

Parkside Montessori, School Council
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 2024
6pm

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- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:02pm- Chair, Keedra W.
- 2.0 Review of Agenda*- Chair,
Keedra W. (*motion to accept*), 2nd Desiree M.
- 3.0 * Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – 06/03/24 (*motion to accept*)
Keedra Motion, Danielle P. second
- 4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests

4.1 Feature Teacher- Laura Noel, Casa dei Bambini Teacher

Miss Laura is our Casa 2 teacher & has been teaching with GPPSD for 8 years (not including a couple of years maternity leave as she is a mother of two). She worked for a while in 123 but loves her life in Casa. Very special to be a child's first teacher. Has worked alongside the other Casa teacher Miss Trisha for years and very much enjoys their collaboration. Is in her second year with her current EAs and is enjoying watching them thrive with experience.

- 5.0 Executive Reports-
 - 5.1 Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive- Keedra W.

Nothing to report in first month of school

5.2 Review of the School Council Operating Procedures & Rules of Order

Those in attendance reviewed operating procedures and Meeting Rules of Order

- 6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities
 - 6.1 Parent communication protocol

Parents communicate with teacher first, if necessary – matter is elevated to principal, beyond that appeals could go to trustees/division office, minister of Ed. Etc. Parents are always welcome to ask for clarification re: any sensitive communication. In terms of council, parents can address council, council would bring it to the attention of admin and then admin will determine if it's an open council discussion or more confidential admin-parent discussion.

6.2 Overview of the 3-Year Education Plan for school & the school division

Graphic Presentation:

Every fall as a school staff we revisit board policy 1 – mission & guiding principles. Reviewed mission & vision statement with parents in attendance. Board policy 20 is also discussed extensively. These two policies influence ed plans on an ongoing basis. Differentiated between GPPSD 3 year ed plan and Parkside Montessori 3 year ed plan. Reviewed process used to draft & build Ed Plan.



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Reviewed priorities and outcomes moving forward.

6.3 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report

September recap- school spirit day assembly – going to start doing assemblies on every school spirit day, color days with zones of regulation, leadership academy – teachers co-planned 9 days of leadership skills we want our students to be learning, GPPSD fun run – great turnout for Parkside, AGM for School Council & Fundraising Guild, 123s have started great lessons, school photos, Truth & reconciliation/Parkside T&R Art Walk, Corrine went with Laura for recognition at the board level re: the Prime Minister's Excellence in Teaching award that she was presented last June. Indigenous drummer and storyteller Al Crawford gave assembly presentation, some of school clubs have started up again. Students reacclimating to routines in classroom. Started assessments, classroom and school culture building. First PL day - significant portion of that was for the 3 year ed plan.

In Oct. more evac drills, hot lunch, dress as a teacher day, rooted connections art and artifacts display will be at the school until Nov. 10th, very excited to have that. Thanksgiving, read-a-thon, first MALT on Oct. 23 (Multi Activity Learning Time) another PL day and Halloween costume day/events.

7.0 Trustee's Report-Joan Nellis Trustee Liaison

Used to be in Parent Council before she was a trustee, values the role of School Council greatly. Feel free to make use of my role, ask questions at meetings or email through Corrine.

Return of summer school gave flexibility to students who needed credits to graduate. Pilot return was very successful. Advise council to expect school council year planning resource that will help with benchmarks and goals. Confirmed we've been given resources re: school messenger. Bussing: ZPass being replaced with a new program "Zonar" which will roll out soon. Since Sept. met with two local MLAs to educate them on realities in division and the capital needs. Also had a meeting with the Minister of Ed which the MLAs attended. The opinion of the board is that if the MLAs are advocates for the trustees, it's better for everyone. Trustee Chairs & Superintendents across the province had another opportunity to meet with the Minister of Education – workshopped solutions to funding issues. Was great to have solution based conversations with them. This is the first Minister of Ed that has utilized sessions in this way, and they are invaluable as we see changes come out of them directly. Discussed testing and the timing of testing, Minister of Ed has requested testing for Kindergarten and Gr. 1 which provides great information, but they were brought in for the first month of school, which did not feel like the best timing. Celebrated Miss Laura at the last meeting re: Prime Minister's award.

8.0 Old Business:

8.1 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$500)

Discussed potentially using the grant for an ASCA workshop, will table further discussion to Oct.

8.2 Fundraising Guild of Parkside Montessori fundraising initiatives



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Admin will brainstorm some short-term fundraising goals to suggest to council as we continue to raise funds for the Outdoor Structure as well – will present at November meeting.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Call for nominations for current Executive position- discuss roles/terms of Vice Chair prior to the call-out for the position.

1st Call, 2nd Call, 3rd Call, no interest expressed. Tabled to November

9.2 Round Table

Nothing to report

10.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: Monday, Nov. 4, 2024
@ 6pm

11.0 Adjourn 6:55pm

