

Parent Council Meeting held November 14th/2023

Part 1:

Welcome, Prayer and Approval

Call to order @6:33pm by Andrea Minarchi

Attendance: Nancy Morgan (Assistant Principal), Marysia Wanitsky, Andrea Minarchi, Rachel McMaster (Staff), Lauren Unrau, and Ciara Stickle

Welcome and Opening Prayer by Andrea Minarchi

Treaty Acknowledgement by Ciara Stickle

Introductions by All

Approval of meeting minutes October 10th/2023- Approved by Marysia/ 2nd Andrea

Approval of agenda November 14th/2023- Approved by Andrea/ 2nd Marysia

Above wording to be corrected on September and October Minutes

Adding to the November agenda K to 4 and 5 to 8 Christmas Activity

Part 2: School Updates

Teacher Report by Rachel McMaster:

Classroom News: Pre-Kinder - Mrs. Linda Maitland

-The PreK's have become very familiar with our morning routines now. They also love going outside to play with the Nature Kinder class on Nature Days.

Classroom News: Kindergarten- Mrs. Stephanie Spilchak

-Kinders had a fantastic time sharing their learning with their parents in their Evidence of Learning. Parents were very impressed with how much they've learned already! Kinders have finished their pattern unit in math and will begin learning about numbers and estimating/ counting objects. They are looking forward to learning more letters this month and will be making Friendship Soup this week to celebrate the friends we've made in Kindergarten!

Classroom News: Grade 1- Mrs. Rachel McMaster/ Jenna Miller

-The grade ones enjoyed a field trip to the strathcona wilderness center. They are looking forward to the Alberta Musical theater coming this month on November 29th in the afternoon. This years production is "Cinderella".

Classroom News: Grade 2- Mrs. Brouwer

-The grade twos loved our first field trip to the Wilderness centre. They are really enjoying our science challenges of building things with different materials for our current Matter unit.

Classroom News: Grade 3- Mrs. Morgan/ Mrs.Vellow

-The grade 3s are beginning to look at the country of Peru as part of their Social Studies unit and will be having an in-school field trip making Peruvian Masks on Thursday!
In math, the grade 3s are finishing up learning about money: dollars and cents. The grade 3s are also continuing to look at some fun new methods of solving addition and subtraction problems!

Classroom News: Grade 4- Mrs. Tess Cossey

-Our class was excited to be math superheroes and solve the case of the Missing Superhero in math. We have been working on our dinosaur slideshow in social and are almost finished with our novel study "Because of Winn Dixie", so we can have our Winn Dixie party!

Classroom News: Grade 5- Mr. Burak

-In Language Arts, the 5s are continuing their novel study on Wonder. Additionally, we have moved to the "suspense" portion of our narrative writing learning. In Mathematics, students have finished examining addition and subtraction and are moving on to multiplying and dividing.

Classroom News: Grade 5- Mr. Hawkes

-The grade 5's are making 3-D models of human body systems in Science class this week.

Classroom News: Grade 7- Miss Emilie Sarnecki

-The grade 7s are about to begin a week long hands-on experience in which they will play an adapted version of the game Monopoly in Social Studies while taking on the roles of the key players in the Fur Trade to gain a deeper understanding of Canadian History.

Classroom News: Grade 8- Mr. D

-The grade 8s are loving their novel study of The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton.

Chaplain:(Rachel)

-I have had a chance to meet with all classes and show the students our new chapel space. We have discussed our division theme "Go light out world" and each student received their glow in the dark bracelet. Prayer club has started on Thursdays and attendance has been high. Students have learned how to do prayer in color.

Hockey Program (Hawkes/ Cossey)

-We are excited to begin an art project for Christmas this Friday. We are going to Strathcona Wilderness Centre at the end of the month for snowshoeing and should be receiving our on and off ice report cards soon.

