**École Morinville Public School Council**

Minutes

École Morinville Public School ***March 4, 2024***

Morinville Public School Council acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

(Attendees: ***Courtney Derouin, Kendra Thompson, Aimee Blanchette, Michelle Keller, Stacey Buga, Megan Knahs)***

1. Call to order: ***Courtney Derouin chair calls to order at 6:03pm***

1. Adoption of Agenda: ***Motion by* Michelle Keller *to adopt agenda as AMENDED. Amended as removing the Vice Principal and Teacher Reports. Carried unanimously.***

1. Approval of Minutes: ***Motion by* Michelle Keller *to adopt minutes as PRESENTED.***  ***Carried unanimously.***
2. Principal Report
   * March parent-teacher interviews will be on March 18 and 20.
     1. Parents will be getting an email to book time slots for interviews next week.
     2. Book Fair will be happening that week as well.
   * Book flicks: Set up by Madam Workman- displays favorite book picks (ex. a teacher’s favorite book) for students to see.
   * Neon Day is March 21 and we will be having Winter Carnival on the 21 as well. Watch for volunteer opportunities.
   * Sturgeon Night of Music is on April 22, 2024. We have 52 students in choir who will be attending Sturgeon Night of Music with Ms. Straughan. Ms. Straughan will communicate with families regarding tickets once she receives more information.
   * Spring Concert dates: April 9 for French Immersion. April 16 and 17 for the rest of the school. From pre-k to Grade 4. Need to know ticket limits for capacity. We do not know ticket limits yet. Will be sending out information on tickets once we determine this.
   * Our next character education assembly is on March 15.
   * We will be moving forward with Edge for spring photos. Edge can do Kindergarten cap and gown pictures. Will share the dates for those. Will also look for parent feedback on what the quality is like regarding using Edge.
     1. Big deciding factor: they have been with Camilla for a long time. One of the other companies we were looking at, another school had used in the fall and are now looking for new company for next year. Edge has family packages available as well.
   * Courtney Derouin had shared a lead on a company that may be willing to donate sand to our playground. Kendra Thompson is engaging with company regarding different scenarios that they may be willing to participate in. It was estimated to cost $30,000 to replace sand, but that didn’t include removal of old sand. Another option is to mix new sand with the old sand.
     1. There are new directors in place at trustee level- looking at how to support schools better with things we have done in the past like playground sand and rototilling same so it wouldn’t get so impacted. Sand at MPS was rototilled however quality of sand and amount of children playing on it every day is having a large impact on the sand in our playground.
     2. Looking into rubber tarmac options and quote for same. Prep work for same (ex. concrete, rebar) would impact cost of that to be implemented in our playground.
3. Trustee Report
   * Trustee talk is online
   * Have chosen an Edwin Parr nominee- 1st Year teacher who is performing excellent teaching within Alberta. Chris Jansen at Sturgeon Comp was nominated.
   * Student Advisory committee was done last week. Students from every junior high and high school level come together- done in combination with Parent Engagement night. AR reports from surveys guide questions to receive feedback from students and parents regarding questions or concerns parents and students are wishing to focus on.
   * Council of School Council is next week.
   * Will be working on education plan and 3 year plan right away.
   * Announcement was made of proposed new schools. Nothing North of Edmonton proposed. Mostly centered around Edmonton and Calgary Areas.
   * Current Education Minister is dedicated to listening. Engaging well with trustees and the fact that he is willing to do that is promising/positive.
   * Looking into what the French Immersion program looks like. The current first EMPS French Immersion group is now in Grade 10 (9 students). The French Immersion program is a solid program that is continuing throughout the grades and is very promising.
   * Wanting a sign for EMPS! Facilities is working on it. When we changed our name to Ecole Morinville Public School, it was brought to the board. This did not follow procedure- didn’t go through community engagement, etc. Wanting to make a new school sign and want to make sure that we have the right name on it. Majority of other French Immersion Schools do not include Ecole at the beginning of their name. Our 12 year old vinyl sign needs to be replaced. Do we want our name to be Ecole Morinville Public School or Morinville Public School. Since it came to the board to change it to EMPS, it needs to go back to the board to be changed back to MPS if that’s what we want to do. French Immersion is an important part of our programing. Do parents/French Immersion families and teachers want that? Parent Council members suggested communication with the French Immersion families as to what they would prefer.
4. Chair Report
   * ASCA AGM April 28- one school council member may attend as the voting delegate
   * Proposal to send either Courtney Derouin or Kelsey Soparlo (whoever is interested) using our grant money ($29)
5. Adjournment: ***Motion by* Courtney Derouin *to adjourn at 6:29pm. Carried unanimously.***

Next meeting: April 8, 2024 at 6pm