

Parkside Montessori, School Council

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024

6pm

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**IN ATTENDANCE: Danielle P (Chair), Amy J (Vice Chair), Desiree M (Secretary), Corrine Shmyruk (Principal), Terra Shewchuk (Vice Principal), Sheri G (Parent), Jennifer Eberhardt (Teacher Rep.)**

1.0 Call to Order at 6:09pm- Chair, Danielle P.

2.0 Review of Agenda\*- Chair, Danielle P. *(motion to accept), 2<sup>nd</sup> D.M.*

3.0 \*Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting –[12/04/2023](#) *(motion to accept) Danielle P. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Johann*

4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests

4.1 Feature Teacher-Jennifer Eberhardt

**Miss Jen E. teaches Elmo 1,2,3. This is her 5<sup>th</sup> year at Parkside. She is a dog lover, very crafty and has completed her Master's degree. She had briefly tried teaching elsewhere but decided Parkside is the place she wants to be.**

5.0 Executive Reports-

5.1 Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive- Danielle P.

**Not a lot to report having just come back from Christmas Break. Next Board/Trustee meeting coming up this week.**

6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities

6.1 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report

**In December we had many schoolwide events including hold and secure drills, school spirit, hot lunches, Brunch for Lunch, the Winter Fair, a Crafternoon as well as some lunches for students like the Safety Patrollers and Office Helpers.**

**Admin would love feedback regarding the Winter Fair from parents. Those who were in attendance that had attended the Winter Fair loved it.**

**In January we have more events coming up including: silly sock day, school spirit day, literacy week (family reading times will be in weekly bulletins).**

**Admin has been advised that the Assurance Survey should open Jan. 22.**

**Admin presented school calendar draft from division for discussion. Those in attendance approved as shown.**

6.2 Annual Education Results Report presentation

**The Results Report show Parkside Students doing well according to assessments and parent/student satisfaction is high. Reviewing the 2022 results showed lower satisfaction re: parent involvement and this was likely due to parents not being able to visit the school. Now that events and MALT days are back in full swing optimistic these numbers will stay high. Results report also shows clear evidence that intervention programs have a substantial positive impact. Satisfaction with learner supports showed at 92% (low in comparison to some other categories) and council suggested maybe some of that is due to parents not understanding how the supports work and if they'd be aware if their child**

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were receiving any extra support or intervention. Parents in attendance expressed being quite happy with how the intervention & learner support programs work and how it's apparent in the data received on the results report.

Miss Jen E. described bringing BERC cards into 1,2,3 classes to help with assessments, she is a fan of them.

Full presentation re: Admin perspective on Results Report available upon request.

7.0 Trustee's Report- Chris Johnston, Trustee Liaison  
Chris was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

8.0 Old Business:

8.1 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$500)

8.1.1 Blanket Exercise information/update (Terra)

Scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 27, 2024. 25 people needed at minimum. Danielle P. to start advertising/create a sign-up and reach out to other schools who may want to invite their communities. School council is excited to participate in this event, it's had rave reviews from those who've done them in the past every time it's brought up.

8.1.2 Brunch for Lunch, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> debrief

Was another successful year with the meal enjoyed by all. Everyone in attendance agreed it's a better alternative to doing a dinner as the food is eaten and enjoyed.

In 2022 we'd only used 2 bags of Costco Pancake Mix, in 2023 we bought 3 and still ran out. We believe it may have been that some were making thicker pancakes but rather than try to manage consistency in the future, we'll be sure to get 4 big bags of Pancake mix from Costco next year. Maintenance team enjoyed themselves and substitute staff expressed how awesome it is that our school does events like these.

8.2 Planning for Upcoming Events

8.2.1 Parkside Montessori Community Events for the new year

School Council had been planning to do a Valentine's Day dance but feels it may be executed better if it's moved to March. Coincidentally, the students just wrote a letter to admin requesting a dance and offering to help facilitate. On behalf of council, Admin will go back to students with the offer of the dance in March and student rep will come to the February council meeting with a plan.

Could schedule March 50/50 deadline at dance.

Call out to school council members if they know anyone who would like to donate items for a raffle/silent auction.

Will discuss budget with Fundraising Guild & create an adhoc committee moving forward.

8.3 Fundraising Initiatives &/or consultation for Fundraising Guild of Parkside Montessori

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Round Table



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**Council inquired if there will be another Montessori Material learning night for parents, admin will advise. Danielle P. expressed possibly doing a numeracy or literacy session at the next Celebration of Learning.**

10.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: **Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 @ 6pm**

11.0 Adjourn **7:14pm**



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