Rec and Leadership (Sarnecki)

-We are excited to begin planning a full school fundraiser for Christmas. Field trips coming up in Rec and Leadership include: Fitset Ninja, Game OVR Virtual Reality, and Skiing at Sunridge.

Administration Report/ District Updates by Nancy Morgan:

-Mr. Ed Kucy is away til Tues Nov 21st/2023 due to a family emergency.

-District nothing is changing currently.

-Assessments are done from k to 8 in math and literacy and supports will be starting with exemptions of gr 1.

-We are starting our preparation with our music teacher Mrs. Vellow for our Christmas concert songs with students.

-Christmas Concert is Dec 21st @ OLPH Church Upstairs 6:15pm Mass with the Choir, 7pm Concert, and Social to follow downstairs. Raffle and Baskets will be happening and proceeds are being donating to Lurana Shelter.

-Students Leadership is doing 12 days of giving at the school and will go to the food bank.

Part 3: Parent Council Projects

Treasurers Update by Andrea Minarchi:

- Oct 31st/2023 \$37,361.25
- Cheque for track and field went out \$1000.0
- \$875.00 for christmas in county tables.
- 1.19 interest for in's and out's of the account.
- September Healthy Hunger Cheque to be deposited is \$751.51 usually \$360.00 which is so wonderful.

Purdys Update by Andrea Minarchi:

- \$723 in product sales currently which only gives us \$72.00 profit to the school.
- Teachers will put in SeeSaw and Megan again in Smore to push more sales having 1 week left.

Fall/Yearly Fundraising Update

Christmas in the County by Lauren Unrau:

- 40 Tables are paid for by E Transfer.
- Potentially 45 Tables needed for this event.
- 14 tables from St. Theresea's coming.
- Need bake sale items as there is none and we will push to bring in.
- \$5.00 Hot Dogs to be sold at the concession, Popcorn, Drinks, Candy and Chips to be sold pre packaged so any left overs to be given to Spring Dance so no waste.
- Doors open at 8:30am for vendors to set up and sale is 10a.m to 4:00pm.

Funscrip Start Date by Lauren Unrau:

- Nov 27th start and Close Dec 8th/2023 to have done in time and delivered to the students before Christmas.

Grades K to 4 and 5 to 8 Christmas Activity:

- Teachers asking PAC to help support funds to celebrate the event or bussing.
- Bowling (capped at 90 at a time)so going with a Theatre Movie.
- K to 4 and 5 to 8 to be on separate days possibly.
- Waiting on a call back for ticket prices to Wish Upon A Star Movie Matinee.
- Table the vote until we get the quote on costs of it all first.

Christmas Cookies Students:

- House teams cookie decorating on the December early out.
- Called Sobeys and will give us 260 cookies for \$155.00 and then purchase items to decorate. We will order 2 per child.
- PAC will vote to pay for it all. Voted "All in favour to pay for it all."
- Estimation cost \$500.00

Christmas Concert Expenses for Social-

- Last year PAC paid for it and we will vote if PAC is doing this year.
- Estimation cost \$500.00
- Table until next meeting for the details and voting.

Bring and Buy Sale- December 12th:

- There will be a Sign up genius for volunteers to help prep and help sell day of.
- Ask to have people donate gift bags, wrapping paper and tape.

-K to 4 only and to have students bring the items in by Friday the Dec 8th to sell.

-Dec 12th is the date for this sale.

-PAC will donate proceeds to Santa Annoymous again.

Scheduling all future meeting dates:

-Have set dates for remainder of the year was brought to the table for our meetings.

-Discussed it is hard but booking 2 at a time we will try.

-Mrs Morgan will have teachers push PAC meetings more for attendance.

-Table the idea on different ways to communicate to parents for attendance and things brought to the table.

Next Meeting December 5th @6:30pm and January 9th/2024 @6:30pm will be our first new year one.

- **We are Opening an account to separate funds for big purchases we want to go for playground upgrades so parents can all see where funds are going. Student funds to use for school events will be in another.**

Meeting Adjourned @8:09pm