



Dr. Freda Miller School Council Minutes

February 22nd, 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order 6:32 pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes- Motion: Shannon Second: Brooke

3. Approval of Agenda- Motion: Shannon Second: Turab

4. New Introductions-

5. School Report

a. Teacher Presentation- Grade 2

-Spoke about WRITING - story ordering, retelling, character, setting & plot, oral retelling skills, punctuation, finger spaces - process first then product (prewriting, writing, revising, editing, publishing - using scaffolds

-Spoke about MATH - addition up to 100, basic recall up to 20, tools - number lines, base ten blocks - Three part math lesson 1.minds on 2. working on it 3.consolidation

-VZR document camera - big thank you from teachers for these helpful classroom tools - teachers completed demos on how these are utilized, & useful for instruction in art, read alouds and math - makes everything visible to the entire class on the smart boards

6. School Administration Report

a. Admin report – Annual School Engagement Survey Data (5 minute parent survey).

2024 School Planning - Nancy spoke about instructional strategies, professional learning, school structures and processes & resources to improve learning, as well as financial and operating budgets and school costs and expenses.

She highlighted plans in literacy (sentence structure, content and organization & clarity of writing), numeracy (articulate & justify thinking & develop conceptual understanding of concepts) as well as well-being (self-regulation, connecting to spirit) and math (use direct teaching analysis of data to support students)

Well-being a.)citizenship skills b.)connect learning with personal stories c.) learn on the land d.)use the connect to spirit model to support self awareness & self advocacy





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Questions we as parents can ask our children about their learning
Show me what you learned in math today?
What have you learned on the land?
What can you do now that you couldn't do before?
Engage them to discover what they are learning

Reading 20 minutes a day is so imperative with our children!

b. CPS for traffic consultation

- Anything parents can do to request pedestrian lights etc.?
- Parents can request and advocate at this link here: [Traffic service requests \(calgary.ca\)](https://www.calgary.ca/traffic-service-requests)



7. Chair Report

- a. Key communicator report - Saheedat absent
- b. Social Media Guidelines/Report – request remains to fill the social media role no interest at this time
- c. School Council grant ideas
 - White Hatter [Internet Safety and Digital literacy for parents and caregivers](#)
 - we can host up to 950 individual participant all at once, and more if needed. Also included is a 15-20 minute live Q&A with parents and caregivers on material covered in the presentation.
 - Parent/Caregiver Programs \$650.00 + GST.
 - Here's a [short info video](#) on what you can expect with our live virtual presentations:
 - popular idea - request to SES for additional funds to be motioned in meeting & successfully passed
 - Youthlink Calgary police service
 - Child safe Canada





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- d. Community building: food drive competition with Evergreen school in support of the Calgary food bank? - gift card for \$100 for books for the winning school to be funded by SES
- e. Operations report
 - Event planning for remainder of 2024 (Grade 5 Celebration)- photo booth? saplings for grads
 - Parent resources for grade 6: is there a registration process- no need to register if designate school, an open house for Marshall Springs to be held May 3 4:30-6pm, principal or AP will attend May 9 meeting, gr 6 students will receive daily instruction in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Physical Education / Personal Living Skills (Health). Students will also have 6 electives per year (Art, Music, Technology, Drama, Foods and French)
- f. Volunteer Survey Data - available to school once volunteer forms have been completed to match needs with classrooms and determine gaps in volunteer pool and areas to request assistance from parents that may have skills that meet classroom needs

8. Old Business

- a. Field Studies – update on progress - planning happening for gr.1,2,3,4
- b. Community engagement/ SC board position elections (June 2024)
- c. Upcoming meeting dates: Feb 22, April 11, May 9, June 6
 - school council board elections and plans for fall 2024 complete at June 6th meeting

9. Next meeting Date: April 11th 6:30 pm

10. Adjourn Meeting: 7:45 pm

