

SKTA School Council

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

Attendance: Lisa Giacobbo, Sherry Gagne, Chris Postill, Michelle Wilkinson, Ms. B Roulston, and Stacey Knievel

Call to Order: 6:33 PM

Approval of Minutes: Michelle Wilkinson, seconded by Stacey Knievel

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Reports:

Teacher Report: Ms. B Roulston

Ms. Roulston went through the social lesson she did with her grade 3 students.

- She asked them to describe how traditions, celebrations, stories and practices relate to identity.

- She asked them what identity.

- language, values, interests, beliefs, cultures, etc.

- She asked her students and parent council what traditions, celebrations and practices the SKTA community have?

- Parent council and the students came up with lots, some of which include, 7 Grandfather teachings, theme days, healthy hunger, bison lunches, academy, dynamic options, celebrations, concerts, service projects, liturgies, monday assembly, morning prayer and reading groups.

- She asked what does each tradition, celebration or practice tell us about our schools values.

- Parent council came up with, some of faith, giving, physical well-being, community, positive development, emotional well-being, friendship, connection and education.

- Students came up with being active, services, respect, love, earth, fun, engineering, creativity, animals, culture and family.

- Then the students made collages from the values.

- Now they are learning about Peru and there values.

School Admin Report: Lisa Giacobbo and Sherry Gagne

Past Events

Jump rope for heart, raised \$1075.00

Early learning open house

Dress like a teacher, dress like a student

Grade 3 animal habitats

Bison lunch winners

SKT Glow Dance

Dramalama Performance

Ski Trip to Sunridge

Popcorn and pie for peace. All profits go to Catholic Social Services for the Ukranian refugees.

We went throught the results of the Parent Division Assurance Survey

Results are as follows:

Celebrations

78.3% of parents agree that their children have opportunities (e.g. options, extracurricular, online learning) that support engagement in school. This is up from last year by 10.4%. 16.2% answered "don't know"

95% of parents agree that their children have opportunities to participate in activities that teach about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit culture and traditions to further reconciliation. This is 7.6% above the division. **New this year. 2.5% said "I don't know"

82.3% of our parents report they are satisfied with the variety of courses available to their children. This is an increase of 8.3% from last year. 11.8% of parents answered "I don't know"

85.3% of parents report that they are satisfied with the opportunities their children have to participate in Physical Education. This is up by 11.3% from last year. 11.8% answered "I don't know"

75.8% of parents agree that their child can access programs and services at school to get help with school work. This is up 18.1% from last year. 21.2% replied "I don't know".

78.8% of parents agree that their child can get help at school with problems not related to school work. This is up 17.3% from last year. 21.2% replied "I don't know".

72.7% of parents report that they are satisfied that their children can access services (beyond regular instruction) that help students read and write. This is up by 11.2% from last year and above the division average by 14.7%. 24.2% of parents answered "I don't

know”

97% of parents believe that teachers care about their children. Up by 1% from last year.

90.9% of parents report that their children are treated fairly by adults at school. Up by 14.0% from last year. 1.6% higher than the division.

96.9% of parents agree that their children are safe at school. This is up by 1% from last year. 1.9% higher than the division.

84.8% of parents are satisfied with the opportunity to be involved in decisions about their children’s school. This is up by 18.2% from last year. 0.7% higher than the division average.

97% of parents report that they are confident that SKTA is a good school. This is up by 5% from last year. 3.9% higher than the division average

Areas to Focus on:

77.5% of parents agree that teachers share their faith and the role of God in their life. *New this year. This is above the division by 1.8%. 2.5% of parents disagreed. 20% of parents answered “I don’t know”

75% of parents agree that their children’s religion classes help them to understand how faith can guide the way they live their life *New this year. This is below the division by 4.2%. 5% of parents disagreed. 20% of parents answered “I don’t know”

77.5% of parents agree that in their children’s school, students live their faith through works of charity and service to those in need. *New this year. This is below the division by 5.3%. 5% of parents disagreed. 17.5% of parents answered “I don’t know”

89.2% of parents agree that their child is encouraged to try their best. This is down by 11% from last year, 3.9% lower than the division. 10.8% said “I don’t know”

81.1% of parents agree that their child is learning what they need to know. This is down by 4.6% from last year. 13.5% disagree. 5.4% answered “I don’t know”

51.5% of parents agree that their children are being taught how to use technologies and social media safely. This is down by 6.2% from last year. 39.4% of parents answered “I don’t know”

We discussed other ways to get parents involved and in the know of what is going on in their child’s school. Ways we came up with is social media is a good place to start. Tik Tok, Instagram and Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Mar 17th - PD Day, no school

Mar 17th - WEM Rise up Cheer Challenge

Mar 23rd - Break a rule day, all proceeds will go toward the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mar 23rd - Popcorn for peace, all donations will go to Catholic Social Services.

