

Michael Strembitsky School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

April Kennett, Chair
Karrie Whalen, Vice Chair
Julia Styler, Secretary

1. Call to order at 6:30pm by April
2. Welcome/Attendance & Establishment on Quorum

April read the Land Acknowledgment (Treaty 6 Territory)

3. Approve of Agenda.

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented. Laura approved it & Sam seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2023 meeting

Motion made to approve minutes from June 14, 2023 by Sam & seconded by Laura.

5. Principal's Report by Mr. Sheppard

Teacher conferences are coming up on October 18 & 19, parents can sign up on SchoolZone. Dates & times for the winter concerts are, December 6th at 1pm & 4:30pm for kindergarteners; December 7th at 1pm & 4:30pm for grades 1 & 2; & December 12th & 13th 1pm & 6pm for grades 3 to 6.

The Scholastics book fair is coming up on October 16 to 19. Volunteers needed to help! The Student Demographic Survey for students in grade 4-12 was conducted by the division last fall & the results are in. Initial results of the survey helped the division understand the diversity of the students they serve. It covered anti-racism, anti-bullying, reconciliation, equality & student experiences related to school. Students in grades 7-12 also answered questions related to sexual orientation, there were no mandatory questions. Students success & wellbeing is important to the school & division. The division will continue to work to analyze the data collected, which is expected to take another 2 to 3 months. More information on the survey can be found on the division website.

6. Parent Representative Report

Division 1 - cute Oilers jersey on jersey spirit day. No concerns.

Division 2 - no concerns.

Division 3 - no concerns.

7. Old Business

7.1 School Council Workshop

'The Work of School Council: It's Not About the Meeting' is booked for Thursday, January 18th, we are just awaiting confirmation.

The 3 part workshop that has been pre-paid still needs to be booked.

7.2 Traffic Safety Update

Sam agreed to be traffic safety rep again for the 2023/2024 school year. There will be another safety person attend to the front of the school this month in the mornings to observe traffic congestion, parking & remind people of the rules. No dates given to parents.

Samar said that the 'no left turn' sign exiting the layby is crooked & could be confusing for some people, needs to be fixed. Mr. Sheppard said that it's a job for Honeywell & they will send a request to them.

Kindergarten parents to receive an update regarding the layby.

8. New Business

8.1 April talked about what she saw as the purpose & goal for the school council. How can parents help to support our teachers & staff. What extra support do teachers need. Last year April helped with reading support for a student in her son's grade 1 classroom, but not all parents know that this type of help is needed. April suggested that parents or grandparents could possibly volunteer to help students with reading for the first 30 minutes of the school day during team time or with help laminating etc. Laura asked if teachers & admin put out a way to help. Handouts as well as SchoolZone requests. Samar said class specific requests would be better so requests are not lost on SchoolZone.

8.2 December 13th meeting cancelled due to winter concert.

9. Next Meeting to be on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Motion to approve by Sam & seconded by Laura.

Attendance:

Samar Al-Hajjaj
April Kennett
Jenilee Woodfield
Samantha Miedreich
Julia Styler
Jessica Skareyko
Laura Ebbein

Deanna Behr
Bonita Twigge
Karrie Whalen
Chad Sheppard, Principal
Brent Bigney, Vice-Principal
Malti Verma, Vice-Principal