

Minutes for:
Ecole Meridian Heights Parent Council Meeting
January 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Attendees: Nancy McGinnis, Stephanie Guertin, Amy Strachan, Marie Marsh, Tanaya Carter, Mani Fredrikson, Paul McCann, Terri-Lynn Pettefer, Tracy Shanmugum

1. Meeting was called to order at: 6:35pm
2. Approval of the agenda by: Stephanie, second by Tanaya
3. Approval of November Minutes by: tabled for next meeting
4. Admin Report:
 - Lots of absences due to illness and bus cancellations, Christmas concerts well attended in person, three new students enrolled, early years focus on numeracy, subitizing, reading buddies continue to be successful, middle years robots(sypheros) arrived for coding, field trips.
 - February has many professional development days, watch calendar carefully,
 - Government invested money in schools, new hire for Meridian coming literacy coach and a numeracy coach that is french speaking to do "push in's". Push in's are additional support to help classes, students are not pulled out for extra support.
 - Kinder open houses, February 15 for french February 16 english @ 6pm-7pm.
 - The Junior boys Basketball team is working well together, and is constantly improving.
 - Grade nine trip to Quebec fundraising, approx. 20 students, short window to fundraise, grade eights will start fundraising after the current grade nine is finished.
 - Delf: French certification, \$195 through the Alliance for French, June 5th, registration in 10 days in advance.
 - Raz Kidz is no longer being subscribed to. Je lis Je lis, is available for students after hours if needed. Amin reported current feedback from families, they are looking for less tech choices and more paper, whereas in person attendance at the meeting had opposing views and saw Raz kidz as valuable.
5. Canadian Parents for French Report: Flying Canoe in Edmonton February 1-4, Family Fun weekend in Jasper February 24-26, online french classes, level 1 and 2 are six weeks each, must register by Jan 19, master class are online classes in french for students in grade 6-12, there are five topics, cooking, astronomy, arts, nature and leadership. A membership gives you access to all activities in all provinces across Canada. Check the CPF Alberta website for activities and registration, or contact CPF Parkland Chapter President Marie Marsh for more information at cpfparkland@gmail.com

6. MHSAA report given by Nancy: Wihauk fundraiser, \$2722 rescheduled family dance for St. Patricks day theme, more details to follow. 50/50 after the grade Quebec finishes their raffle, kick ass caramels for Easter, growing smiles plants in May. Looking for volunteers, and all positions are available.
7. Trustee Report: Board Highlights are available on line, curriculum change came in quickly, time lines seem problematic, teachers and public are struggling to keep up, the resources are not developed yet. Financial report and annual education report keeps the board accountable. Transportation report, user fees are complex, and Paul is looking to get it simplified, conquered lack of staffing and now there are no buses to purchase for new routes. Student health and wellness report, shows an increase in poor mental health and its impacting students and staff. Reconfigured of, Spruce Grove boundaries, Parkland Village is turning into a k-6 school. 12,500 students in parkland county 22% are in alternative programs. Many schools with students in grade 7-9 are experiencing high class numbers over 30 students. Hybrid model
8. Old Business: School is looking at covering the cost of gating the front park for safety. Tabled talk about small park reno for next meeting
9. New Business: Air quality and building information, mice, mold and air quality is a public concern. The school has an exterminator and deals with the problem quickly when they occur. Concerns of mold, the facilities team did a search and nothing was found. The basement and sewer, 2013 a pipe collapsed and was repaired, 2018, there was a regrading of the sewer system, Please bring forward and concerns.
10. Next meeting is set for March 15, 2023

Adjourned at: 8:16pm