Mar 23rd - Cheer Academy, Dynamic field trip.

Mar 24th - No School in lieu of parent teacher interviews

Mar 27- April 3rd - Spring break

April 3rd - Welcome Back to school

April 3-6 - "Stations of the cross" classroom activity

April 6th - Healthy Hungers - Menchie's Frozen Yogurt

April 6th - Holy Thursday

April 7th - Good Friday - No classes

April 10th - Easter Monday - No classes

April 13th - Easter liturgy with Father Trini @ 11:00am (All parents and guardians welcome)

April 15&16 - Cheer Provincials at MCHS

April 17th - Feast of St Kateri Tekakwitha

April 19th - Healthy Hunger - Booster Juice

April 20th - School Council meeting @ 6:30pm (All parents and guardians welcome)

April 21st - PD/Staff meeting day - No classes

April 22nd - Earth Day

April 26th - SKTA Open House (Showcase Evening & Silent Auction) Info coming soon

- All money raised from the Silent Auction will go to Water First Organization to help the clean water initiative for Indigenous Communities across Canada. Many have a boil water first advisory and some have a do no consume advisory.

- The showcase will be the school's Legacy Project unveiling, the art and sculptures made for our school.

Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 school year.

Trustee Report: Noreen Radford had emailed us a copy of the Trustee Report as she had prior commitments.

Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange and MLA, Dale Nally, took the time to visit our school division and learn about our innovative literacy project!

We are pleased to share that our school division contributed a total of \$19,115.07 to Catholic Social Services, in support of our ministries through school and employee fundraising efforts in 2022.

Alumni from G. H. Primeau - Sofiya Chvojka and Danica Elliott from Morinville Community High School were selected to participate in the University of Alberta Honour Band! They had an opportunity to learn new music and ended up performing with maestro Rüdiger Müller from Germany.

Cheer news to cheer about

- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Bison's - 1st place in Intermediate Elementary Division
- Georges H. Primeau - 1st place in Median Junior High Division
- MCHS Wolves - 1st place in All Girl Advanced and Game Day Divisions

Annual Education Results Report

-Report was submitted to Alberta Education and posted online. Our division has received positive comments about our submission. Great work from the executive team.

The Board of Trustees approved the 2024-2027 Three-Year Capital Plan and direct Administration to submit it to Alberta Education with the following capital priorities:

1. French Immersion Campus Solution
2. Modernization of Legal School
3. Modernization of Bertha Kennedy Catholic School

The Board approved to serve as parent representatives on the Ad Hoc Board Committee considering renaming at the French Immersion Campus: Megan Seville from École Father Jan, Jennie Flanders from École Marie Poburan, and Helen Jamieson from École Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville, respectively.

Budget announcement – a rather intensive report that I will be willing to send to all school council members that are interested in the areas of increases in funding and also areas of concern. Will email it upon request.

Extra Good News – The Morinville Community High School cheer team competed at the True North Cheer and Day and Advanced All Girl divisions was strong and the scores were close, but with 4 solid performances, the girls finished 1st in both divisions! The team was also named the Game Day Grand Champions, not based on score, but on judges' choice for overall impression. Amazing work this weekend ladies! Congratulations athletes and coaches!

Old Business:

Discussed Cheer Academy and uniforms. Cost of uniforms for the school would be around \$10,000.00. That is for high quality, 30+ uniforms for the school to keep using year after year. Currently it isn't in the budget.

New Business:

Discussed if there will be more fields trips for the students this year. It is up to the teachers of each individual grade to decide if they will do a field trip or not. Only 1 entire school field trip was done this year and that was to Sunridge Ski Resort.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Next meeting April 20 at 6:30PM

Friends of SKT

Make it Sow fundraiser raised \$609.78

SKT Glow Dance raised \$877.69

Discussed paint night at the school for families, where in the school would we have it, etc.

Ultimate Cookie Dough fundraiser went out, to be returned April 4th.

Calahoo meats order forms to go out just before Easter break.