

# **Parkside Montessori, School Council**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 7, 2025 6pm**

*\* indicates items for which a written document/report will be attached/provided*

### **1.0 Call to Order at 6:01pm**

**2.0 Review of Agenda-** Keedra W. motioned to accept. Seconded by Crystal G. Motion for Danielle O. to be recording secretary in the absence of Desiree M.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2025 Meeting-** Keedra W. motioned to accept. Seconded by Crystal G.

### **4.0 Introduction of attendees and guests 4.1 Feature Teacher – Miss Jackie, ELMO456**

- Both Miss Jackie and Miss Tricia were in attendance. Miss Jackie shared that she has a passion for teaching Art and feels grateful that her position allows her to share this passion with the 4,5,6 classes. This 2024-2025 school year is Miss Jackie's second year with Parkside Montessori after experiencing other teaching assignments within other Grande Prairie Public Schools.
- Miss Trisha shared that she has been teaching at Parkside Montessori since 2013 and shared her favourite aspect, having the ability to see the students grow over the years after teaching them at a young age.

### **5.0 Executive Reports- 5.1 Monthly Executive updates and/or advisory from Council Executive:**

The School Community has been actively involved in organizing and overseeing various events and initiatives throughout the month of March. This report outlines the contributions and successes of these events, highlighting the positive feedback received from students, staff, and parents.

#### **Key Contributions**

##### **1. M.A.L.T.:**

- The feedback on the much-anticipated M.A.L.T. day was overwhelmingly positive, with excitement and glowing reviews. We extend our appreciation to the students, staff and parent volunteers who engaged in the sessions this month and provided an afternoon of creativity and collaboration for the students

##### **2. Hot Lunch- Donut Day**

- Donut Day: A special event organized by Parent volunteers to treat students and staff to a sweet treat at the end of the month. Donut Day was a significant success, with many donuts being distributed. Coop provided the donuts; we would like to thank them for accomplishing such a significant task involving approximately 260 donuts. Navigating a few hiccups demonstrated and modelled our school community's ability to navigate challenges and problem-solve.

The positive feedback from students, staff, and parents is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Council members and Parent volunteers.

### **6.0 Principal's Report and Advising Opportunities 6.1 Miss Corrine and Miss Terra's monthly report:**

- Miss Corrine and Miss Terra welcomed the school's new administrative assistant, Miss Kara, who experienced her first day. The school is excited for Miss Kara's passion and expertise.
- Review of April's upcoming events and celebrations. Annual assurance surveys went out today.
- Presentation on the outcomes of the division survey surrounding IPP/IBP program plans.

### **7.0 Trustee's Report- Joan Nellis, Trustee Liaison:**

- Capital Budget coming out: The division's priorities are the schools that are at max capacity (Composite,

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Isabel Campbell). A future request is for the Division to obtain a budget for Harry Belfour School to modernize the building, with the potential of making it a Parkside Montessori K-8 school. This is a hope for the future of the Division.

- The Division is investigating an on-demand translation program that would help support its diverse needs.
- The spring kindergarten intervention program for numeracy and literacy has been approved.
- Friends of Education recipient is going to Corporal Gavin Oule(?) this year.

## **8.0 Old Business:**

**8.1 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$500):** Moving forward with the planning of setting dates.

## **8.2 Planning for Upcoming Events**

8.2.1 Movie Night:\$500 Budget: Tabled until 2025-2026 school year

8.2.2 Spring Dance: \$1000 Budget: Date set for June 13<sup>th</sup> 2025- Miss Terra to reach out to Dennis to confirm this date is still available.

**9.0 Summary of Current Guild Business:** Outlined in above discussion surrounding budget for events.

## **10.0 New Business:**

10.1 ASCA Resolutions & AGM Designate: Although not in attendance, Desiree M. has shared interest in attending the meeting.

10.1.1 Powerpoint Presentation:

P25-01: Group discussion amongst participants shared the common perspective of not being opposed to different sources of transportation and diversification but that this proposal would not be a priority due to our location and our system of contracting services.

P25-02: Opposed due to the wording and the inclusion of positions outside of teaching roles. Questions were also raised about the ability to hire specialized teachers outside of major urban centers. General feedback ensured that a focus was placed on hiring teachers for open positions before bringing in specialized roles.

P25-03: Opposed

P25-04: I support the proposal to remove the timed portion of the assessments, but I also support an assessment process that provides valuable feedback to teachers.

P25-05: Questions about how this would be attainable in a rural center. Many of us are struggling with the wording and would need more clarification to support it as it seems the current curriculum already covers certain aspects. The process seemed to circumvent the connection between parents and administrators, potentially delaying the ability to do any restorative justice.

Revisions: Supported by the participants.

**10.2 Excellence in Education Nominee:** Miss Kimberly was nominated and will attend the luncheon on Wednesday, May 7<sup>st</sup>. After this meeting, Miss Kimberly and the staff will be told about the nomination.

**11.0 Round Table:** Pax Den: confirmed by Miss Terra and Miss Corrine to be happening during Highland Parks Community Garage sale on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Work will be done this week to inform students and parents. Administration and Terri will collaborate on communicating to the community about Parkside's participation in the event.

**12.0 Next Regular Meeting of the School Council of Parkside Montessori: May 5, 2025 @ 6pm**

**13.0 Adjourn at 7:15 pm**