



Dr. Freda Miller School Council Agenda

September 19th 2024

In Attendance: Turab Hasan, Paige Scalet, Tim Oliver, Carly Filkowski, Anya Pena Egle, Janelle Pepin, Brooke Orser, Jamie Ross, Maryam Feizi, Kelsey McEwen, Carrie Emes, Chris Noval, Sneha Orthner, Liz LeDrew, Shannon Munro, Saheedat Ajiboye, Amber Reinarz

1. Call Meeting to Order: by Janelle at 6:02

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Minutes- approved by Liz

3. Approval of Agenda- approved by Carly

4. New Introductions- School Council/SES

School council is separate from fundraising. School council liaises with the school admin and comes up with an agenda. Enrichment then does the fundraising and plans volunteers for all the school events, such as dances.

Parents can email school council, use the QR codes that council provides to fill out online forms, use the WhatsApp chat, approach teachers or admin, and use Facebook or Instagram. Decisions for school council are made for all students as a whole.

5. School Administration Report

a. Thank you

A Year in Review

- Parents volunteered for Fun Lunches, an Evening School Dance, Sports Day and the Grade 5 Celebration
- Parents volunteered for Plant, Purdy's Chocolate and Coco Brooks distribution
- The School Council Chair and School Enrichment Society Chair handed out trees at the Kindergarten Orientation
- The School Enrichment Society purchased trees and a snack for the Grade 5 Farewell, and the School Council Executive provided a photo booth for the students to take year end photos
- Parents were a voice for traffic calming measures
- Parents engaged in an Online Internet Safety Course with the use of [Alberta School Council Engagement \(ASCE\) Grant](#)
- One of our parents took on the big task of making a school yearbook with over 150 copies sold
- Parents hosted a Staff Appreciation Lunch with personal notes of thanks gathered from children





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- School Council members met with other parents to encourage membership at Parent Teacher Conferences, the Book Fair, The Family Dance and at the Kindergarten Orientation
- Parents provided feedback on school programming and initiatives, the School Development Plan and Fees
- The school council implemented a Land Acknowledgment and created a strong Social Media Presence

b. Enrolment and school organization/budget

- Estimated enrollment was 526 kids so the school was staffed for 509. Actual enrollment is 471.
- Two Kinder classes (one morning and one afternoon). Three Grade 1 and Grade 5 classes. Four classes for each Grade 2, 3 and 4.
- Decrease in office staff because of decreased enrollment. Between 23-27 students per class. Right now there are 3 EA's. A new Fine Arts teacher and one Student Services teacher.
- Seeds of S.P.I.C.E lost one room when school attendance was predicted to be up. The rental agreement is closed so this can be revisited again for next year.

c. Parking discussion/previous investigations

- Parking remains a concern. An assessment was done and there is congestion around bell times. CPS had some presence in June. Some recommendations are having parent volunteers for crosswalks, use the pathway behind the school, park on Everbook Drive and walk, park 200 meters away and walk back, ensure crosslight buttons are being pushed before walking, walk instead of driving, carpool, and keep calling 311 to report any parking concerns.

d. MRU and Ambrose preservice teachers

- Here right now on Wednesdays for observation purposes
- Will have more from MRU starting in January

e. Teacher wish list

- Discussed during SES portion

f. Terry Fox Run

- Grade 3 teacher Sierra Downing presented. We want to build momentum and community experience so we're going to invite families this year. Goal is to raise \$500 this year.
- Some parent volunteers who attended tonight's meeting will be there early to help with pylons, organize families and students by grade and collect any money for donation.





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-Reminder to not park in the bus zones and use Marshall Springs parking lot if there is no street parking.

6. Chair Report

a. DFMS volunteer description/needs

-Police clearance is good for five years but each volunteer needs to fill out the CBE form online each year. This form can be found using the QR code below.



b. Open house -School council table for awareness

-Yearbooks will be handed out during the open house. A poster board will be at the table with different information for everyone to read.

-Collecting funds at the table to go towards different events for teacher appreciation. Last year for World Teacher day there were no funds to use so a spotify playlist was put together and posters were put in each class for students to write a note to their teacher.

c. DFMS clothing order

-Paige will be contacting clothing vendor and getting a clothing order organized

-could potentially be a fundraiser if there are enough orders to decrease the price of clothing. Ideas have been for hoodies, t-shirts and toques.

7. Next meeting Date: October 17

8. Adjourn Meeting: by Janelle at 7:01

