



Dr. Freda Miller School Council Minutes

October 17th 2024

In Attendance: Kelsey McEwen, Shannon Munro, Brooke Orser, Jennifer Gunthrie, Paige Scalet, Carlyn Oliver, Anna Pena Egle, Jamie Ross, Turab Hasan, Liz LeDrew, Saheedat Ajiboye, Janelle Pepin, Amber Reinarz

1. Call Meeting to Order: by Janelle at 6:01

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes- Motion: Janelle Second:Kelsey

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

4. New Introductions- School Council/SES

5. School Administration Report

a. School organization/budget

-New budget on October 15. One time funding so still working on budget which will be discussed at next meeting

-Funded for 471 students

b. Staff updates

-Nigaar Kachra on leave so Nancy and Julie are covering currently

-New teacher for one of the grade 3 classes and a new lunch supervisor

-Will be hiring a 9th lunch supervisor, a 4th EA and a 15 hour/week secretary

c. School development plan

-Perception data is good - students feel good and are happy with their school. Their school connectedness is high

-100% of students understand Indigenous ways of knowing and land based learning

-Students like learning outside

-For academic data, the literacy numbers are good

-Numeracy has more students in the high risk category so the school development plan will focus on math

-Reflex math will be looked into and something parents can do with their children at home





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6. Chair Report

- a. Thank you School Admin and community
 - Terry Fox run was a success. Thank you Sierra, school and community
- b. Community Food Drive
 - Janelle will look into setting up a food drive
- c. Teaching Excellence Nominations - [Nominate a teacher](#)
 - Parents can nominate a teacher using the above link or the QR code below



- d. November learning conversations
 - Community engagement and SC awareness opportunity
 - Parks Canada or Friends of Fish Creek Park to attend for parents
- e. Parent Engagement Funds
 - Input request for how to utilize Alberta School Council Grant ([Support Services: Alberta School Councils' Association](#)) towards parent engagement/education. Bring any ideas to next meeting to discuss
 - Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society will be talking to teachers about wildlife in the community next week. It could be an option for them to present to parents at a later date
 - Parks Canada also an option
 - Calgary Police Service offers multiple free programs that could be looked into
- f. Funds Requests
 - Grocery card raffle for fun lunch volunteers
 - Bussing for field studies to help keep costs down for parents. Kindergarten will also receive some money for their in house guest activity. Grade 4's will be going to a landfill





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site in November. Grade 5's will be attending a Hitman game in February

- g. Gift Exchange for Classrooms
 - Have teachers, office and EAs identify a board game, book or activity that would make a positive impact in the classroom
 - Have parent volunteers (through sign up genius) to buy one gift, wrap it, bring it to school and the teachers, office and EAs will have a gift exchange
 - Create awareness about this during the November Parent Teacher Learning Conversations
- h. Clothing Orders
 - \$2500 minimum order
 - QR code for store at the dance
 - Keep store open until mid November so that orders can hopefully be out to people by winter break
- i. Communications
 - Event information to only be sent in Sunday email instead of multiple communication emails being sent from the school

7. **Next meeting Date:** November 21st, 2024

8. **Adjourn Meeting:** By Janelle at 6:48

