

## School Council of Parkside Montessori

### Meeting Minutes - Monday, March 6, 2023 - 6pm

**In Attendance:** Terra Shewchuk, Corrine Shmyruk, Sheri G, Amanda K, Crystal G, April B., Desiree M, Danielle P, Andre Ouellette

1.0 Call to Order **6:03pm**

2.0 Review of Agenda\* **Approve DP, Second DM**

3.0 \* Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 02/06/2023 (motion to accept) **Motion DP, Second SG**

4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests

4.1 Feature Teacher- Julianne Seaton

**Miss Julianne addressed council, advs. Introducing a sewing club.**

5.0 Executive Reports5.1Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive- Danielle P.

**Parent from HP Association advs. Would like to donate and plant tree saplings at Parkside. BDO supply 12-14 volunteers 100 spruce or pine to plant.**

**Council in favor, Corrine to discuss with GPPSD.**

6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

6.1 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report

**February busy, parent numeracy night, school spirit day, Valentine's Day dance, identity fair, kindness week, pink shirt day, open house**

**- Open house big turnout, students were on hand demonstrating materials & feel enthusiastic about the next wave of new Parkside students**

**- March events: registration ongoing - extensive waitlist already, MALT, celebration of learning and report cards, AB Opera**

- Update for competency portion on report cards (Gr. 1-6 families), shifting from numbers to letters to reflect subject matter more appropriately, asked parents in attendance to review explanatory letter and email feedback to admin.

6.2 Outline the guidelines, that parents must follow, to submit a request to present to the Board of Trustees regarding the expansion of Montessori programming beyond Grade 6.

- **Positive meeting with Superintendent**
- **Conversation was re: process.**
- **Follow procedure to get 30 mins in front of the board as opposed to typical time of 4-5 mins.**
- **Highlights from procedure:**
  - **Admin. Has to advs. Board of parent interest – done**
  - **Some decision making is out of the board’s control.**
  - **Facilities are obtained through advocacy and cannot be guaranteed.**
    - **Expansion would require additional facilities.**
  - **Board receives package in advance, be prepared for questions.**
  - **Grade 7&8 would not look the same as other JH programs have (i.e.. Shop) but alternatives could be explored**
  - **Keep presentation/engagement to a smaller # of people for the time being in the event red tape outside of board’s hands stops progress so that a large number of parents are not frustrated**
  - **GPPSD Staff member parents are welcome to come speak to board as a parent, not as a staff member**
- **Reviewed Section 9 of GPPSD: Policy 7 - Board Operations Handout: Delegations to Board Meetings – Board’s recording secretary is Sandy Fredland**
- **Andre advs. to be prepared to answer how many parents have expressed interest.**

7.0 Trustee’s Report- Andre Ouellette, Trustee Liaison

- **Feb.14 meeting, Nellis, McDonald & Ouellette met with Mayor re: the development of old COMP., out to tender for demo (joint with demo of Leisure centre). New council members don’t seem to be aware of visions from GPPSD, trustees aiming to bring everyone up to speed.**
- **Rescinded ban on international travel for students. Student Procedure 260, student field trips.**
- **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting, reviewed budget from Education Minister – going to monitor if board feels funds adequately being allocated to north zone**
- **Passed fee increase for Parkside.**
- **Request for additional funding to be submitted to AB Ed. Re: learning disruption for Grade 1 students using framework from intervention program**
- **March 30 Council chairs meeting, blanket exercise starts at 7pm invitation for Council Chair +3 members**
- **Nellis & Ouellette on staff liaison committee, want to educate councils on roles and responsibilities of Trustees**

## **Next meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>**

### 8.0 Old Business:

#### 8.1 Valentine's Day Family Dance Debrief

**\$3600 profit, \$3425 raffle sales and \$175 concession profit**

- **More volunteers needed next time.**
- **Some feedback from parents re: small children getting pushed around and older kids wanting space from younger kids – Admin. Advs has not received any negative feedback, lots of positive**
- **DJ definitely worth it**
- **Dennis Vobeyda advs. we could potentially host a dance at the Comp for higher capacity next time**

#### 8.2 Passionate Heart Exceptional Service Award

- **Congratulations to our Principal Corrine Shmyruk for being chosen for this award!**
- **School council was happy to attend the award lunch with her and social media feedback enthusiasm re: the announcement has been incredibly positive**

### 9.0 New Business:

#### 9.1 Proposed resolutions for the upcoming ASCA AGM

- **Advs. parents to review and provide feedback at April meeting, find link HERE ([225915 \(albertaschoolcouncils.ca\)](https://albertaschoolcouncils.ca))**

#### 9.2 Parent Volunteer Letter

- **nothing to add from parents present, positive feedback.**

### 10 Round Table

11.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6pm

12.0 Adjourn 6:47pm