



Dr. Freda Miller School Council Minutes

January 23rd, 2025

In Attendance: Kelsey McEwen, Liz LeDrew, Amber Reinarz, Paige Scalet, Jaimie Ross, Brooke Orser, Anya Pena Egle, Janelle Pepin, Carlyn Oliver, Saheedat Ajiboye, Carrie Emes, Julie Ramsay, Nancy Gillott

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:04

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes- Motion: Liz Second: Carrie

3. Approval of Agenda- Motion: Liz Second: Carrie

4. New Introductions- School Council/SES

5. School Administration Report

a. New principal Elan La Montagne to start on February 3

b. Field study update

- Kinder will bring in a guest in the spring, Grade 1 will be going to SAM Center at the Calgary Stampede in April, Grade 2 will go to Telus Spark in June, Grade 3 will go to the Leighton Centre in the spring, Grade 4 have already gone to the Landfill and Grade 5 will be going to the Be Brave Hitman Game in February
- Short \$1300 for field studies from last year due to parents not paying fees

c. Residency recap

- Drumming from One World Drumming - would like to look at doing an annual residency with them - \$7000
- Indigenous Games and Dancing - Feb 3-7 - staff and students will get the same lessons and games. Traditional games will be played, medicinal wisdom, jingle dancing and round dance. There will be a spring residency in Fish Creek Park and classes will go visit
- Second half of Alien Inline for Kinder, Grade 1 and Grade 2
- Look into different residencies for the future. Maybe dance with Sound Creation or Loose Parts play

d. Outdoor classroom/learning space plans

- In 2020 the Playground Committee looked at Phase II and Outdoor Learning Space. They raised funds for the





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playground and then looked at initial planning for using large rocks for an amphitheater. Committee was then disbanded.

- School will pass contact information to Anya and she will look into this again. It can take up to 2 years to get a learning space created. Potential to get a grant to help with this

6. Chair Report

- a. Valentine's Day
 - Proposal to school staff to allow Valentine's to be exchanged this year in the classrooms
- b. Parent engagement update
 - Come learn with us at 2 separate events that can be held thanks to the Alberta School Council Grant
 - a. ADHD presentation will be held at the school on February 27 from 6:30-7:30
 - b. Risky Play will be an online presentation on April 29 at 6:30
- c. Volunteer update/ask
 - Get your volunteer access request completed ASAP
- d. Prime Ministers Awards for Teaching Excellence through the Government of Canada is still open for nominations
- e. Grade 5 Celebration
 - Some grade 5 parents are forming a committee to organize and then we will set up a sign up genius for parents who do not have children in grade 5 to help out that day with the food
 - Potentially order pizza for Grade 5's that day for lunch and then a cake later for parents and Grade 5's
- f. Discuss winter concert at next meeting
 - Different ideas for how it could run more smoothly

7. Next meeting Date: February 20th 2025 @ 6pm

- a. Nancy Close School board trustee will be in attendance during one of the upcoming meetings
 - Funding model discussion
 - Submit any other areas of discussion ASAP

8. Adjourn Meeting: 7:05

