

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council Annual

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 17th 2024 @6:30pm in Community Room

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Purpose of School Council (ASCA website):

School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board.

Call to Order: Sarah H. @ 6:34

WELCOME & Introductions: Stephanie P, Claire M., Trisha M., Nicole H., Tisha E., Megan L., Karma V., Monnu B., Tyler W., Meggen H., Sarah H., Lindsay O., Jodie N., Talayna Z., Aaron F., Stephen W.

Review Financials from last year: Currently have \$13849.19 in the account right now with no liabilities.

Disbursements:

Numeracy night:	\$250	Discretionary: (Pizza for staff)	\$154.75
Literacy night:	\$250	Learning commons: (to purchase books)	\$350
Colour run freezies	\$47.37	Staff appreciation:	\$174.75
Danca-a-thon	\$159.11	Bank fees:	\$56.00
Teacher big asks	\$1226.43	Cheques:	\$25.00
Class allotments	\$4500		
Niki's den	\$250		
Mr. Sheedy	\$250	TOTAL:	7693.41

Provincial engagement grant (\$500) was used in June 2024 towards webinars: school council.purpose and the.work.of.school.council \$420 total. \$19.95 fee paid for Monnu B. to attend ASCA AGM.

Set year schedule:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

May 2025 for next AGM

AGM Elections of Officers:

Chairperson: Lindsay O. nominates Sarah H. Passed

Co-Chairperson: Sarah H. nominates Lindsay O. Passed

Secretary: Sarah H. nominates Brett T. Passed

Treasurer: Tisha E. nominates Stephanie P. Passed

Division Council Reps: Voting rep Tyler W. and nonvoting rep Tisha E./ Monnu B.

Committees:

Hot Lunch: Stephanie P., Meggen H., Lindsay O

Events & Staff Appreciation: Tisha E. Staff appreciation. Lindsay O., Karma V., Sarah H., Monnu B. for events

Motion to Adjourn/Second: Tisha E., Nicole H. 7:00 pm

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Call to order: Sarah at 7:00pm

In attendance: Stephanie P., Claire M., Trisha M., Nichole H., Tisha E., Megan L., Karma V., Monnu B., Tyler W., Talayna Z., Meggen H., Jodi N, Lindsay O., Sarah H., Stephen W., Aaron F., Owen S., Nadia B.

Any Additions: Staff appreciation to be discussed under financial requests.

Approval of AGENDA/Second: Tyler W., Monnu B. second.

Approval of MINUTES/Second: Lindsay O., Meggen H second.

Grade level sharing: Owen Sheedy- Music and choir. Owen teaches music to grades 1-5, no room in schedule for kindergarten this year. Each class gets music for 1 ½ per week.

Starting Monday October 7, grade 4 handbells

Starting Tuesday, September 24 Jr. choir (grades 1 and 2)

Starting Wednesday, October 9 grade 5 handbells

Starting Thursday, September 26 Sr. choir (grades 3,4,5)

All practices start at 8am in the morning. Fall and spring semesters.

Sr choir invited to sing at the Mayor's Christmas concert on December 7 at 7pm. School is on a 4-year rotation of performances; this year is a spring concert on May 14 and 15th. NO talent show this year.

Nadia Britton – Learning Support creates extra support for more complex learners at the school. There are three students in Niki's den this year. Nadia is helping complex learners at 2 other schools as well. Nadia works with Owen in the choir programs and can't wait to work with the students again this year and share her joy for music and learning.

Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

School Startup:

- Staggered went well from our perspective. We will take feedback!
- Meet the Staff Night (September 11) went well. We had a good turn out and we thank everyone for coming from our staff to our parents! We hope you enjoyed that.
- Picture Day was September 16 (yesterday) and thank you to Mrs. Elford who ran the ship.
- Assemblies: Will continue to be open to spectators. We will ask teachers to directly invite parents. We are trying to have both morning and afternoon assemblies so both kindergarten classes will have access. These will be added to the school calendar as they are finalized!
- Bookmobile: We anticipate it coming to our school again this year. It is currently under repair – we anticipate its return!

Student population totals & class size ranges:

- Average class size of about 19.7; ranging from 18/19 for our AM grade five classes, all the way up to 28 for our PM grade five classes. Most classes are in the 19-23 range. All three kindergarten classes are currently at 18. Total students in the school including EEP is 396 (last year our total school population was 389).

Grades	Enrollment Numbers
KG	54
1	64
2	76
3	61
4	66
5	57

Staffing Update:

- We had some changes between spring and fall! Our staff list looks like this:
 - Kindergarten team: Danielle Murray, Stephanie Reid (Ashley Fujikawa on leave)
 - Grade one team: Deb Bingham, Mallory Finnie, Hayley Bedard
 - Grade two team: Jen Mikilak, Keely Boschee, Nolan Jacob, Tyra Pols (Michelle Rhodes on leave)
 - Grade three team: Crystal Niven, Angie Smith, Megan Lewis
 - Grade four team: Lee Ann Howe, Mandy Chudobiak, Jessica Holmes (Josh Firth on leave)

- Grade five team: Brittney Erickson, Anna Gotgilf, Avery Rex
- Learning Support team: Erin Beekman, Nadia Britton (new, shared role), Chelsey Morden
- Music teacher: Owen Sheedy
- Our Early Education Program Manager (PM only) is Mrs. Angie Smid. Our KinderCare Program Lead is Mrs. Deb Zeck.
- We have an amazing complement of support staff at our school this year, and we value all their contributions to our school!

Alberta Education Assessments:

- On September 12, we sent an email to parents of K-3 families regarding the mandatory Alberta Education Assessments from the Government of Alberta.
- "We would like to inform you that the Provincial Screening Assessments for literacy and numeracy will begin this week and continue until September 27th across Alberta. These assessments, selected by the Government of Alberta, are designed to help teachers identify students who may need additional support and to track learning progress throughout the school year. For the 2024-25 school year, there will be three assessment periods: September, January, and May for students in Grades 1 through 3. Kindergarten students will be assessed only in January. This change from the previous schedule, which included assessments in September and June, aims to provide a more comprehensive view of student progress."
- Our school has already started conducting these mandatory assessments, and we will continue gathering data and inputting results until the September 27th deadline.
- We learned that we do not need to do the numeracy screening assessment with Grades 4 and 5 in the fall, but it likely needs to be done in the spring. Grades 4 and 5 will do Fountas and Pinnell testing in October and November.
- There is a schedule of assessment throughout the year for Grades 1, 2, and 3.

Bussing Updates:

- We have updated routes and three buses this year; W3 is new.
- We have a new drop off and pick up location beyond the pathway.
- Seems to be going smoothly!
- W3 is very full right now. We have emailed Southland to let them know.
- Any feedback or questions on the buses?

Boundary Changes (Fall 2025):

- We have no information to share now.

- We were told that everyone would know by November at the latest!
- It is possible that the Board will announce a decision earlier than that. We do not anticipate knowing the outcome of the school board's decision before the broader community knows.
- Thank you for your patience as you know that any of the three most likely scenarios will impact our school.

Terry Fox Walk:

- Upcoming on Friday, September 20.
- We are currently at \$624.20 between online and cash donations.
- We have blown through our goal already and we still have three days of fundraising!
- Mrs. Beekman and Miss Lewis have been updating the staff on our route. Probe and MMH will join us, and if you want to volunteer, please reach out to your teacher!

Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

- Division-wide Orange Shirt Day is September 27
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Monday, September 30
- This is a non-instructional day on our calendar
- Indigenous Announcements will be on Thursdays this school year

Nutrition Grant, Breakfast Club, Snack Club:

- Very similar to last year; Mrs. Vallee is our lovely contractor again this year
- Mindful Munchies continues to be our lunch provider (Lethbridge Food Bank)
- Many other community agencies support our nutrition programming as well
- We did receive a similar grant amount as last year

School Based Care Team:

- Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Kitagawa
- Mondays will be our 'switch' days this school year!
- Family Support referrals, WAM Bags

Grade level engagement for the year:

- September – Owen Sheedy, Nadia Britton
- October – Grade one
- November – Kindergarten

- January – Grade three
- March – Grade two
- April – Grade four
- May – Grade five

School Goals and Assurance Plan / Results Report:

- [459745 \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](https://459745.lethsd.ab.ca) Assurance Plan
- ns.lethsd.ab.ca/download/433579 Results Report
- Aaron and Steve can share at any time the School Assurance Plan document that was created in the spring. We will have time to make some adjustments for this school year, as needed, and take feedback. It can be found on the school's website under About Us.

School Fees:

- Mrs. Miklos has posted these to School Cash Online
- \$35 supply fee; \$5 handbells; \$5 choir; \$5 technology fee
- Please let us know if you have any questions!

Important Events:

- September 19 & 20 – Administrator's Symposium
- September 20 – Terry Fox Walk
- September 27 – Division-Wide Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 – Non-instructional day; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 3 – Indigenous Education West Elementary Schools Family Bingo Night
- October 4 – Cram the Car
- October 14 – Non-instructional day; Thanksgiving
- October 15 – School Council Meeting
- October 21 – 25 – Parent/Teacher Conference Week and Professional Learning; We will send a detailed plan for the week

Treasurer Report: Sarah H for outgoing Treasurer Lacey M. Information was covered in the Nicholas Sheran school council AGM.

Financial requests:

- Request for funds to move funds to society will follow up at October meeting
- Request to fund classroom allotments - \$250 for teacher on staff K-5 and learning

support teachers will follow up at the October meeting

- Sound system Aaron F. and Owen S. will investigate quotes and grants for this

Staff appreciation: Tisha requests \$300 for staff appreciation. Monnu B. motions Nicole H seconds.

Events: nothing yet

District Council Report: Tyler W. Start thinking whether as a school we want to be a part of ASCA this year. Parent hub: learn Alberta, has a lot of good info for parents. First meeting is in October. Looking for topics for the parent learning sessions. Let someone from parent council know.

Trustee Report: Christine Light, not in attendance, nothing to report.

Executive Council Report: Robbie Charlebois, not in attendance, nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn/Second: Tisha E. second Meggen H. at 8:02pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm.