

ECOLE MERIDIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Present: Caleigh Pagnucco (Chair), Amy Strachan (Principal), Roni Pirot (Assistant Principal), two parents.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Landis Wall has agreed to give the Secretary position a try and see how it goes.

Principal's Report (Amy):

Meridian Minute Update: Call out to parents to please send appropriate winter clothes, School Council and MHSAA reminders, "Welcome Back", School Counselor resources, and athletics update (Basketball underway).

KUDOS are starting to be given out to kids. Tickets are given out to kids who are respectful, show good deeds, etc. Every week there is a draw from these tickets and kids can win a prize.

Respect is the theme of the month from the Seven Sacred Teachings.

December Update:

No Snow days or snow

First round of Swimming Lessons (will consider just gr. 3-4 in the future as Gr. 2's were still quite young for this type of field trip...growing pains).

Winter Market went better than expected (Santa, so many tables, good response)

Choir, Band and K-Gr.3 Christmas Concerts. Some confusion about concerts (who should attend which day, etc.).

Magic Voices Choir also performed at Seniors Center and Remembrance Day Ceremony. Gr. 5 and 6's led a sing-along.

Gr. 6's are doing band this year. Half of them started in the first semester, end of January they will switch and the second half will get the chance to do band as well.

Junior High's had a cinema Christmas Celebration and watched Willy Wonka.

January Update:

First 3 days showed great attendance until the cold weather hit.

Supervisors were outside in the cold weather to slow traffic as no buses were running.

There have been more and more kids without indoor shoes, which is a concern if there is an emergency.

Francofete is coming up, survey about timing...volunteers will be needed.

January 30 is when Report Cards are coming out.

Family Fun Night (Roni):

Roland Bibeau performance

February 2

Free but need to get tickets as seating is limited

Gr. 9 Quebec students may host a canteen

Kindergarten Open Houses happening in February. The French Immersion on Feb. 13 (same for Broxton) and the English is on Feb. 15. Put an ad for the French Immersion on a billboard in Spruce Grove.

Caleigh had an email regarding the Alberta School Council Association and requesting funds for FI resources, but the next School Council meeting was after the due date, will leave until next year, now that she knows about it she will be ready. Amy explained that we did already receive \$2500 from the government for FI resources and a big focus on Professional Development days is how to use the resources that are already available. Amy explained a bit about how the budget works, the Provincial Funding Model and how there have been changes this year aimed to help the kids more long term.

MHSAA:

Not much to report, just waiting on getting a list of things that are needed so we can purchase them.

The big slide is still a work in progress.

AMA may have a competition to win funding for a playground? Something to look into.