

Vermilion Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

- Called to order at 7:04pm
- In attendance: Kathy Crowe, Darcie Maier, Jim King, Calvin Anhorn, Sheila Doherty, Bruce Marriott, Lindsay Gorkoff, Linda Romeo,
- Board Report:
 - Provincial Budget is not available yet due to new government
 - Looking into having a digital report card system, showing ongoing online marks instead of paper report cards and specific dates, survey is happening
 - Retirement night was held last week to celebrate those retiring this year
 - Attended Vermilion Outreach graduation
 - Board meeting with the different Colony schools, Bruce Hugh will be the principal of them all
 - Provost is redoing courtyard
 - Alberta School Board Association will be meeting in Red Deer, hopefully with the new Minister of Education
 - Policy Updates - transportation requests are ongoing, amalgamating bus routes. Also there are new regulations for bus drivers with the Safety Endorsement
 - Irma school is nearing completion, on target to finish by the end of July 2019
- Administrator's Report:
 - Preliminary Budget is not looking promising. Planning to operate on worst case scenario for the upcoming year until new Provincial budget is released. Anticipating that the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) will be discontinued. This cut along with projected drop in enrollment will have a negative impact on staffing.
 - Congratulations to Kaedence Eriksen for participating in the Superintendent's Public Speaking Contest
 - Sound Kreations hip hop program went well
 - The Nutrition Grant has allowed us to purchase new freezers, a fridge and a microwave.
 - Indigenous Day will be held June 7th. The first part will be open to parents/public. The rest of the day will be stations for students to experience.
 - We had an Inuit Speaker/Presenter come this year. She brought Narwhal and Arctic Char for students to try. She spoke of the impact of Residential Schools. She brought a seal skin for the students to feel. She spoke of the difference in cost to live in the North.
 - Mabyn Grinde came to work with Grade 1 on Indigenous learnings.
 - May 31 will be Outdoor Fun Day, as part of a grant application which allowed us to purchase new Physical Education equipment.
 - Grade 6 orientation at JR Robson will take place in early June.

- Next year's Grade 6 students will be able to join JR Robson sports teams, helping to bridge the gap between the schools and hopefully help with future grade 6-7 transitions.
- New fundraiser next year. Not going to be selling Baba Jenny's. We will try a Jack Links' beef jerky fundraiser. It has proven to be profitable at other schools. Hopefully it will earn enough so a second fundraiser for the year will not be necessary.
- Track & Field will be June 25
- AR Celebration Day and Family Picnic June 26
- Grade 6 Grad June 27

- Bouquets - parents expressed gratitude for games night and study hall

- Other
 - parents expressed a desire for there to be an Art Club for the younger students
 - parents offered up the idea of a Spellathon fundraiser
 - an idea was brought up of having an open house (tea or otherwise) in May or June in the future, to attract more families for the fall (for families who are undecided on school of choice).

- Adjournment - 7:50pm

- Next meeting September 16, 2019