

Vermilion Elementary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024 6:30pm

- Call to order
 - 6:33pm meeting called to order by Susan McCulley, in-person
- Introductions
- In attendance: Susan McCulley, Sheila Doherty, Adrienne Joa, Darla Yonkman, Kirsten Burns, Rochelle Horne, Jim King, Dawn Newberry, Jerri-Lyn Visser
- VES Bouquets
 - Christmas concert, filled auditorium, practising at home, long distance access for families to watch
 - Grade 3 G. McCormick substitute
 - Board meeting, Goota was brought up by JR
- Review of last meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved, update to last name Joa
- Additions/Changes to the Agenda
 - AI questions, students need to be age 13 to use it
- Board Report
 - Board creating a parent presentation on AI, how to use it, what constitutes cheating
 - Share with Council
 - Board meeting was yesterday, made a motion on school calendar
 - Learning Day January 31 at JR Robson, guest speaker Morgan Mitchell with Trustees
 - Enrollment up 25 students, most in Wainwright and Vermilion Outreach
 - Four sessions Feb 6, 12, 28 and 29
 - Student engagement JR Robson, Kitscoty high and Wainwright – Indigenous and Diversity training were the topics
 - East Central, joint meetings with health and safety concerns and calendars
 - Transportation, three new routes, two filled of the three, Feb 5th start (Question regarding bus cancellations, responsibility of the driver, can be the bus won't start, will try and find their own sub driver)
 - Policy committee, superintendent policy updated
 - Code of Conduct policy reviewed
 - Travel policy, reviewed, precautionary/warning in light of Italy/Spain high school trip upcoming this spring

- Alberta Rural Education symposium in March, Jim will attend, rural boards and education problems the schools face
 - Staffing update at VES with
 - Motion passed to keep caretaker at VES
 - Secretary sharing everything
 - BTPS and Lakeland College dual credit
 - Board is doing a workshop in April
 - Stakeholder meeting, board meeting, ATA meeting, CUPE meeting, board budget meeting, staff appreciation, forecast enrollment figures
 - Capital plan upcoming
- Administrator's Report
 - Outdoor rink is in use
 - Swimming starts in March
 - Science Fair Feb 21
 - Celebration of Learning February 28 with Book Fair
 - Intentional purchase of books to be inclusive
 - Highland dancers, Ukranian dancers have been contacted
 - Highland dancers coming for next assembly
 - Next week is AR celebration day, guest readers from community, Tuesday, January 30th, afternoon will be Book Bingo in the gym, everyone will win their choice of a book
 - BTPS literacy challenge in February, activities for the school
 - Staffing update, grade 3 teaching replacement **Mackenna Gallagher**, music background
 - Kirsten Evans moved on, Rebecca Watling new to VIB, grade 6 students shared a day
 - Two student teachers, Melanie Rogers and Bailey **Bikowich**
 - Assurance document – review of slides on screen
 - Students are prepared for life after grade 12, global citizenship, continue to work with community partners, building relationships with Indigenous and Metis communities, three staff leading with five minute learning sessions, focus on Metis last year
 - Grade 6 students share Seven Grandfather Teachings and share an acknowledgement statement
 - Year end trip at Metis Crossing
 - Increase of 16% of students modeling good citizenship
 - Students demonstrate strong literacy and numeracy skills, required assessment and optional assessments to review programming and interventions and HLAT writing assignments
 - Above provincial average on the Provincial Achievement Tests
 - Overall 94.3% are satisfied with overall learning at V.E.S.
 - Right learning experiences from highly effective staff

- Each teacher is required to write a plan for individual learning for themselves, long range plan also created
 - Growth plans aligned with VES and BTPS and TQS or LQS
 - Innovation coaches, Mathology was introduced, used as a resource
 - Google classroom and Hapara taught to become good digital citizens
 - Students learning in inclusive spaces, service providers, literacy mirrors diversity, ensure all students experience all activities
 - Supporting through breakfast and hot lunch program
 - Buddy classes building relationships between different age groups
 - 96.5% of parents, students and teachers agree VES is a safe space
 - Health and wellness, physical and emotional health, VIBE is thriving, well known within the province
 - Research based instruction and interventions, in class or an external space, own teacher can break out in to intervention groups
 - Building partnerships across division, community and parents
 - Mentorship program with University of Calgary, University of Alberta and Lakeland College, includes international practicum students
 - Social media page on Facebook, monthly newsletter
 - Working on relationship with JR Robson and the Learning Hub
 - Over 81.8% of parents and teachers are satisfied with parental involvement in decisions about child's education
- Correspondence/notes
 - Mail for Candance (Treasurer)
- Outstanding business
 - Family game night? Mannville School is hosting one for their school
 - Digital Escape Room
 - Large games, FCSS or VIBE
 - Funding from Alberta School Council
 - April 25th for family event in conjunction with Parent Council meeting
 - Celebration of Learning, set up there instead
- Adjournment and set next meeting date
 - Susan adjourned 8:05pm
 - April 25th, 2024 6:30pm
 - May 23rd, 2024 6:30pm