

Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2022

- Call to order
 - 6:37pm meeting called to order
- Introductions
 - In attendance: Susan McCulley, Shannon Tenant, Sheila Doherty, Jerri-Lyn Visser, Jim King, Darla Yonkman, Adrienne Joa, Candice and Greg Maughn
- VES Bouquets
 - In person events have been so nice to have back!
 - Very excited about the upcoming Christmas concerts.
 - In person book fair was fun to enjoy again.
 - Remembrance Day ceremony was a beautiful event to be apart of.
 - The student crafts being delivered to the long-term care has been wonderful.
- Review of last meeting minutes
 - Minutes were not available.
- Additions/Changes to the Agenda
 - Book fair, picture days, school calendar, and AR will be addressed under Administration report.
- Board Report
 - Arthur Block in now in position for the PV spot that was vacant.
 - Discussion on what the board has available in restricted funds and moving some of it into the unrestricted funds for easier access if an unprecedented event were to occur. For example: and emergency roof repair.
 - Annual school review is shared with the administration teams when available.
 - February and March board meeting dates have been changed to the 14th of each month.
 - BTPS is currently going through the process of hiring two new social/emotional coaches. One will be placed in North and one in the South.
 - ASBA was attended, this association involves all the schools that are government ran.
 - PSBA is all public schools, here we advocate the government on rural education and curriculum. We also discuss funding and the funding model.
 - Met with Minister LaGrange and she challenged us by asking us to bring solutions to the problems we also bring.

- School tours started on November 15 and continue through December.
 - There is a stakeholder engagement session on Thursday, January 26, 2023, here at VES.
 - There was discussion on what exactly is a stakeholder session. The stakeholder is defined as parents, guardians, community members and interested family and friends. Input on burning issues in the schools in rural Alberta. Other examples are transportation and funding model.
 - Parents and teachers will be asked about school calendar input. Watch for details and chance for input. There will be a survey coming out and we would really like parents and teachers input.
 - The boards policy and procedures will be updated and easier to access on our website soon.
- Administrator's Report
 - We would like to develop a stronger connection with The Town of Vermilion and their Facebook presence.
 - We have a student teacher with us in Jessica Heinrich's grade 2 class. We will also have her back later in the year!
 - Our school fundraiser raised \$6449.69 dollars to help with our field trips.
 - A suggestion to investigate a potential fundraiser called funscript that is a dollar-for-dollar gift card purchase.
 - Our book fair raised \$3500 to spend in our learning commons.
 - Discussion on how dates are selected for the book fair took place. It would be nice to have the book fair open during all evenings of parent teacher interviews for families to access them easier.
 - Navy Donnily was able to do a "Welcome back to School" ad, way to go Navy!
 - We had the opportunity to do a "what is a treaty?" with direction from our Elder.
 - Our Canley cup is taken place this Thursday December 1; we are looking forward to all the fun!
 - Our staff are very excited for the upcoming Christmas concerts!
 - The school does not have a say on when school picture dates are picked. Concern about having retake day falling on the day after Halloween is not ideal.
 - Discussion on AR and how it is operated. The reading program is under review.
 - Correspondence/notes
 - Sheila will show Susan where the mailbox is!
 - Outstanding Business

- Greg Maughn, our Town Bylaw officer brought forward concerns about parking around the school. Many people are parking in correct or safe locations which raised concerns and potential problems around safety etc. Discussion on how to shift this pattern. Greg will work on getting more signage in some areas, use some cones in areas. A clear map where parking is available will be created for parents and guardians to use and follow.
- Adjournment and set next meeting date
 - Meeting is adjourned at 8:32pm. The next meeting is Tuesday January 17, 2023.