

SKTA School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

Attendance: Ryan O’Gorman, Sherry Gagne, Karra Krywko, Chris Postill, Shanalee Brenneis, Stacey Knievel, Megan Dettling, Mariah McIntyre, Ryan McIntyre, Dalainya Bruinsma, Chelsey McCagherty, Jamie Hayward, Nicole Roy, Jenell Desrosierr, Lauren Brenneis, Jackie Mackey, Jillian Pitman, Glenda Smith, Richelle Orkusz, and Brittany Hennig

Call to Order: 6:37 PM

Approval of Minutes: Stacey Knievel, seconded Chelsey McCagherty

Approval of Agenda: Chelsey McCagherty seconded by Shanalee Brenneis

Reports:

Elections:

Stacey Knievel nominates Chris Postill as Chair.

Chris Postill accepts position as Chair.

Chris Postill nominates Shanalee Brenneis as Vice-Chair.

Shanalee Brenneis accepts position as Vice-Chair.

Dalainya Bruinsma volunteered for Secretary.

Teacher Report: Karra Krywko Grade 3-4

- Went to visit Mrs. Krywko’s classroom.
- She went over how the 3/4 split classroom schedule works. Some subjects the students do together and some subjects they do while the other grade is in a different class. For example, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the grade 4’s have academy/dynamic options, while the grade 3’s do health and science.
- When they are in the same room learning the same subject, they are taught different units, they learn to work independently while the other grade is being taught a different unit.
- September the teachers do assessments to see where every student is in their own learning.

They do this as they don't want to reteach something all the students already know, and then can focus more on their foundational skills and learning what they as an individual student need.

- In October, the school will have 8 staff members to do direct intervention within the school for students who need help. These students will be split into groups between the 8 staff members.

Parent questions

- Do you find split classes successful?
 - It can be challenging, however with the right group of kids it can be very successful.
- Do you allow parents to opt out?
 - If parents have questions or concerns, they can call someone from the admin team to discuss this further.
- Do kids struggle going into the next grade when they are in the split class?
 - No, we don't find kids struggle going into the next grade, no matter the student and grade they are in, they help children get to where they need to be for the grade they are in.

Trustee Report: Nothing to report.

School Admin Report: Ryan O'Gorman and Sherry Gagne

Faith

- Our 3 year Divisional Faith Theme is: - Growing in the Trinity: Love, Mercy & Grace - 2023-24 - Growing in Love, with the Father - 2024-25 - Growing in Mercy, with the Son - 2025-26 Growing in Grace, with the Spirit "Growing in the Trinity" provides a framework within which we meditate on the mystery of the Trinity. We grow in our understanding of, and relationship with each person of the Holy Trinity."

Staffing

- Principal: Ryan O'Gorman
- Vice Principal : Sherry Gagne
- Counsellor: Stacey Palidwar
- Diverse Learning: Ryan O'Gorman
- Pre-Kinder: Amber Miller (AM)
- Kindergarten: Jane Brodeur (AM-Progressive/PM)
- Grade 1: Collette Poseluzny
- Grade 2: Dakota Boddez/Alyssa Zazulak
- Grade 3: Brianne Dechaine

- Grade ¾: Karra Krywko
- Grade 4: Jason Paik/Sherry Gagne
- Grade 5: Stacey Palidwar/Alyssa Zazulak
- Music Gr 1-3: Dakota Boddez
- Academy: Hockey - Jason Paik/ Cheer - Madi Plsek
- Support Staff
 - Cathy Crane
 - Ellie Durgan
 - Lorna Gialet
 - Renata Karl
 - SOS II: Monique Blinston
 - Lib Tech: Sharon VanBrabant
 - GSACRD VOICE: Caitlin Josey

Organization for Learning

- Pre-K: 19 (AM) 14 supported/5 independent
- Kinder: 36 (21 AM/15 PM)
- Grade 1: 27
- Grade 2: 26
- Grade 3: 22
- Grade 3/4: 20 (9/11)
- Grade 4: 21
- Grade 5: 26
- Total Student Count: 197

Good News So Far

- September 1 – Welcome Assembly
- September 8th - New student welcome pizza lunch
 - Father Trini joined.
 - Gr 1-3: 12 students AND Gr 4-5: 10 students

- Academy is back in action
 - Hockey - 17 students
 - Cheer - 11 students
 - Options this term Gr 4&5: Fit For Life & Drama
- Seven grandfather teachings - permeated in school culture.
- “Sharing Basket” for Grades 1-5 classrooms - Nutrition Grant

The Bison is the School Mascot

- The bison teaches us respect. The bison gives every part of his being to sustain the human way of living, not because he is of less value, but because he respects the balance and needs of others. To honor all creation is to have respect. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.” “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” Luke 6:31

Positive Behaviour Supports

- To promote positive behaviour in our school we are introducing ‘Bison Bucks’
- Students will have the opportunity to earn Bison Bucks by showcasing positive behaviours in class and around the greater school community.
- Students will receive a Bison Buck, write their name on it and deposit in our Bison Basket in the office.
- Once per week at our Monday Assemblies we will draw names from the draw box and those students will earn a small prize (dollar store item)
- The rationale of this initiative is to promote positive behaviour and have something special to acknowledge the children in our school.

Other

- There will now only be 1 report card at the end of the year. The parents can get an up to date report on there children on PowerSchool.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 15 - School Opening Celebration Father Trini coming ● All families are welcome ●
- Sept 15: Scheduled Fire drill #1
- Sept 18: Terry Fox - Cancer Awareness ● Whole school walk/run & assembly @ 10:00am ● Collecting “Toonies for Terry” this week
- Sept 22 - Staff Mtg/PD Day – No School

- Sept 22 - SKT "Fall Ball" Family Dance
- Sept 25 - Scheduled Lockdown drill #2
- Sept 25 - Food Bank drive begins
- Sept 27 - BISON breakfast @ 8:45am - Gr 4 & 5
- Sept 27 - District Cross Country @11:15am (Gr 4 & 5 qualifiers)
- Sept 29 - School Fees - Gr 1-5 \$80 will be posted by the end of the month on the parent portal
- Sept 29 - Truth & Reconciliation Day at SKTA
 - Orange Shirt Day (activity/lesson to accompany reason)
 - Whole school soup (veggies from our garden boxes)
 - Bannock (made by our grade 3-5 students for all classes)
 - Classroom Activities (student Inukshuk lesson & craft)
- Sept 29 - Scheduled Fire drill #2
- Sept 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Oct 2 - Recognition of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed
- Oct 3 - Picture Day
- Oct 6 – No Kindergarten
- Oct 6 – Thanksgiving Celebration & Grade 4 Bible Blessing
- Oct 9 – Thanksgiving – No school
- Oct 12 – School Council Meeting 6:30 PM – All Parents and guardians welcome

Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

New Business:

- Keeping Parent Council and Friends of SKT Association completely separate.
- Discussed Healthy Hunger, only going to do 1 health hunger a month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM

Next meeting October 12th at 6:30PM