 custodians,)
- New this year monthly assemblies- appearance by Sharky, our mascot, and celebrating birthdays at assemblies, also focusing one of the grandfather teachings for the month, and a hidden talent option for students who want to share
- First Assembly this Thursday, Sept. 29 and Colour Day: all classes wear the chosen colour and see which class can wear the most of their colour
- Horses of Hope starting up next week for our Gr. % students (learned self regulation and care for animals)
- Truth and Reconciliation Week: all classes learning more about Indigenous ways of knowing this week.
- Pancake breakfast on Wed for Truth and Reconciliation Week
- Next month at the beginning we will have Bus Safety presentations
- No cell phones during instructional time (no different than what K-6 used to do) and no smart watches
- We budgeted for Gr. 1, 2, and 3 swimming lessons
- Mrs. Kary took the training and medical to drive the division van to make it cheaper for our students
- All of the teachers and EA's have to write individual growth plans at the beginning of year where they pick an area of professional development (always learning and growing) Teachers and staff are given a fund to access professional development through seminars, workshops, conference

- We have a whole new set of government assessments to do at the beginning of the year for baseline assessments for literacy and numeracy for K-3
- We also do assessments at a divisional level for Gr. 4-6 as well.
- These assessments help us recognize what kind of support each student needs at their grade level. We provide support and interventions to meet those needs.
- School will focus on keyboarding, mostly in Gr. 5 to prepare for older grades and still maintain cursive writing. (Always been in the curriculum, but it is more emphasized in the new curriculum.)
- Staggered entry this year: went well.
 - Feedback: with smaller class sizes not as necessary
 - Not always able to tell how small until that day when students on list do not show
- Emphasis this year: take as many walking field trips in the community as possible during the year and come back and write about it.
 - Feedback: like the idea of field trips throughout the year to break up the year and keep interest in the long winter months
 - Feedback: lots of stuff in the last week in Dec. can be a bit much
- We have a bunch of dress up days (sparkle day, red and green day...) to add fun to the year.
- Pizza Thursdays again this year \$3 for 1 and \$5 for 2 slices
 - Starts Oct. 10
 - 3 Choices: pepperoni, cheese, hawaiian
- Had 2 fire drills so far
- Mary Lynn handed out info sheets on "Reporting Student Progress"
 - Will have parent teacher interviews end of first quarter in Nov. and can see marks always on Power School -live progress reporting
 - Having a report card printed for second quarter in Jan
 - Will have another parent teacher interviews end of third quarter

8) Parent Council will look into parent council funded field trip

- Ideas mentioned further up

10) Parent Council next meetings:

- Still meet on Mondays at 6:30
- Next meeting Oct. 21
- Always will fall the Monday after Admin and Staff meetings at the beginning of the month
- Future ones: Nov. 25, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 17, April 14, May 12, June 16