

SKTA School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2022

Attendance: Lisa Giacobbo, Shanalee Brenneis, Michelle Wilkinson, Stacey Knievel, Chris Postill, Noreen Radford and Dakota Boddez

Call to Order: 6:34 PM

Approval of Minutes: Shanalee, seconded by Stacey

Approval of Agenda: Shanalee, seconded Stacey

Reports:

Teacher Report: Dakota Boddez

- Three Teachers, Stacy Palidwar, Dakota Boddez and Kara Krywko attended the ATA Braiding Together Conference.

- First yearly conference through ATA, specifically for Catholic teachers however moving it to all teachers.
- Focusing on bringing together Indigenous culture and the Catholic Church.
- Truth BEFORE Reconciliation
- Supporting Student Wellness

-Sharing circles by sharing who they are, and who they want to be. Having there voice heard.

- Learn from what has happened, and implement new learning.
- Question was asked by Trustee Noreen Radford, now that you returned how are you bringing it back into the schools? A presentation has been prepared for the Friday, October 21, 2022 staff meeting, hitting home with more infigenous culture and focusing on connection.

- Literacy Small Groups

- Grades 1-3 students and some staff meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in small reading groups.

Trustee Report: Trustee Radford

- First nations, Metis, Inuit, Leadership group

- Our Metis Elder Norma Splicer
- New position of Indigenous Education Consultant is Billy Jo Grant
- Indigenous leads in every school, SKT is Stacey Palidwar
- Thanks to all for wearing orange T-shirt and recognizing the Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30 in their way.
- Tea and Bannock at SKT on October 26th, 2022.

- The St Paul Diocese is pleased to announce that Msgr. Gary Franken from Vancouver has been appointed to become the new bishop for our diocese.

- Thanks to Shanlyn Cunningham and others we have a new communication plan. This was shared with Division leaders. Some points achieved from previous plan-

- More than 20 professional videos were created where students, staff and family members shared their "why" for choosing GSACRD.
- A French Immersion focus group was established with engaged members to help support marketing efforts for our programming.
- A photo library was built so all advertising and schools can use professional photos of GSACRD students and staff.
- GSACRD received monthly coverage on positive initiatives, not to mention several stories that made National and International news.
- Increase in "followers" on all social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and Tik Tok.
- 60+ ads were placed in various mediums (T8N Magazine, Landmark Cinemas, social media, billboards, earned media, radio, print, blogs and more).

- Jordan's Principle

- THAT the Board of Trustees agree to set up a Contribution Agreement for the receipt of Jordan's Principle funding the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch with a proposed term starting September 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2024 subject to the application approval.

-Motion addressing student safety

- Trustee Radford: - That the Board of Trustees direct the administration to arrange to address traffic safety in Morinville with all parties concerned.
- The Town has on its books a motion to arrange a meeting with School boards, Ministers Panda and Nally. Also, a notice of motion for their October 11th meeting.
- That council directs the Mayors to invite both local school boards and Ministers Panda and Nally to a meeting to discuss the ongoing concerns, responsibilities and solutions for WHY 642 and advance the imperative to resolve the issues, creating safe passage for all.
- For (7): S. Boersma, R. White, J. Anheliger, R. Blanko, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis
- Councillor S. Dafoe provided notice that at the October 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council, he will move: "That Council directs the Mayor to reach out to Alberta Transportation with a proposal to install signalization at the intersection of 100 Avenue and Grandin Drive on a cost-sharing basis, with Morinville's share to be paid from available reserves (e.g. Safety Reserve)."

- School patrols are not allowed to stop traffic, they are supposed to assist individuals with crossing.

- Transportation, regarding students being late at Notre Dame, some bus routes have been doubled up to try and make up for the bus driver shortage. More supervision is needed at SKT.

- Division as a whole is growing.

School Admin Report: Lisa Giacobbo

- Tea and Bannock Wednesday October 26, 2022 at SKT

- Billy Jo Grant GSACRD Indigenous Consultant will be there to answer any questions.
- Many resources will be available
- Blanket Ceremony
- Tea and Bannock

- Mission Statement: At SKT, we are a Spiritual (Christ Centered?) community that nurtures resilient, responsible, lifelong learners through love and service.

- Replacing Spiritual with Christ Centered?

- Division Calendar

- Seek feedback from staff and school council by November 4, 2022.
- Calendars for years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2023-2024.
- Discussed, all looks well except for a few minor mistakes regarding dates.

- School council Engagement Funding and Plan - What to do with the funds

- Bring in a speaker, or two? Maybe mental wellness and wellbeing, or internet safety.

- Indigenous exhibit at Fort Edmonton Park or Meti Crossion.

Past Events

- Terry Fox run on September 16 for Cancer Awareness, raised \$439.45 for Cancer research.
- 3 fire drills, 1 with the fire department, and 1 shelter in place drill
- District Cross Country on September 29 for Div 2 qualifiers, grade 4 and 5 reps did very well.
- Truth Before Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day
 - Whole school snack, Bannock and jam
 - Classroom activities
 - Soapstone carving (Bison)
 - Whole school assembly which included circle dance, smudging, one of SKT students did a dance. Indigenous students wore traditional clothing.
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- Legacy Project
 - Jason Carted, 3 large canvas pieces, 7 grandfather teachings
 - MacKenzie Brown, art on wooden circles, all to be put in the alcove
 - Arsene Arcand, soapstone carving 5' high.
- Grade 5 Patrollers have been out on patrol
- Lunchtime heros have been hard at work.

Upcoming Events

- Staff meeting October 21, 2022
- Living Rosary with Father Trini October 28, 2022
- Lockdown drill scheduled for October 24, 2022
- Healthy Hunger October 25, 2022 Booster Juice
- Grade 4&5 Bison Breakfast and PJ day October 26, 2022
- Tea and Bannock Drop in October 26, 2022 at 6:00PM
- Parent teacher interviews October 26 & 27, 2022
 - Scholastic Book Fair

- Grade 5 Indigenous Games Activity October 28, 2022 with Billy Jo Grant
- Halloween Dress up October 31, 2022
- Grade 4 and 5 to attend Halloween carnival at Primeau October 31, 2022
- Staff faith and wellness day November 1, 2022 No School
- Picture retakes November 2, 2022
- Remembrance Day Ceremony November 4, 2022 at 10:30 AM Parents Welcome
- Catholic Ed Sunday St Jean Baptiste at Notre Dame November 6, 2022 at 10:00AM
- Fall Break November 7-11, 2022
- Healthy Hunger November 16, 2022 Jacks Burger Shack

Old Business:

- Support Rally this Saturday October 22, 2022
- Nutrition Baskets refilled Monday mornings, with plums, bananas, oranges, apple, pep and cheese. Children are loving them. Most food is gone by the end of the week.

New Business:

- Nothing to discuss

Friends of SKT

- Epicure fundraiser and cookbook recipes were due October 20th, 2022
- Sent out DFS October 20, 2022 to be returned November 17th, 2022
- Cookbook order forms will be sent out October 24, 2022
- Farm to school to be sent out ASAP
- Discussed Dance for February 24, 2023
- Waiting to get a wish list for the staff from Lisa and Sherry

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Next meeting November 17th, 2022 at 6:30PM