

Parkside Montessori, School Council
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 6, 2023
6pm

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:00pm- Chair, Danielle P. **6:10pm**
- 2.0 Review of Agenda*- Chair, Danielle P. *(motion to accept)* **Danielle P. Motions, Crystal G. seconds**
- 3.0 * Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting –[10/02/2023](#) *(motion to accept)* **Danielle P. motions, Desiree M. seconds**
- 4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests
- 4.1 Feature Teacher-Jen Arsenie
ELMO 123, 5th year at Parkside, 10th year of teaching. Took some time to be at home with her kids early in their lives. Appreciates the importance of reading/literacy.
I missed something about the UofA here if anyone remembers
- 5.0 Executive Reports-
- 5.1 Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive- Danielle P.
Not much to update since Oct. will attend council/trustee meeting, end of Nov.
- 6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities
- 6.1 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report
October events we had fire/evacuation drills/inspection, Readathon brought in just over \$10k, school spirit, anything but a backpack, first MALT, indigenous drummer, hot lunch, Halloween days: 4 parades total, went really well. Student had requested a dance, admin negotiated terms and the students fulfilled expectations and then some, would allow them to do a dance again based off of this one.
Triple Ball tournament last weekend thank you Miss Jennifer, Miss Julianne and Mr. Monty for coaching, Parkside had two teams and they had a great time. Remembrance day assembly coming up Nov. 9 at 10:30. More Nov. events on social media calendar/weekly bulletin.
Looking for volunteers to make popcorn and treats for Movie afternoon Nov. 30
Reviewed knowing your child's report card handout & answered questions, updated version and links for COL coming home this week.
Results Report will be reviewed at Dec. meeting, key themes and highlights
AB Ed requires schools to present provincial achievement results to parents. Science and LA were not done last year due to the school piloting the new science curriculum and language/math was an optional implementation year and they did not write a provincial exam. Social Studies results were reviewed. No one below acceptable standard. 100% acceptable, 40% standard of excellence. 2022/23 the school was able to return to a pre-covid balance in subjects and the school is happy with the results.
- 7.0 Trustee's Report- Chris Johnston, Trustee Liaison
Chris was unable to attend but sent report to Danielle
Minister's visit on Oct. 23, board was pleased to join Minister of Education, Nolan Dyck and Rob Wiebe, Comp welcomed members to tour new school as well. New education minister discussed staff recruitment and retention, bussing. Annual student enrolment summary report – substantially



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exceeded projections from last year. 8741 students in the division. 2024/25 calendar planning – will progress as past years to review key dates with schools. Draft calendar will be shared with board at Dec. meeting.

8.0 Old Business:

8.1 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$500)

Pursuing holding a Blanket Exercise with Indigenous liaison. Indigenous liaison has confirmed they can, need to schedule, thinking February – Parkside going to take that back to division to see if it works for them, will revisit Dec. meeting

8.2 Planning for Upcoming Events

8.2.1 Movie Night (November)

Potentially January, reaching out to Dennis in the meantime to see if we can host at COMP

8.2.2 Celebration of Learning Potluck meals for Staff (Celebration of Learning, Nov. 28 & 29)

Parent reached out to see if we could open up more slots for potluck dinner so that quantity for each is smaller. We're going to try that this year.

8.2.3 Slumberkins Parent Presentation, Nov. 28th

Desiree has outside of school connection with Slumberkins rep/GPPSD Wellness Coach Jancey Dolen, ran the idea of hosting a Slumberkins information night by her and she'd said absolutely. Danielle & Desiree felt it could be a good event for parent engagement. Admin agreed and suggested hosting during Celebration of Learning. It is scheduled for Nov. 28 at 6pm in the Music Room, details will be shared on social media and in weekly bulletin.

Going to dive into Growth Mindset, Self-acceptance & Stress relief.

8.2.4 Brunch for Lunch (December 20th)

Was very popular last year. Dec. 20 scheduled for this year. Des to lead again. Danielle to help with shopping. Admin checking with Division Bev. Re: AHS food protocols/requirements. Des has health inspector who gave permit's contact info in her email if needed. Numbers same as last year. Reach out to Angus Sutherland re: volunteering again. Had pre-cooked bacon suggested but don't believe it would be cost effective, may be able to precook the bacon the day before.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Upcoming Fundraising Initiatives- discussion of proposed items

Gym mats \$20k, admin would propose 50/50 split on cost between school and Guild. Some of the current inventory is on the verge of just being disposed of in the event of new mats being ordered. Admin would recommend to do mats first and then have the garage as another committed long-term goal. Everyone in attendance is in favor.

9.2 Round Table

- **Parent would like to see a clothing swap happen (all clothing not just Parkside specific) going to revisit in Spring.**
- **Another parent is going to donate a big popcorn maker to the school for movie nights. Thank you!**
- **The Parent group interested in extending Parkside to gr. 8 clarified language from Trustee at last meeting re: the Capital Plan, clarification is they need to see if make sense in terms of the budget. Following up with the board of trustees re: status in general.**



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10.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: **Monday, Dec. 4, 2023 @ 6pm**

11.0 Adjourn 7:00pm

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