

Parkside Montessori, School Council

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2023

6pm

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- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:00pm- Chair, Danielle P. 6:06 pm
- 2.0 Review of Agenda*- Chair, Danielle P. *(motion to accept) Motion by Danielle, 2nd by Desiree*
- 3.0 * Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - 12/05/22 *(motion to accept) Motion by Desiree, 2nd by Danielle*
- 4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests Amy S, Corrine S, Terra S, Desiree M, April B, Sheri G, Amanda K, Crystal G, Dani O, Danielle P, Tabea F, Shirley K, Andre O, Terri M (Zoom-Gavin M, Todd R, Natasha M, Jasmine)
 - 4.1 Feature Teacher- Stefanie van Wyngaard 12 years teaching, 2nd year at Parkside Upper ELMO 4,5,6, working on her doctorate
- 5.0 Executive Reports-
 - 5.1 Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive- Danielle P.
ASCA parent feedback survey; What do you want to see from the government regarding Education?
January 16/23 Stand for Education Round Table/Seminar
- 6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities
 - 6.1 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report
 - Dec. Events**
 - Brunch For Lunch (AWESOME); Christmas Concerts (JOBS WELL DONE), Spirit of Christmas Day (Pjs, fun activities)
 - Jan. Events**
 - Flannel Day-Jan 10; School Spirit Day Jan 20; ELMO 1-3 Museum Day to view Mother Earth artist/author Sharon Krushel's exhibit; Literacy Week, MALT Jan 27
 - Corrine/Terra Assurance meeting Jan 26 (**parents please share with them what is going great and what needs improvement at the school**)
 - Feb 2/23 Montessori Material Parents Night
 - Identity Fair during Valentine week
 - Welcome Back Miss Trisha. Welcome aboard Miss Amy
 - Best wishes to Miss Deidre returning to nursing school
 - Granted \$3400 for Lego Robotics Kits
 - 6.2 Highlights of 2021-22 Results Report
 - Annual Educational Results Report 2021-2022 (review)
 - How do parents see the connection with what is learned and how it is applied to "life" as a skill?
 - Priority 1*- Numeracy- MIPI data is a capture of the areas of growth (we scored 66% of 80%)
 - teaching example: the BIG 36- top 36 multiplication questions practiced being completed in 3 minutes



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- teaching example: Spiralized Writing- students continually use a writing style through the year on a weekly basis vs. For a few weeks period. (e.g., Communication Writing on Tuesdays, Building a Story Thursdays)
- personalized interventions to aid in learning
- All our Montessori Material is in use, and we are purchasing more, and we are linking the material to the new curriculum
- HAGGERTY and UFLI (teaching resources) are showing rave results (Phonics based reading)
- Parent Question Period: Are parents aware if their child is receiving an intervention? YES, absolutely they are a part of the growth
- *Priority 2*- Inclusions –Covid times shared results that come off negative but to the children the experience was at times (NO Library, NO sibling hugs, NO Clubs, NO Concerts, NO Malt, NO shared classroom)
- Ensuring we have effective use of social media for communication

7.0 Trustee's Report- Andre Ouellette, Trustee Liaison

- Last Board meeting was Dec 13
- 158 students attended the last Reading University; Financial support provided \$200/student and has been requested to increase to \$260/student for next year; Grade 3's moving to Grade 4
- Parents concern over class sizes and requesting smaller; attendance is up, talking with Alberta Education for solutions
- 23 Ukrainian students in the district, \$5500/student funded, and a report is being built on the dollar usage
- Nutrition program in the schools-makes 800 lunches per week
- Next Student Advisory Meeting is in Feb- 17 students and 3 trustees (Rob Martin, Chris Johnson, Andre Ouellette)
- Focused on the priority outcomes at each of the 18 schools in the district over the 3-year plan
- Next board meeting Jan 10/23
- Strut and strive Fashion show coming March 18 at the Composite High School
- Blanket Exercise for Parents (Search for media links to share)
- March 9/23 Bomb Scare, RCMP responded, and it was deemed false, administration teams took everything seriously to ensure safety, previous USA number as before

8.0 Old Business:

- 8.1 Brunch for Lunch (Dec. 21)- debrief Groceries were well used, more fresh fruit and pre-make more ahead next time, timeline used was beneficial, approximately \$1000 (under \$4 per student/staff)
- 8.2 Community events for the new year family events organized by families not the school (skating, sledding etc.) cannot advertise as a school event
- 8.3 Valentine's Day family dance- planning subcommittee – Danielle P organizing a family dance for Feb 9/23 at 6:30pm, \$500 budget for food and decorating if needed, possible DJ donating their time, looking for donations of snacks from grocery stores, asking teachers to make decorations with their classes, selling items like glow sticks and concession with proceeds going to the Fundraising Guild



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9.0 New Business:

9.1 Round Table Crystal G and Amanda K spoke on behalf of a parent community they chatted with about extending Parkside to Grades 7 and 8...how do we do this? Can we do this? A separate meeting was suggested, and the idea will be investigated

10.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 6pm

11.0 Adjourn 7:28pm

