

Nicholas Sheran Council Meeting

March 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm, 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: Tisha at 6:34pm

Welcome/Acknowledgment & Introductions: Dawn W., Steve W., Lindsay O, Tisha E, Locke S., Karma V., Genny S., Jaime T., Sarah., Christine L.

Approval of Agenda: Karma V., Lindsay second

Approval of previous meeting Minutes: Tisha E., Karma V. second.

Teacher classroom update: Grade 4-Ms. Thompson

-have been working on informational writing, focusing on details and fine paragraph writing. In daily reading groups, seeing a huge improvement. In math, wrapping up numbers up to 10k. Now moving into fractions, multiplication and division. Science, simple machines and machines that move. Plant growth is taught in grade 4, looking into grants for outdoor gardens. Social studies, regions and the history of Alberta.

Reports:

- a. **Admin Report:** Dawn W. and Stephen W.

Dawn:

- Report cards have gone out- please contact the office if you are having difficulty viewing yours.
- Our Breakfast Program continues to be an important part of our students' days. We have received several more donations from community members including Home Hardware, Lethbridge Meats and Seafoods, and we now have a partnership with the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. We did a bread distribution yesterday after school and all the baked goods were gone within 15 minutes to families. We also received an additional \$2000 from Division Wellness programs.
- Celebration of Learning Thursday evening. We will have computers available to view report cards, and to help with the online assurance surveys (due March 24th.)
- Partnering with a U of L Drama class to work with students in writing plays.
- Project fair- Judging today, students will be viewing the projects today and tomorrow. They will be up for Celebration of Learning. Regional science fair is March 31, April 1 at Lethbridge College, and is open to all students K-12.
- Our student numbers for next year are looking promising. We hope to be able to keep the same number of staff.

- Our Family Support team will be meeting with administrators to talk about community trends affecting vulnerable families across the division. In an effort to support families they want to ensure we have access to the most up to date information on community services, timelines, subsidies and availability of resources. They are also curious about our experiences in supporting families and if there is anything they as the Family support team can be doing to support us better.

Steve:

- Staff will be working on learning about the Foundational Skills Interview for Numeracy. This “interview” helps identify strengths and challenges students may have in numeracy, and helps teachers plan accordingly.
- Numeracy Block- what does it look like/what are the components.
- Thinking Routines-a way to encourage students to encourage a deeper level of thinking. Steve had those in attendance at the council meeting try out a thinking routine exercise.
- Mission Impossible-Will be in May
- Grade 9 Volunteerism-Partnered with Victoria Park High School, students will be coming every Tuesday working with students on a shared art project.

b. **Treasurer Report:** Lacey M. (Tisha E. will read report)- Purchased dance a thon prizes, motion to ask for \$14.04 to cover additional funds for prizes, for a total of \$164.04 Tisha motioned, passed unanimously.

c. **Financial Requests:** Tisha asked for \$30 for decorations for dance-a-thon from council discretionary funds. Tisha motioned, passed unanimously.

d. **Events:** Dance-a-thon, March 28th Prizes donated by Shoppers Drug Mart, The Movie Mill/Soda Shop, Crossings Dental, Lethbridge Fresh Fruit, Kernels Popcorn and Nicholas Sheran Parent Council.

e. **District Council Report:** Lindsay O

Parent Engagement Session: Cheryl Gilmore went over the results from the town hall. The feedback loops are all posted on the division website under Community Engagement-Survey Results-Town Hall results.

There is currently a budget tool activity posted on the website, parents can complete the activity, prioritizing where they would like to see funds being allocated throughout the division.

Kevin McBeath, ATA Union Representative presented info about the Stand for Education group. They are a group who represents parents and teachers who want the best for our kids education. They encourage parents to sign up on their website to receive updates about upcoming election and questions to ask candidates about the education system in Alberta.

The board is looking for parent input on qualities they are looking for in a new superintendent. They can email board trustees or contact parent council.

Upcoming parent learning sessions are: April: finance (reviewing the budget).

May: Career exploration off campus (dual credit, work experience etc.)

Next district council meeting: April 3, 2023.

Locke asked about new distance requirements for bussing. Christine: Government has changed the eligibility for busing from 2.4km, to 1km for students in k-6. 2.4km to 2km for students in grades 7-12. This is going to require a lot more busses on the road, more drivers etc. The division has until fall 2024 to implement.

f. Trustee Report: Genny S.

Last board meeting the members had a presentation to further their understanding about how the PUF and other similar program supports for students are funded and how they work. This info is posted on the live stream of the last board meeting at 1 hour 10 minutes and 55 seconds mark on the recorded video. This can be found on the Division website or YouTube channel.

Reviewing policies, updated policies suspensions and expulsions and inclusive learning supports, at previous meeting.

Boundary review committee is meeting to review boundaries with the new school opening in Garry Station in fall of 2024/25

g. Executive Council Report: Christine L.

March 28th board meeting, presenting capital plan. Received money for Galbraith modernization.

419 people filled out budget allocation tool

h. Old Business: Society account is closed, \$1116.26 has been transferred from old society account to the parent council account. Successful Kernels Day and Subway hot lunch.

i. New Business: Booster Juice for April. Need meeting minutes from January to post to the website. Locke has sent the minutes to Jeanine.

Future Meeting Date: April 19, 2023

Motion to Adjourn: Tisha motions, Locke seconds at 8:15pm