

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council

Tuesday, November 19th 2024 @6:30pm in Community Room

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are meeting here tonight on the traditional land of the Siksikaitstapi (Blackfoot people). We are grateful to be here and will endeavor to honour, respect, and uplift the traditions of people who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We also recognize the Métis people of Alberta Region 3 who call Treaty 7 their home.

Call to Order: called by Sarah at 6:35

WELCOME & Introductions: Meggen H, Brette T, Monnu B, Tyler W, Sarah H, Aaron F, Tisha E

Any Additions:

Approval of AGENDA/Second: motion by Tisha, second by Meggen

Approval of MINUTES/Second: motion by Meggen, second by Tisha

Grade level sharing: Kindergarten – Danielle Murray

Learning stations – practicing cutting building fine motor skills

Numeracy – tiered for them to help them. Number cards with dots so they can count. We always have playdough or something to make shapes of the number they're working on. Some kids recognize numbers, some are adding numbers together. We meet them where they're at.

Emotions – building social/emotional wellbeing. Learning how to calm themselves in different ways.

Literacy – sandpaper letters. Good for muscle memory. Matching game with upper and lowercase letters.

Patterning – lots of loose parts. They practice making different patterns.

Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

Report Cards

- Term 1 report cards go 'live' on the parent portal on Friday, November 22
- Please contact Mrs. Miklos if you need support accessing the report cards

- Any families that would like a paper copy can ask that to be printed
- Thank you for reading report cards – the teachers put a lot of work into these reports, and we are excited to share them with families

Staffing Updates

- Miss Lewis has started a leave, and November 15 was her last day
 - We wish her all the best as she prepares for baby to arrive
- Mrs. Stephanie Reid has taken over in the Grade 3 position
- Mrs. Danielle Murray has increased her Kindergarten Day to two programs, taking over one program (PM class)
- Miss Amy Boivin has been hired to teach one Kindergarten program (AM class)
- We expect the return of Mrs. Ashely Fujikawa to her full-time Kindergarten position in January 2025

Kids Choir – Thursday, November 21, 2024

- The students have been rehearsing and preparing for this exciting annual event
- Thank you to Mr. Sheedy, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Mitten, and all the staff, parent, and student volunteers who will make this event a huge success
- Jr and Sr Choir will go on a big field trip to their rehearsal at Southminster United Church that day:
 - 10:45 - Students come to the community room after morning recess with lunch, coat and indoor shoes on their feet.
 - 10:45 - 11:00 - Eat a snack and do attendance. Get on the bus (two) and head to Southminster Church.
 - 1:15 - 1:30 - Arrive back at Nicholas Sheran. Finish eating lunches before being sent back to classrooms.
- Thank you to the teachers who will accommodate the large group of students going on this field trip...it's very exciting!

Grade 5 Volleyball League

- The league is going well, and the students are really enjoying it!
- Thank you to our teacher leaders: Mrs. Pols, Mrs. Mikilak, and Mrs. Holmes who have been so organized and fantastic at leading the students
- We appreciate the parent support with transportation
- Thank you to BLAST, Caretaking, and the broader school community for accommodating this opportunity; a first for our school
- Next up...Grade 5 Basketball League in the new year

Student Population & Class Sizes – November Update

Grades	Enrollment Numbers
Total W/EEP	405
Total W/Out EEP	388
KG (18, 18, 18)	54
1 (24, 21, 22)	67
2 (20, 19, 20, 20)	79
3 (21, 21, 20)	62
4 (23, 22, 22)	67
5 (19/29, 20, 18/29)	59

Sock it to ‘Em

- CUPE 290 (caretaker/maintenance employees union) collects brand-new socks for organizations around our community.
- This sock donation is vital for people in our community who really benefit from clean, dry footwear.
- Anyone is encouraged to bring their donation to the office between November 1 and December 10. The collection basket is in the office!

