

School Council Meeting- January 21, 2021

6:32 call to order

Trustee report moved up

Approval of agenda: Jessica Chvojka, seconder Shanalee Brenneis

Approval of Minutes: Shanalee Brenneis, seconder Jacquie Laviolette

Trustee Report- Noreen Radford

School council awards. Morinville has done a lot of important and worthwhile projects in the past that should be nominated. Either school council or an individual on the council to be nominated.

General Election in October. Papers available for those who want to run for GSACRD Trustee for Morinville. Noreen offers assistance to anyone who is interested in running for Trustee.

Encouraged to attend school board meetings on Zoom if interested in running.

Tangible and intangible appreciation gifts for staff from the board for recognition of the amazing work they are doing. Coffee's bought for staff as well as a PD day given to teachers as a mental health and wellness day. This will take place January 29, 2021. This day is to be used at the teacher's leisure.

The GSACRD Deputy Superintendent is moving to BC to pursue a career in a school board there.

GSACRD Kinder Expo- A video presentation was done as well as Raymonde Roulston spoke on behalf of the overall program for the district. Each school will be presenting their own Kinder Expo SKT will be on February 3, 2021.

Complement for SKT on posting activities and things happening within the school on social media.

Survey- Complete the surveys as they come to help the district know and understand what the parents and staff like or would like to have/change in their schools. The board uses the survey results to assist in making decisions for GSACRD schools. Fall break and staggered entry was positive.

Trustee's across the province attend "Coffee Conversations" so all trustees get a feel of what is happening in other districts across the province.

Teacher Report- Stacy Palidwar

Grade 4/5- Presentation of photos in the classroom. Chemical reactions in the classroom. Design your own experiments from bringing stuff from home. One group made a hot tub. Coding began in the classroom with Minecraft and Danceparty. Fortis Alberta presented to the Grade 5's about energy. Some art projects were shown.

Cheryl- Dynamic options are a challenge this year due to COVID restrictions so Stacy has been doing art and coding with the students. Coding is a part of the AP programming curriculum at SKT (video can be found on the SKT website).

School Admin Report- Cheryl Labuick

Faith-

- In December the school donated 3-4 bags of socks, hats, and mittens to the NiGiNan Housing Ventures for homeless Indigenous.
- Cards, stockings, and letters to the Aspen House. Asked to be involved as penpals with Seniors of Morinville.
- "Arise!" by Clint Moroziuk is the district theme song about being a light for others and to encourage yourself to be who you are.
- Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday is coming up and looking into options on how to conduct these during COVID. Possibly Pairing up with McDonald's for pancakes for students on Shrove Tuesday. Possibly do cookies from Sobey's. Discussion with Colin Loiselle at the District Office in regards to how the distribution of ashes will take place.
- Town of Morinville asked students to be a part of a Pink Shirt Day Video.

Staffing- Miss Onneken away on Mat Leave. Miss O'Neill is taking her position temporarily until the end of the year. She is an Edmonton Eskimo Cheerleader and teaches a variety of all star levels. Miss Fagan in Pre-K on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Parent Teacher Interviews on February 24 and 25 Virtual.

Report Cards out March 25

Primeau info night with Grade 5's February 18

Surveys will be coming out soon from the District. Will be notified when they are ready.

Nutrition Grant- A little money has become available for students/families that require healthy food or support for accessing healthy food. Snacks are distributed by the staff as needed. Let the admin know if there are families that need support at home.

Sports Academy- Various outside vendors coming in to work with the Sport Academy.

Student Council- Grade 5 students. Students are coming up with a lot of ideas. Ideas for a possible Winter Carnival type of event for February Early Dismissal. Helping with filling out hearts that say what students love about SKT.

Drop off and pick up Zones-

- Some roads do not belong to SKT but to the Town of Morinville, therefore we do not have access to be parking in those spots. Troubles with parents parking on the main road and blocking the turn around making it difficult for the busses to turn into the bus zone. With the busy roads, it is dangerous for students to be walking across the road and bus areas.
- Michelle- Finding it tight to turn into the bus bay and having to back up which is illegal for them to do.
- Cheryl contacted the town for signage for parking and how we can handle the parking situation.
- Drop off zones becoming congested with parents stopping and walking their children to the door rather than “drop and go”. Movement needs to happen in the zone. Maybe have a staff member there to move things along.
- Bus lane needs to be cleared from snow.

Calendar-

- Survey results: Maximize opportunities for faith engagement, student learning, and professional development. Full Day PD Days kept on Fridays. Staggered entry for the first two days. Fall break.
- 2021-2022: Start before Labour Day (August 31). Christmas Vacation December 20-December 31. Interviews in October. 1 half day will be in the calendar for a Health and Wellness opportunity. End June 29, 2022.
 - Feedback- Concerned about the early start and last finish with the early start in 2022-2023 school year. Christmas push back to December 22 and come back on January 3. ATA day after Halloween is positive.
- 2022-2023: Start before Labour Day (August 30). Fall break in November. Christmas Break December 26- January 6, 2023. End June 28, 2023.
 - Feedback- Question about Fall break and if it is positive feedback/necessary. Parents find this time positive and teachers find this as an asset for the teacher's mental health. Not sure if it matches other districts with fall break dates, but Trustee's are talking with other districts and doing what they are able. Half days/early dismissals are hard on bussing schedules.

Open house- February 3

- Promoting on Social Media
- Best way to spread the word?
 - Newsletter review- putting it directly on the website rather than on a PDF.
 - Morinville Moms Group
 - Add a little thing onto Morinville Online?
 - Digital signs inside rec center

- Stick signs on grocery carts
- Smith Music has a sign that may advertise your event if you ask in advance.
- Sign at MCHS
- LED/Digital sign for SKT
- Letter sign at train tracks.
- A new banner for the school to advertise.

What makes SKT great- Making hearts from students thoughts about what makes SKT great and asking parents about what makes SKT great and unique. How can we gather the feedback?

- Google Forum

Brittany Thompson-

Tower gardens were delivered through a grant to grow basil and other plants to observe plant growth and process.

Lauren Dillman-

Bylaw draft feedback- Check AGM for September or before October of school year for general dates. Most success with AGM in June and “hit the ground running” in September.

- Value of having council settled in June for the summer but worried about Kinder Parents feeling like they are not engaged.
- Discuss and bring up with parents at possible Kinder meet and greet?

Motion to adopt- Shanalee Brenneis, seconder Jessica Chvojka. All in favour

7:25 pm - Adjournment