

## Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @6:30pm 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 6:32pm

**Welcome/Acknowledgment & Introductions:** Dawn W., Steve W., Lindsay O., Tisha E., Karma V., Megan L., Locke S., Pat B., Michelle R., Bret T.

**Approval of Agenda:** Lindsay O, Locke S. Second

**Approval of previous meeting Minutes:** Tisha E., Lindsay O. Second

**Teacher classroom update:** Ms. Lewis and Ms. Rhodes-Grade 2

Literacy activity-Fly Leaf phonics-based learning resource, for pre-reading

Word chains activity-make words with letter cards and sounding out the words.

### Reports:

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

#### **Dawn:**

Celebration of Learning was very well attended with positive feedback from families. Some feedback was that the event could be longer for next time.

*Collaborative Communities* allows teachers to create a group of their own interest and share it throughout the division, happens twice per year. PL afternoon, worked on prelim reflections on the year (numeracy and literacy)

Grade 1 Boost programming, provided by AB gov't for grades 2, 3,4 teacher provided half day to work with small groups in literacy ad numeracy interventions. Funds will continue for next year.

Preliminary staffing discussions for education assistants, caretakers, admin. EEP programs have been cut from 10 to 5, will only be one (afternoon) program here at Nicholas Sheran next year.

School Supply Lists will not be sending out school supply lists next year; the school will order the supplies and then will charge the parents a flat fee to cover the supplies.

#### **Steve:**

-Indigenous cultural celebration at the school on Tuesday

-Spirit of 51 Initiative to recognize support staff, caretakers were nominated by admin and by head caretaker

-New administrative Support staff-Tracy Wieler

-April assembly, junior and senior choirs and handbells performed and upcoming assembly June 7, hope to have it outside, weather permitting

-G.S Lakie and Fairbairn sharing info about band program to build interest for grade 5

-Administrators strategic planning day-based on information gathered at town hall and prioritized by the Board of Trustees

**b. Treasurer Report:** Lacey M.-Absent, Tisha presented. Purchased prizes for family fun challenge, purchased staff appreciation for admin staff, final staff appreciation spent \$63 for this. Have over \$13k in bank account. Used around \$7k this year.

c. Financial Requests: \$14 to cover GST for Booster Juice fundraiser, \$60 for gift card for carpenter for ball pit, \$165 for new gloves for handbells, motion to carry over pervious budgets where came in under, any excess from budget to be used for gaga ball pit if materials go over, but not to exceed \$200. Receive \$250 from division for a council member to attend ASCA conference in Edmonton, if not used for this, can be used towards parent engagement. Council would like to use this money for last parent council meeting in May to buy pizza and pop. Tisha motions for expenses, motion passes.

**d. Events:**

- Dance-a-thon was a big success. Met fundraising goal.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> is administrative appreciation day (2 office staff and 3 caretakers)
- May Family Fitness and staff appreciation

**e. District Council Report:** Lindsay O'Brien/Locke Spencer, division is providing email addressed for school chairs, and will pass from chair to chair.

**f. Trustee Report:** Genny S

**g. Executive council report:** Christine L

**h. Old Business:** Gaga ball pit update

**i. New Business:** Calibri fundraiser on now, Locke recognizes Mandy Chudobiak on her hard work with the regional science fair.

**Future Meeting Date:** May 17, 2023

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:25, Locke and Tisha