

Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023 6:30pm

- Call to order
 - 6:33pm meeting called to order by Susan McCulley, in-person
- Introductions
 - In attendance: Susan McCulley, Sheila Doherty, Adrienne Joha, Darla Yonkman, Rochelle Horne, Candace Maughan
- VES Bouquets
 - Remembrance Day ceremony was lovely
 - Goota had two incredible days visiting VES and teaching students about Inuit culture
 - Hallowe'en dance and parade were fun
- Review of last meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved as amended.
- Additions/Changes to the Agenda
 - Two notes to be updated
 - Update – Question regarding delegating, no changes in admin procedure
 - Update – VES/JR sharing costs is such a benefit
- Election of Officers
 - Susan McCulley will stand as The Chair for 2023-2024
 - Rochelle Horne Secretary for 2023-2024
 - Rochelle Horne Co-Chair for 2023-2024
 - Candace Maughan Treasurer for 2023-2024
- Board Report
 - Staffing report, no changes or reductions
 - Superintendent to come visit with board members at the school levels, speak to students directly
 - Students can attend meetings through ZOOM to get first hand information
 - Pushing for a different funding model for rural areas
 - Fire in one of the schools, back open, in portables on the school grounds
 - They want to know everything happening to join in the celebration, ie high school volleyball gold

- Student from Wainwright, Minister's Youth Council, selected as 1 of 40 across the province, Minister's Youth Council gives students opportunities to share input and perspectives on Provincial programs and initiatives
- Administrator's Report
 - Goota, will return for a parent's night
 - Goota will guide teaching at VES for some of the Indigenous learning
 - The gift is warm clothing, each class gave a gift of mittens and toques
 - Administrator's meeting, Goota was there and is excited to meet more schools
 - Fundraiser went well, sold \$13,000 worth of Mundare sausage
 - Intervention position, Heather McCrae, supports classroom so teacher can provide intervention, interim position, three days a week, small group targeted instruction
 - Morphology, origin of words, more importance placed on this way of learning words, science of reading, to help all kids learn how to read
 - New curriculum re-introduces handwriting and printing
 - Gaps from COVID are closing, Alberta assessments in reading and numeracy, low percentage of not at risk, little bit higher in numeracy in gaps (in particular grade 4, 5 and 6)
 - Carmen Thronson going on Maternity leave, interviews next week
 - Book fair November 20-23rd
 - Fundraiser to acquire new books, making sure they have books to represent
 - AR books selected by students who earn points by end of first term
 - Parent teacher interviews November 22-23rd
 - School council grant, will review next meeting
 - Saturday, free webinar, school council from 1-4pm, Facebook on Alberta School Council
 - New field trip administrative procedure, more intense than prior, outlines risks for parents/caregivers, will require a new form be signed by all families, last one is void
 - Computers for teachers have arrived, installed soon
 - Superintendent and Board visit, Jim, Darla and Michelle November 22
 - Will go over PTA results at next meeting with survey results (January, 2024)
 - Grade 4 and 5 will go caroling, working out the location
 - No update on the exterior signage, but Darla suggested approaching the Board
 - Looking at a VES parade float, will need to determine a plan, ie truck and trailer or side by sides, support the community, VES families
 - Proposed combining parent council meetings with JR Robson
 - Family night to be reviewed for February, 2024
- Correspondence/notes

- None
- Outstanding business
 - Reminder that Parent Council is here to be helpful
 - Draft a form, parent engagement, place on FB, link sent through text and email?
 - How to connect new families
 - Welcome package? Family game night, borrow games from VIBE
 - Reading to Residents, application through AHS at the Lodge
- Adjournment and set next meeting date
 - Adjourned at 7:39pm.
 - January 25th, 2024 6:30pm
 - April 25th, 2024 6:30pm
 - May 23rd, 2024 6:30pm