

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council Meeting

February 15, 2023, in the NS Staff Room

Land Acknowledgment: *In a spirit of truth and reconciliation we would like to acknowledge that our meeting tonight takes place on the traditional land of the Blackfoot people.*

Call to order: 6:32 pm by Tisha E

Welcome/Acknowledgment & Introductions: Dawn Walmsley, Steve Woodcock, Lindsay O., Tisha E., Karma V., Lisa S., Keith M., Sarah H., Locke S., Jeanine M

Approval of Agenda: Karma V. and Keith M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Could not be approved because the minutes have not been submitted.

Teacher Classroom Update: Mrs. Bingham & Miss Finnie, Grade 1

Learning about number bonds and fact families; a new curriculum, a different way to learn addition and subtraction. Kids are loving working with the jewels. Students are getting ready to master basic addition and subtraction using decks of cards, dice and dominoes. Working on literacy, writing about 'small moments'.

Reports:

a. **Admin Report:** Dawn Walmsley and Stephen Woodcock

Dawn:

- Thank you for the Staff Appreciation Treats!
- Assurance Survey for Parents of grade 4 students will arrive in the mail shortly with the option to complete online. The percentage of families that complete this survey is very low, hoping families will take the time to fill out the surveys this year to obtain more accurate statistics.
- Registration starts Feb 27th- Please return your forms asap and encourage anyone with a kindergarten age child to register.
- Ed 2500 student teachers in classrooms, PS II student coming in March to Ms. Howe's classroom.
- No School February 20th-24th.
- Teacher's Convention February 23rd & 24th
- Report Cards coming out March 10th
- March 15th & 16th- Canadian Heritage and Science Project Showcase. 22 Science entries and 6 Heritage Fair entries from NS.
- Dawn announced her retirement. The Associate Superintendent will reach out to Tisha to get parent feedback for the new principal profile soon.

Steve:

- March 15th & 16th- Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
- March 16th from 6:00-7:00pm Celebration of Learning, celebrates student learning in the core subjects. Parents are welcome to come see what their children have been working on.
- March 17th - No School. Site based Professional Learning.
- Compassion Assembly
- Basketball Wrap Up
- Lead Numeracy teacher will be in school to work with several teachers.
- Vertical surface Math work; 'think boards', assign students to random groups where they work together to solve math problems using a non permanent work surface. Dawn and Steve had all in attendance try the think boards out to solve a math problem.

b. **Treasurer Report:** Lacey M.- Absent, Tisha presented. Did staff appreciation today, gave out Made Good treats with a poem and a Gatorade, cost \$103.44, have \$217 remaining in the budget for the last staff appreciation. Candygrams made \$935.35, spent \$343.65 for a profit of \$591.70.

c. **Financial Requests:**

Ask for funds (\$150) to be used to purchase prizes for the dance-a-thon, also, funds (\$38) to purchase to buy bags for fundraiser events for easier distribution. Tisha motioned, all agreed.

d. **Events:**

Candygrams did well; there were enough donations for every student to receive a candygram. Made just under \$600. Recognition of Lindsay for helping us to remember to make Halal candygrams to be inclusive-this was well received from all parents. Staff appreciation coming up in February, Kernels fundraiser starting February 16th. Subway hot lunch in March.

e. **District Council Report:** Lindsay O'Brien/Locke Spencer

There wasn't a district council meeting due to the Town Hall.

f. **Trustee Report:** Genny Steed

g. **Executive Council Report:** Christine Lee

h. **Old Business:**

i. **New Business:**

Dance-a-thon in March, a few businesses have donated prizes. Setting up Booster Juice for April. Need meeting minutes from January to post to the website.

Karma V: A complicated medical situation that occurred a few weeks ago in the school and caused "mini lockdown". She is wondering at what point should parents be notified when these types of situations occur. Dawn said when a threat to students is involved then parents are always notified.

Locke S: Regional Science fair March 31st and April 1st. Music and band program at G.S Lakie in danger of not continuing due to low enrolment, asked if Dawn and Steve could reach out to Lakie to see if they will come present to the grade 5 students about the programs offered. Dawn said she would.

Future Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

Motion to Adjourn: By Karma V at 8:00, seconded by Lisa.