MEETING MINUTES

SKTA PARENT COUNCIL

Date: March 7, 2024

Call To Order: 6:35 PM

Meeting called to order by: Chair – Chris Postill

IN ATTENDANCE

Ryan O'Gorman	Chris Postill	Glenda Smith
Sherry Gagne	Stacey Knievel	Kara Krywko
Jillian Pitman	Megan Dettling	Lauren Brenneis
Jenell Desrosierr	Dalainya Bruinsma	
Jackie Mackey	Dakota Bodez (Teacher)	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February meeting were approved by Stacy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by Stacy and seconded by Jackie.

REPORTS

Teacher Report: Dakota Bodez (Grade 2 and Music Teacher)

- Music
    - Ms. Bodez is Royal Conservatory trained in piano, and is Orff trained
    - The students work on 1-2 songs per week
        - Once they are familiar with the song on one instrument they switch to a different instrument
    - Q: Any funding you may need?
    - A: more hand drums
    - Q: Will there be choir again?
    - A: not sure, may start after spring break
- Grade 2

- o Literacy programming
  - ▪ Literacy groups had been on-going but has stopped in January
  - ▪ Now they are working on targeting decoding (phonics) and have rearranged the style of literacy groups
  - ▪ Not all students are in small groups, instead centers are used
    - • Sight words
    - • Independent learning
    - • Groups as EA can help
    - • Novel study – working on vocabulary and retelling (gr. 2 and 3) with fluent readers
    - • Maintain a 1:8 ratio in groups
  - ▪ T-Series assessments are done 4 times per year (division standard is 3)
    - • Age referenced across the province
    - • Results are not directly shared with parents
  - ▪ The school works to use a scaffolding technique with many subjects
    - • Same language used to explain concepts that build on each previous year
- • Q: Any funding needed for Gr. 2 or literacy?
- • A: clipboards or mini whiteboards
- • Q: have you noticed any improved literacy since COVID?
- • A: yes, at SKTA there is consistent improvement in skills grade to grade
- • Q: Is literacy a specific subject or ongoing?
- • A: literacy is in all subjects all year long. There is some cross over between other subjects too.

Trustee Report: N/A

Admin Report: Sherry Gagne and Ryan O'Gorman
- • Cheer uniforms are here!
- • The Running Club took part in a runaround, lots of fun
- • Upcoming events were mentioned, see the weekly Bugle for more details
- • Lunch clubs continue
- • Peer support groups continue
- • Review of dress code
  - o Safe and weather-appropriate clothing
  - o No slang or gang symbols (anything offensive)
  - o Wear only graphics that support good community
  - o No wheely shoes!
    - ▪ If this is the student's only footwear, then the wheel must be removed while at school
  - o Teachers and staff will use discretion when dealing with dress code issues
    - ▪ Mrs. Gagne will speak with the girls
    - ▪ Mr. O'Gorman will speak with the boys
    - ▪ Parents are informed if needed
- • Bullying
  - o Repeated behaviour that causes harm, fear, distress to another student or students
  - o Always conscious that children are not the sum-total of their behaviours
  - o Expectations are reviewed and co-created in each class (when possible)
  - o GSACRD Voice provides support and tools
  - o There is Target support if needed (Voice and Counsellor)
  - o Parents are contacted with discretion
  - o After an Issue there continues to be ongoing supervision and frequent checkins both with the student at fault and the afflicted student
  - o Teachers typically are aware of incidents first and involve admin, parents are included as needed
  - o Parents, if you have any concerns bring them to your child's teacher and/or contact Ryan or Sherri

NEW BUSINESS

- $500 grant can be used for Workshops
  - Other councils have expressed interest in the mental health workshop, we may combine with them
  - Foundational workshops?
  - Deadline?
- Swimming lessons start April 18 for grade 2 (other grades?)
  - More Dad volunteers are needed (must have criminal record and vulnerable sector checks completed)
  - Lessons are from 10:15 – 11am, assistance is needed at beginning and end, not during.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on April 11th, 6:30 PM

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM