

# Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council

Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 @ 6:30pm in Community Room

Call to Order: Sarah at 6:31

**WELCOME & Introductions:** Tisha E, Karma VS, Megan Hogensen, Brette T, Lindsay O, Sarah H, Tyler W, Monnu B, Nicole H, Aaron F, Steve W, Danielle, Kerry, Ken,

**Any Additions:** New business: gaga ball pit, financial request, ASCA Courses,

Final staff appreciation last week. We came in under budget.

**Approval of AGENDA/Second:** motion by Tisha, second by Lindsay.

**Approval of MINUTES/Second:** Motion by Lindsay, second by Megan.

**Grade level sharing:** Kindergarten

Numeracy workstations – they do an activity called Wipe Out. Teachers are provided different opportunities to work with the students where they're at. Students write the number on a white board type paper then wipe it off.

Students practice counting then printing the numbers. They use tweezers to put 10 frames into a container for fine motor skills, then count the ten frames.

Read the book 10 black dots. It has pictures you can make with a certain number of dots. Had the kids come up with things they could make with any number of dots. Then they print the number of dots they used and write the letters used to spell that number.

Literacy workstations – if they're still working on letter sounds, they go on a letter hunt to find letters to spell a word. For students that are capable they choose images then they figure out how to spell it.

Rhyming cups. Letters on cups then you spin them to spell out rhyming words.

They have caterpillars and they're watching the lifecycle

Kindergarten night coming up for students who will be in kinder next year.

Kinder family celebration coming up.

Pet project. Talking about animals, how they move, their characteristic. What animals would make good pets. What animals would make a good pet for a classroom. The kids have to convince someone to 3d print a pet for their class and they'll make a habitat for it.

## Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

### Old Business

#### Staffing Processes – 2024/2025 School Year (Standing Item)

- The Staffing Process for teachers and support staff continues this spring.
- The positions we have advertised are: full-time Grade 2 (Probationary) as a new position, based on enrollment growth; this position addresses our Grade 1 bubble; full-time Grade 2 (Temporary) maternity leave for Mrs. Rhodes for most of next year; and, full-time Kindergarten (Temporary) maternity leave for the remainder of Mrs. Fujikawa’s maternity leave (approx. Sept – Dec, 2024). Hiring is not yet finished yet for the maternity leave positions, but we can announce that we hired Mr. Nolan Jacob into the full-time Grade 2 position for next school year.
- On the support staff side, we have posted 3 Team EA positions (29.5 hours/week), and 1 Kindergarten EA position (29 hours/week).
- As with all hiring and spring human resources processes, we will continue with the staffing process until we are fully staff for next school year. We work closely with human resources throughout the process!

#### Registration – 2024/2025 School Year (Standing Item)

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Current 23/24 Enrollment Numbers</b>	<b>Projected 24/25 Enrollment Numbers</b>
<b>KG</b>	52	55
<b>1</b>	72	62
<b>2</b>	61	79
<b>3</b>	70	67
<b>4</b>	56	75
<b>5</b>	60	61
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>399</b>

#### 2024-2025 Grade Level Configurations

- Kindergarten – 3 Programs
- Grade 1 – 3 Classes
- Grade 2 – 4 Classes
- Grade 3 – 3 Classes
- Grade 4 – 3 Classes
- Grade 5 – 3 Classes (am); 2 Classes (pm)

- This may also change based on actual enrollment in the fall or funding for enrollment growth from the province.
- We've asked to be on the priority list for consideration around an afternoon grade 5 teacher.

#### School Division – Spring Budgeting (Standing Item)

- On Tuesday, May 21, Lethbridge School Division will present its preliminary operating budget for 2024/2025.
- The public presentation will begin at 1 p.m. inside the Board Room at the Education Centre (Blackfoot Name Aakaipookaiski, Meaning: Many Children) at 433-15 St. S.
- A question-and-answer period will follow the formal presentation, which will include an opening from the Board of Trustees and a video presentation from the Division's Director of Finance.
- The preliminary budget meeting video presentation will be available online following the presentation.
- Parents/guardians/caregivers, members of the community and Division staff will also be able to have their say on the budget, by filling out an online feedback form, which will be launched following the public presentation. Feedback will be accepted until 9 a.m. on May 27

#### Staffing Updates

- Mr. Firth is on leave now. Ms. Birch continues in the role of Grade Four teacher for our students in Mr. Firth's classroom.
- Mrs. Wood is on leave now. Mr. Abel continues in the role of Grade Four/Five teacher for our students in Mrs. Wood's classroom.
- Miss Bedard (Hayley Bedard), is now teaching full-time in Mrs. Rhodes classroom, covering this first stretch of her leave, which will transition into a maternity leave once the baby comes.
- Mrs. Mead is retiring at the end of the school year. This is exciting for her, and it means that we added an added TEAM EA posting to our spring hiring rounds.

#### Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program (Pilot)

- In April, we updated you on this free parent learning program.
- It did not move forward due to not enough parent interest in doing this learning.
- The Mental Health Capacity Building team is undeterred; they will plan to pilot this program next year in another way. It might not be at our school, but that is okay. They are hoping to give their trained staff experience delivering the program.

## Admin Report & New Business

### Assurance Plan Feedback

- Template has shifted for this year.
- Looking forward to gathering feedback on the document.

### KinderCare

- Updates on the KinderCare Pilot Program
- Currently 18 families have preregistered
- We will be working with HR to determine staffing for this program
- Location will be the former Nikki's Den classroom

### Welcome to Kindergarten / Welcome to Grade One Nights

- Thursday, June 6
- Both events are aimed at families; we would like to orient the new kinder students and new grade one students to the school
- Families will leave with small packages that have some clever ideas for activities over the summer to prepare for new big steps in the fall
- These ideas came out of collaborative conversations with teachers
- A lot of complex factors are keeping students at home as opposed to getting them into kindergarten; we also notice that if parents know a few more things about what to expect, they can prepare themselves and their future students.
- Welcome to Kindergarten
  - 5:30 – 6:30pm
  - Kindergarten Classrooms
- Welcome to Grade One
  - 6:00 – 7:00 pm
  - Gymnasium

### Important March / April Events

- May 20 – No School (Victoria Day)
- May 21 – Professional Learning Day (No school for students)
- May 21 – School Travel Planning Meeting (5:30pm)
- May 21 – School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
- June 3 – Grade One Field Trip
- June 4 – Grade Five (and Grade Four / Five) Field Trip
- June 5 – NSES Values Assembly (9:30am)

- June 5 – G. S. Lakie Music Tour (11:50am)
- June 6 – Grade Two Year-End Field Trip
- June 6 – Welcome to Kindergarten Night (5:30pm – 6:30pm)
- June 6 – Welcome to Grade One Night (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
- June 10 – Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
- June 12 – Grade 3 Year-End Field Trip
- June 12 – Grade Four Year-End Field Trip
- June 14 – Talent Show
- June 18 – Sports Day and Colour Run
- June 19 – Sports Day and Colour Run (Backup Date, weather)
- June 20 – Grade Five (and Grade Four/Five) Field Trip
- June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- June 25 – Last Day for EEP and Kindergarten
- June 26 – Last Day of School for Students (12:35pm Dismissal)

**Treasurer Report:** Lacey M (Sarah H will read report)

\$15,298.57 in bank currently

**Financial requests:** learning commons proposal for books, she requested \$350 would could buy 23 books. Nicole makes a motion to give the learning commons \$350 to buy new books. All in favour.

**Hot Lunch/Fundraising Report:** Lindsay O. last hot lunch was kfc 135 orders. We made \$126 profit.

Dance a thon: we raised 6425.22. most of the prizes were donated so we made a profit of 6244.19.

Little ceasars pizza kits. We sold 112 kits. We made \$572 from that.

We spent \$47.37 on freezies for the colour run.

**District Council Report:** Monnu B / Tyler W

Division website has policies that are up for review. You can provide feedback. Those will also be emailed out so people are aware when policies are up for review.

At the ASCA meeting we have to vote on each recommendation. We were unaware of that this year, so just a heads up for next year.

**Trustee Report:**

· Meeting minutes sent out to school chairs and can be accessed here:  
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/board/board-meetings>

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

GAGA BALL PIT – we’re going to pause setting up gaga ball pit until mission impossible is done. Gaga ball will be part of gym class at first so kids can build skills and learn safety while playing. They’re debating if they want it in the gym or outside.

ASCA courses:

School Council Purpose – June 11<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm

The Work of School Council – June 17<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

Nicholas Sheran School Council Bank Account move to school management next steps.

Consider:

- How do we want to receive the money
- How do we want to decide what to spend the money on
- Closing the bank account

Society update and next steps. We need to have a society AGM no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Positions are 1 year terms (from one AGM to the next AGM).

- Find out how much insurance would cost.
- Put in the money that you took out. When we closed the society account, put back what we took out.

Positions of Society:

Chair, co-chair, Min 6 people, max 10

Secretary, treasurer, 2 directors at large. You can have sub committees as well. Directors are principal and staff rep.

Same positions on parent council.

**Motion to Adjourn/Second:** motion by Lindsay, second by Nicole at 8:15