

# Michael Strembitsky School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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

1. Call to Order at 6:34pm by April
2. Welcome/Attendance & Establishments of Quorum  
April read the Land Acknowledgement (Treaty 6).
3. Approval of Agenda  
Motion made to approve the agenda as presented. Janet approved & Sam & Jenilee seconded.
4. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2024 Meeting  
Motion made to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2024 meeting by Janet & seconded by Sam.
5. Principal's Report by Mr. Sheppard
  - Thank you to Samar & April for presenting at MSS kindergarten info night.
  - School is seeking parents & community members to join the Equity Advisory Committee. Currently we have a Principal Committee around anti-racism & equity, this year we also started the Staff Advisory Council, so the next step is to have Parent Advisory Council. The deadline to apply is June 24, 2024. Link on EPSB website as well as MSS Parent facebook group.
  - MSS Volunteer Tea is coming up soon, please use the RVSP link.
  - Staffing change in grade 3, in for Mr. Chow is Ms. Avril, who will be with us until the end of the school year. If you are having trouble, email her please make sure you are using @epsb.ca & not gmail.
  - The equipment has been coming in for Phys-Ed, thank you to the Parent Foundation.
  - Indigenous Day held last Friday, lots of positive feedback received from the families, staff & students, thanks to the Parent Foundation for help & support to make that happen.
6. Parents Report  
Division 1 – lots of positive feedback with Indigenous Day, kids very engaged.  
Division 2 – kids really enjoyed the ninja field trip.  
Division 3 – negative feedback received from grade 7 kids feeling upset at being labelled worst grade 7 kids by teachers. Principal response – encouraging parents to email the school & cc the admin team with any concerns, all voices matter & all the kids matter.
7. Old Business
  - 7.1 Walk & bike to school for the month of June – kids are very excited, lots of positive feedback received. Suggestions for next year to have it as a class contest, most students within the class who walk or bike win a pizza party or donut party.
  - 7.2 Saffron Centre – is booked for October 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm, in lieu of a regular meeting. Topic is 'Cyberworld: What Happens When Youth Press Send?'
  - 7.3 The Sexual Assault City of Edmonton (S.A.C.E.) also does similar workshops. Their workshops schedule fills up very quickly but there is some openings for the new year. Don't believe they cost anything. Will follow up with them to book for hopefully for the second Wednesday in either January or February 2025.

8. New Business

8.1 Long Jump/Triple Jump Pit

The city won't cover expenses for anything that is school related, but waiting on an email from the neighbourhood resource coordinator that can help find grants that can be used as more of a community lead project. Emailed Edmonton Track & Field group – every school is different, no stand info, but they could provide some assistance in how to install it. If we want wooden or rubber outsides for the sand pit etc. Will continue to look into. Jenilee Woodfield has some background & connections in track & field with the UofA & is willing to help make this happen.

8.2 Back to School BBQ

Ideas for having a table where we can get people signed up to receive emails to contact them get more people in for volunteering. Computer for filling out a Google form.

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30pm

10. Adjourned at 7:04pm

Attendance:

Samar Al Hajjaj  
April Kennett

Jenilee Woodfield  
Samantha Miedreich

Laura Ebbert  
Julia Styler