

MEETING MINUTES

SKTA PARENT COUNCIL

Date: March 19, 2025

Call To Order: 6:35 PM

Meeting called to order by: Jamie Hayward

IN ATTENDANCE

Monique Aultman
Sherri Gagne
Jenell Desrosiers
Jillian P
Mariah

Megan
Stacey Knievel
Dalainya Bruinsma
Lennae Wiens
Jamie Lee Hayward

Karra Krywko
Glenda Smith
Mr. Paik

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by Stacy and seconded by Kara.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February meeting were approved by Stacy and seconded by Jillian

REPORTS

Teacher Report: Mr Paik

- Matific – game based math play area
 - 10-12 questions to start and adjusts to each students level
 - Using it as a bonus time after main work is finished
 - Island with adventures
- Running finished 16 out of 42
- WeWillWrite – prompt with picture then brainstorm and write the story
 - Students are divided into three teams, and they write a story together and they vote for who wins in their team, and overall in the class (anonymous)
 - Max 4 minutes, which is a little short for the students

- Stories are deleted after the end, not saved
- NotebookLM
 - Can upload any media (pdf, google doc, copy-paste from text)
 - Will use AI to generate media – like a podcast, study guide, etc.
- Q: Will some of these resources be available to parents?
- A: some, maybe, but this is pretty new, some are classroom based only (wewillread)
- Q: do these require subscriptions
- A: WeWillWrite does, we're on trial right now. NotebookLM is free

Trustee Report (Rene) – attached

- Nothing specific included about St. Kateri

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

- New staff
 - Gr. 2 and Gr 5 – Miss Kaitlyn Kasha
 - Mrs Miller – Gr 4 & 5 (French)
 - Kian Beaulieu – Student teacher
- Cheerific Cheer Competition, 4th place on True North and Scholastic Cheer competition
- Running room games – fun times
 - Compete against grade 6 students
- Spirit Week
- Alberta Musical Theatre – great success
- Ash Wednesday
- GOD-attitude challenge for staff (division wide)
 - Encouraging staff to go over and above to display catholic values
 - Kindness, compassion, patience, humility, service
- 20 new students – doesn't include pre-k
 - Similar to last year
- Break a rule day, \$1284.95 raised
 - Total \$64,532.17 out of 70K
- Upcoming
 - Drumming workshop – April 4 – each student should have their own
 - See bison newsletter for full list
- Fear-Less Triple P sessions (for parents) 780-720-4667 (see Bison Bulletin Newsletter)
 - In Bison newsletter – reach out if you want a different time or more info
- Online The internet and Youth session – April 23 and 24 (details in the newsletter)
- Yearbook – only 18 sold so far this year, trying to commit to 50
 - Students will contribute artwork
- Wishlist budget \$626.93 remaining
- Parent division assurance survey (2024-2025, went out around Christmas)
 - Overall satisfied with variety and quality of education
 - Faith in school is not well understood (down up to 25%)
 - Help with schoolwork or problems not related to school work – decrease up to 23%
 - Students treat each other with respect – down 29%
 - Small pool of response causes skewing of data
 - Small pool of responses may not represent true feeling of school community on a whole
 - Not one size fits all. Multiple outreach options may be useful.
 - Maybe a teacher newsletter could include a small space for an Admin announcement, or include it as an attachment

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Parent café
 - Very good turnout (more parents than registered)
 - May have springboard for future sessions with more role playing or practical applications
- Teachers could put the VOICE theme for the week
- NEW
 - Can school provide info on bullying policy and support?
 - Typically staff noticing and bring it to the attention of admin
 - students are brought in and a discussion takes place
 - Parents are sometimes notified
 - Consequences are given to students
 - Loss of recess
 - Suspension – typically in-school, separate from class but still within the school
 - Q: Are severity levels listed clearly with consequences in place?
 - Not specifically, refer to student code of conduct
 - Q: Is this posted somewhere? (same terms to use in conversation)
 - Code of conduct in the agenda books
 - Sometimes admin does not know until parents reach out (with specific concerns their children are facing, or that parents have.)
 - Some details are protected for privacy and FOIP
 - Admin would appreciate parents reaching out for any concerns! If the code of conduct is not being followed, or if there was a disconnect between parent expectations and what the response from Admin was.
 - Suggest to play off Lent and Kindness to bring to light a bit more on bullying policy and resources available to parents and students (in and out of school)
 - Q: Debrief and documentation?
 - Some, and some staff are working on doing this more
 - Cheer Academy Concerns
 - how is coach chosen?
 - Q: Is this a volunteer position or one that the coach applies for?
 - A: it is an applied position, hired by the division
 - From some parents there is a feeling that St Kateri students aren't prioritized over other commitments
 - At one incident students were on a bus on their way to MCHS without staff supervision (only the bus driver)
 - This is not unusual as students regularly travel between home and school with no supervision besides the bus driver
 - In this instance it was a sudden change in plan and was discussed with the students before they set off
 - Staff are always present when students arrive at their destination (MCHS, SKTA, other)
 - After further discussion a recommendation was made for Admin to discuss with staff and determine ways for more proactive communication to be sent to parents. This may help to address both concerns.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on April 16th, 6:30 PM

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM