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| meeting Minutes | |
| SKTA Parent Council | |
| Date: | November 27, 2024 |
| Call To Order: | 6:34 PM |
| Meeting called to order by: | Chris Postil |

# In attendance

Monique Aultman

Sherry Gagne

Jillian Pitman

Jenell Desrosiers

Stacey Knievel

Dalainya Bruinsma

Lennae Wiens

Glenda Smith

Mariah McIntyre

Megan Dettling

Chris Postill

Rene

Lauren Chow

Grayce Keay

# Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Lennae and seconded by Stacey.

# Approval of minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were approved by Stacey and seconded by Glenda.

# reports

Teacher Report: VOICE (Lauren and Grayce)

* Program since 2019, still working on building programming
* Check out the Bison Newsletter for VOICE info for parents/families
* Use of Kimochis
  + Started in Morinville and Legal, they are now used division wide
  + Provide a universal language around mental health
* Grace: Friendship Club
  + Learning how to be a good friend
  + Teachers provide input as to which students would benefit from this club
  + Boys and Girls separate
* Passport to wellness
  + Every class, 1x per week, one lesson/activity per week
  + 10 lessons in all
  + Each page in their passport is an activity, students collect stamps in their passport as they complete activities
  + Used in Div 1. Div 2 is using Kimochis
* VOICE staff are not counsellors, they have a psych or social work and education background
* Most of their interactions are class-based, not one-on-one, so parents/guardians do not need to be notified
* VOICE have sessions at SKTA 5 out of 8 blocks, Monday and Wednesday
* Q: Anything that Parent Council can assist with?
* A: not really, read the weekly newsletter
* Q: Could you do a parent presentation this year?
* A: Yes, January would be a good time. Lauren can schedule

Trustee Report (Rene)

* **Ward Structure change**
  + **Outcome:**The Board has approved Option A as the new electoral ward structure for the Division. This decision will maintain a seven-trustee structure with:
    - 5 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
    - 2 Trustees representing Ward 2, which will now combine the current Ward 2 (Morinville) and Ward 3 (Legal).
  + **Other Options Considered:**During the review, the Board also considered other options which were not approved:
    - Option B: Reducing the number of trustees to 6, with:
      * 4 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
      * 2 Trustees representing Ward 2 (combined Morinville and Legal).
    - Option C: Reducing the number of trustees to 6, with:
      * 5 Trustees representing Ward 1 (St. Albert)
      * 1 Trustee representing Ward 2 (combined Morinville and Legal).
    - Maintaining the Status Quo: This option retained the current ward structure with 7 trustees and no changes to boundaries. It was not selected because it does not address the changing demographic realities across the Division.
  + The Board’s decision to adopt Option A reflects a commitment to maintaining robust representation for all communities while balancing the demographic realities across the Division.
* **Why Was this Review Conducted?**The Government of Alberta mandates this review every four years before an election year to ensure electoral boundaries reflect demographic and geographic changes and provide equitable representation for all communities.
* **ASBA resolutions:**
  + Cyber security
  + Grant funding
  + Rural school inequity, especially High School to Post Secondary
  + Opt. In vs Opt Out
    - Sex. Health remains as opt-out
    - Assume student is in the program unless specifically requested to opt-out
    - Better descriptions for opt in and permissions forms to parents (FOIP, Field Trips, etc.)
* See attachment

School Admin Report (Mrs. Aultman and Mrs. Gange)

* New Staff: Mrs. Williams (EA for Gr. 2) – split between Leal and SKTA
* Mrs. Brodeur is temporarily on leave. Miss Michailides is taking over
* Tree of Warmth and Mercy wrapped up – 4 boxes jam packed!
* Catholic School Review completed
  + Parents, Staff, EA and Support Staff, Students (Gr. 4 & 5)
  + Recommendations:
    - More info about religious programs
    - Links to programs in Google Classroom
    - Morning Prayer with Staff
    - Bring namesake (St. Kat.) to life through class activities
* Jesse Tree (Advent calendar)
  + Every class has their own book
  + Activities for each day leading up to Christ’s birth, with an ornament for the tree
  + Large one for the entire school where classes will take turns adding an ornament
* Hot Chocolate for Catholic Social Services
  + Bring a Loonie or Toonie each Friday in December for Hot Chocolate
* Division Assurance Survey Nov 28-Dec 20
* Gr. 1 Hockey Game – Students will be singing the National Anthem to open the Oil Kings game on Nov 30
  + 185 family members attending
* Gr 3-5 sacrament prep (Sacrament of Reconciliation) – Dec 12 and 13
* Dec 17 – Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6pm)
  + Bring an unwrapped gift or donation for foodbank instead of tickets
* Theme Week: Dec 16-20:
  + Mon: Christmas Outfit or wear Red/Green/White
  + Tues: Something Glow or Sparkle
  + Wed: Dress as your Favourite Christmas Movie Character
  + Thurs: Festive Hat or hair décor
  + Fri: Christmas PJs
* Dec 19: Choir will join the Community Concert
* Staff back in January: Mrs. P (Grade 1) and Mrs. Krywko (Grade 3)

# New Business

* Transport – Which school boundary are you in: There is a link on the GSCARD page to do a search based on your address
* Calendar Feedback – please provide any feedback to school Admin by Dec 9
* Alberta Education Assurance Survey:
  + Overall good, some scores are lower than last year
  + Focus Areas:
    - Programs for children at risk which are easy to access
    - Help with homework at the school
    - 8% down from last year: Students agree that other students treat them well (Grade 4 students responded to the survey)
* ASCA Grant fund use
  + The survey in the newsletter does not work will defer to next meeting

# Next meeting

Next meeting is on January 15th, 6:30 PM

# Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM