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| meeting Minutes |
| SKTA Parent Council |
| Date:  | February 13, 2025 |
| Call To Order:  | 6:35 PM  |
| Meeting called to order by:  | Jamie Hayward  |

# In attendance

Monique Aultman

Sherri Gagne

Jenell Desrosiers

Stacey Knievel

Chris Postill

Dalainya Bruinsma

Lennae Wiens

Jamie Lee Hayward

Karra Krywko

Glenda Smith

Rene Trembley

Aishwarya

# Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Stacey and seconded by Chris.

# Approval of minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved by Chris and seconded by Lennae

# reports

Teacher Report: Grade 5 Ms Stacey Palidwar

* Math Science Reliegion art
* James: LA and Social
* Alyssa: Health
* (5A)
* 5B has Alyssa for most subjects
* Maker Space – Library day – grade 4 and 5
* Leadership
* Jason does Gym
* Faith retreat – lead dancers on stage, students loved that
* Options: Sewing project, foods (easy to make at home)
* Science – matter projects
* Math – what is the math in a bag of chips (grids, weight, etc)
* Counselling – part time
	+ Office by Admin area
	+ Social emotional issues, friendship concerns, quiet space to take a break
	+ Strategies
	+ Check in every 2-3 weeks
	+ Ms Keay – SEL (self esteem, kindness, positivitiy, etc)
	+ Lunch and recess clubs
* Q: data collected on if need for counselling has changed? Any hot-topics? Could parent council host a session or workshop?
* A: lots of needs from students – pretty busy with that, different at each grade level
	+ We have trained staff and all are great, and their schedules are full
	+ Couselling time is very generous at this school, compared to St. Albert
	+ Still have to do some triage on individuals, so grouping needs is helpful (girl drama, difficulty with making friends)
	+ Specific data is not yet tracked, but it may be a good idea
	+ There are whole class events too
	+ Biggest focus this year has been healthy friendships
	+ Digital safety and etiquette (for students and parents)
* Q: newsletter that could be sent out to parents, some of the bigger topics or items that students are facing that students may not be facing at school?
	+ What are some things going on in the school, more tips on talking points
* A: Ms Palidawar took a note, says it won’t add too much to her workload
* Keep in mind that kids don’t want to lose the privilege, so they may not be as open with their parents/guardians.
* Q: are parents aware of students that are seeking help?
* A: Yes, must alert guardian after 3 sessions to seek consent (typically with teacher reaching out first as a heads up)
	+ Can also connect with outside resources (family support worker)
* Q: grade 4-5 split, how is it working
* A: really well – can have dedicated time with the 4s, or just with the 5s

Trustee Report (Rene)

* **Good News from St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy**

The Grade 1A class at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy created ornaments and cards that were included in Christmas packages sent to Canadian soldiers from the Lord Strathcona’s Horse Regiment. These packages were part of the Taste of Home event held in Latvia. This thoughtful gesture highlights the students’ appreciation for those serving and bringing peace around the world during the Christmas season

* Board has introduced student engagement
	+ 16 students grade 7-12
	+ Starting in April
* GSACRD Foundation – golf tournament in Cardiff
	+ Looking for a Morinville Community member
	+ AGM is in April
	+ Separate entity from the school division, provides scholarships and grant money
* At the table with CUPE – negotiations ar going well
	+ Two separate unions for Greater St. Albert division
* Extended superintendents contract for 4 years

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

* New staff:
	+ Mrs Phyllis Kelly (DLT)
	+ Mrs Alexandra Ciddio (music)
* Learning Cree words continues
	+ May do a presentation in April (drumming)
* Grade 4 – 5 John Ried memorial hockey
* Online safety presentation grade 4 and 5 – Constable Mercier, online safety
* Jordan’s Principle parent meeting – funding – looking to make a group application
	+ Federal lawsuit, over who would give support to a specific child
	+ Financial support is in place for students of indigenous background
		- Extra support in classroom
		- Counselling
		- Extra curricular
	+ Division is reviewing the process since it changes at the federal level
		- Auditing is in place now
	+ Our school was able to pay for 4 EAs with the funding, so more than the specific students have benefitted
	+ We were able to apply as a division, so the funding was available at the beginning of the school year
	+ Funding sometimes comes late in the year (April), although many times it has been planned for, so students are not going without some supports
* Enrollment to date:
	+ Current students: 69
	+ New: 15 (7 are Kinder)
	+ Total: 84
* School Fee Review
	+ Cheer and Hockey went up a little (controlled by Sports, not School Admin)
	+ Coding, Cooking, Fabrication (Sewing), Fine Arts (New) – increasing by $5
	+ Yearbook increased to 25 (from 22)
	+ Other fees are remaining the same
	+ These are maximum amounts. Parents will only be charged for what is needed, and will not be charged more than what is in the schedule.

# OLD/New Business

ASCA Grant – Anxiety conversation March 12 @ 6:30pm

* Notre Dame and Primeau will be joining
* Lennae will build a poster

Municipal Grants (2 of them) – we can only apply for one at a time. The one we applied to is $5000

Fortis Alberta grant - $1000 – Jamie will look into this

# Next meeting

Next meeting is on March 19th, 6:30 PM

# Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM