

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @6:30pm in Community Room

Call to Order: 6:38 by Sarah H.

WELCOME & Introductions: Brette T, Brandee B, Silvana C, Tisha E, Mandy C, Josh F, Anjalee, Monnu, Tyler, Lindsay, Meggen, Sarah, Aaron F, Steve W, Craig W, Karma V.S.

Any Additions: Spending \$500 parent inclusion grant – what it can be used for
Request for funding
Info from traffic safety meeting

Approval of AGENDA/Second: motion by Tisha, second from Monnu

Approval of MINUTES/Second: motion from Lindsay, second from Tyler

Grade level sharing: Grade 4 - Mme. Chudobiak, Mr. Firth, Anjalee practicum student.
The grade 4's are currently learning about building things using different materials ie: towers and things that roll.
We did an activity where we saw how tall we could build a tower using index cards.

Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

- **Safety Poster Contest Updates**
 - Teachers selected a Top 10; 2 posters from each grade level of submissions were entered to the contest.
 - Voting will take place this week in the Learning Commons during either book exchange time or Makerspace time.
 - Each student will be given one ticket, and they will vote for the poster they would like to win in the contest.
 - The Top 3 submissions will win prizes (store credit at the Book Fair in February). If the submission was a group (Grade 1 only), we will work with Mrs. Woods to recognize all contributors.
 - We will find a way to scan the Top 10 posters and share them on social media.

- **Staffing Updates**
 - Jenn Nihill has accepted the ongoing casual position as our Admin Support person in the front office. Mrs. Miklos has moved to the front desk, and Mrs. Nihill will be at the back desk while she's at work.
 - Ms. Avery Rex will be with us only until Thursday, February 15th, 2024, as Mrs. Danielle Murray has announced her return to her position. We anticipate some good days of transition where Ms. Rex and Mrs. Murray will collaborate and spend time with the students together. We anticipate Mrs. Murray's first day as the AM kindergarten teacher will be Monday, February 26, 2024.

- **Practicum Students (PSIII Internship)**
 - PSIII is the last internship for education students at the U of L, consisting of approximately 50% teaching load and 50% prep time/observation time
 - Interns participate in all school-based activities as though they are already working with the school
 - Duration of the internship is January 8 – April 19, 2024
 - Miss Lewis – Marty Gros Ventre Boy
 - Mrs. Wood – Emelia Sandhau
 - Ms. Gotgilf – Hayley Bedard
 - Mrs. Erickson – Ellie Saunders
 - Mme. Chudobiak – Anjalee Saggu
- In the hallway across from the community room a water line burst. Hopefully by tomorrow the area will be functioning. Then renos will have to start.
- **Kindergarten Registration opens January 22, 2024**
 - Please encourage families that have children born in 2019 to register ASAP whether for our program or another school's. Programming schedules/classes and staffing are based on numbers, so it is very helpful to have early registrations!
 - We will collect feedback on AM/PM/Full day M-W/Full day Tu/Th - there are no guarantees for which programs we will run.
 - The KinderCare pilot program may influence the structure of our kindergarten programming for 2024/2025 school year.
- **Grade 5 Basketball Updates**
 - Our Grade 5 Basketball Season is almost underway. Meetings and practices have been taking place since December. Our first game was today, Thursday, January 18.
- **February 7, Values Assembly**
 - 9:30am Start (might be changed to 9:45am, since we are getting more efficient with our timing)
 - Value focus: Responsibility (although all values are celebrated each assembly) ...the colour is green for Responsibility
 - Student presentation or performances are Grades 2 and 3
 - Parents/Guardians and family members notified by classroom teachers
- **Family Literacy Night (Reminder Only)**
 - More details to come!
 - Thursday, February 15, 6:00pm – 7:00pm here at the school
 - We do know that there will be a nutrition program fundraiser; family photos with a literacy-themed backdrop (like last year), for 5\$ each; all funds going to the nutrition program.

- **Project Fair (Reminder Only)**
 - March 12, 2024 - Information and Sign-Up Packages are now available in the office.
 - More details to come, but at this point we believe judging will take place on March 12, with students called down in the morning. Ms. Gotgilf has created a promotional video that will be shared in classrooms, and the staff are working out what the day will look like.

- **Town Hall – February 6, 2024**
 - Four Parent representatives from our school required
 - Two Elementary Grade 5 students from our school required
 - The Division will be hosting the annual Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, February 6, from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm. The town hall event will be an in-person event at Victoria Park (gymnasium).
 - The purpose of the town hall is to seek feedback to assist the Board of Trustees and Division in planning for the future. This year the topics will be a little different. We are going to try to make the topics a little more specific this year, so the feedback can be more targeted.

- **Celebration of Learning (Reminder Only)**
 - March 14, 2024 - This is in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews for the Spring reporting period.
 - March 14, 2024 – Friday bell times this day (dismissal at 12:35pm)

- **Important January / February Events**
 - January 11, 2024 – Division-Wide Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day
 - January 16, 2024 – School Travel Planning Committee, 5:30pm Community Rm
 - January 16, 2024 – School Council, 6:30pm in the Community Room – Grade Four Team presents (Thank you!)
 - January 18, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at NSES (4:15pm)
 - January 22, 2024 – Kindergarten Registration Opens for our school
 - January 23, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at NSES (4:15pm)
 - January 23, 2024 – Little Caesars Hot Lunch Day
 - January 24, 2024 – Bell Let's Talk Day
 - January 25, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at Park Meadows (4:15pm)
 - January 30, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at NSES (4:15pm)
 - January 31, 2024 – Project Fair Permission Forms Due
 - February 1, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at Dr. Plaxton (4:15pm)
 - February 2, 2024 – No School (School-based PL Day)
 - February 6, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at NSES (4:15pm)
 - February 7, 2024 – NS Values Assembly (9:30am) & Winter Walk Day
 - February 8, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball at Senator Buchanan (4:15pm)
 - February 9, 2024 – Grade 5 Basketball Tournament at Coalbanks (1:00pm)
 - February 12 – 15, 2024 – Book Fair (Learning Commons)

- February 13, 2024 – Taco Del Mar Orders DUE (10:00pm)
- February 14, 2024 – Pink Shirt Day
- February 15, 2024 – Family Literacy Night (6:00 – 7:00pm)
- February 19 – 23, 2024 – No School (Family Day, Break, Teachers' Convention)
- February 28, 2024 – Taco Del Mar Hot Lunch Day

Treasurer Report: Lacey M (Sarah H will read report). Current balance 7180.89

Financial requests: the school has skates for kids to wear when their classes go skating, but lots of the skates are rusted and really dull. Can we spend funds to get them cleaned and sharpened. Sport Check has given discounts in the past. Tisha will contact them to get a cost. Or maybe there's a business willing to sponsor the cost of that and getting helmets. Possibly Bert & Mac's. Monnu will check Bert & Mac's, Tisha will contact sport check. Sarah will contact play again sports, Hurricanes, and Kinsmen and Kinette's might be a good one to contact too.

Little Caesars donates 3 pizzas to the volunteers to the kids. We'd like to donate those 3 pizzas to the school staff. We'd like to use funds to buy enough pizza for all the staff (approx. 58 people).

Hot Lunch/Fundraising Report: Lindsay O.

Little Caesars just closed yesterday. 152 orders. Made just shy of \$140. Hot lunches aren't meant to make money.

Next hot lunch is Taco del Mar in February.

Edo in March

KFC in April

BP in May

Booster Juice in June

Bootsma made over \$800

Candygrams in February. Open orders 5th to 9th. \$2 for a bag of candy. Cash only.

Limit to 2 bags per student. Deliver on February 12th. Will make sure to have halal options.

Kernels in March

April ?

May dance a thon

June Kernels possibly.

Events: Literacy Night Feb 15th

Book Fair needs parent helpers

District Council Report: Monnu B. / Tyler W.

- December meeting – policy committee met and trustees voted that we could have more parents involved in that. Now 3 parent reps, 1 from elementary, mid, and high school.
- Parent education portion went over school calendar and how they pick dates for holidays, pd days, etc. they're currently working on the calendar for next year.
- January meeting – what we do with the Alberta School Council Engagement Allocation needs to be decided soon.
- Parent ed portion was on apprenticeship program and off campus education.
- Minutes are on the district website.

Trustee Report: Craig Whitehead

- Play and learn:
 - Rescinded policy on school nutrition. Only because it's more of a procedure, not a policy.
 - Decided to do a pilot project up to 3 schools for KinderCare program.
 - We're looking for different ways to keep kinder age kids in school all day.
 - If you go to Mhpsd.ca there's a section on Play and Learn. It has FAQ that will give you an idea of how Medicine Hat School does their program.
 - So kids would go to half day kinder, then to play and learn. Then they could take the bus home or parents could pick up after school.
 - There's no curriculum.
 - Med hat cost is \$285/month. we don't know what we would charge.
 - It'd follow the school schedule with the program not running on pd days and school holidays.
- Boundary changes – 1 big concern was about the Spanish program. There's another meeting for parents of children in the Spanish program to gather more data.
- Meeting minutes sent out to school chairs and can be accessed here:
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/board/board-meetings>
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/436462>
Here is the link to the most recent Division School Council meeting minutes:
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/438208>
- Previous request for feedback regarding school nutrition has been reviewed. Trustees have voted to rescind the policy and have the superintendent develop a procedure.

Executive Council Report: n/a

Old Business: n/a

New Business:

• BOOST Update

- Our BOOST Teacher is Mrs. Angie Smith
- 6 elementary schools identified for the program in our division
- Alberta Ed Funding reduced from last year to this year; no numeracy intervention planned
- UFLI and Alberta Education Phonics Program
- To start, Grades 2 & 3 students identified – around 40 students; attendance can complicate the intervention success, but we try either way
- Rotations of CORE phonics survey, interventions, assessments, and more interventions; meant to be cyclical, track progress, very nimble and responsive to student growth
- Future: hopefully in the future, Grade 1 will be incorporated into the intervention process; Grade 1 assessments taking place this month
- Similar process will take place, likely between April and June: assessments, interventions, and final assessments for the intervention program
- Parents receive a brief letter advising them of the intervention, and offering an “opt out” process if they do not wish for their child to receive the additional support
- Groups are fluid to best fit needs of students
- Mrs. Smith reports weekly to classroom teachers (shared document)
- Mrs. Smith picks students up from their rooms for the intervention

Motion to Adjourn/Second: motion from Lindsay, Monnu second