Learning Commons / Nicholas Sheran Market Days

- Mrs. Woods is back to her preparing and planning for the Nicholas Sheran Market. This Makerspace unit is back by popular demand!
- As something new, the Market will be open during Family Numeracy Night and staffed by students who applied, and interviewed, for their positions!
- For the next two weeks in Makerspace, students are learning numeracy and financial literacy skills through the activities planned. They will be using our school “money” and other materials they’ve created to make the market come to life.
- THANK YOU for all the donations of treats, gently used books, and the time/talent of Mrs. Vallee who made some beautiful signs for the event. We will ask Mrs. Woods to take a lot of photos!

Family Numeracy Night

- Thursday, November 28, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- The theme this year is: Family Game Night! We are encouraging families to join us for numeracy activities, fun family games, and time to connect.

- Each student will receive a “passport” to use this evening. They will write their name and teacher on the “passport” and if they visit at least three stations around the school (and get stamps), they can enter their passport for a chance to win a prize.
- There will be one prize per grade level from K – 5!
- Each grade level team will highlight a different adaptable numeracy-based game that the whole family can enjoy. We hope you will join us.

Angel Tree

- Angel Tree is happening once again, and our school will be a drop off location. Mrs. Jen Robinson is coordinating this for us. We appreciate the opportunity to be connected to this important initiative from Lethbridge Family Services.

West Lethbridge Elementary Boundary Decisions

- The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the following (Trustee Tyler Demers was absent from the votes):
- 1. That the Board approve the new boundaries under Option 3 which is: moved from the Nicholas Sheran boundary would be Crossings to West Coulee Station; moved from Mike Mountain Horse boundary to West Coulee Station communities of Country Meadows and Garry Station; relocating the elementary Spanish Bilingual program to West Coulee Station Elementary School.

These changes to be in effect starting in the 2025/2026 school year.

- 2. Move to direct administration to provide a transportation solution for eligible students in the Spanish Bilingual Program, both elementary and middle school, starting the 2025/2026 school year.
- 3. Move to grant students enrolled in Grade 4 during the 2024/2025 school year at Mike Mountain Horse and Nicholas Sheran Elementary Schools the option to remain at their current school for Grade 5 in the 2025/2026 school year, rather than transferring to the newly designated boundary school. This option will also be extended to their siblings and will apply exclusively for the 2025/2026 school year.

Student Teachers

Language and Literacy in Early Childhood Education (Dr. Robin Bright, U of L)

- Many, many eager University of Lethbridge undergraduate students, hoping to learn more about supporting literacy development of children in primary and elementary grades.
- Our teachers in Grades 1 – 3 have been hosting these students to see their literacy lessons in the classroom for the past month or so

Education 2500: September 24 – December 5

- Shyanne Cook – Grade One, Bingham M/W
- CJ Beebe – Grade One, Bingham, Tu/Th
- Taylor Medicine Crane – Grade Five, Erickson, M/W
- Rachel Jensen – Grade 5, Erickson, Tu/Th
- Ivy Norton – Grade 3, Niven, M/W
- Lingleigh Williamson – Grade 3, Niven, Tu/Th
- Haley Hall – Grade 5, Gotgilf, M/W
- Chichi Lei – Grade 5, Gotgilf, Tu/Th

Professional Semester One: November 6 – December 12

- Courtlynd Cherpin – Grade Four, Chudobiak
- Marissa Crosswhite – Grade Four, Howe

Professional Semester Three: 16-week Internship, first day of school to winter break

- Chancey Andrews – Grade One, Finnie

We appreciate all our student teachers and undergraduate volunteers! We also sincerely appreciate our relationship and partnership with the University of Lethbridge.

New Business

Annual Alberta Education Results Report

- Sharing the DRAFT report created by the school
- Feedback from Parents / Guardians through School Council engagement
- Posted to our school website by November 30, 2024

Parent / Guardian Engagement (School Council Presentation #2)

- Second presentation on the DRAFT report card
- Theme: Academic Indicator Legend

New Government of Alberta Legislation

- Sharing of some basic information that we know right now
- More information to come in the months ahead
- At this time, we don't have all the details of what this proposed legislation will mean for schools and school divisions. We suspect once the legislation is passed, there will be more specific guidance provided.

- Even though we don't have all the details, we can reassure ourselves that in our school division, we will continue to work incredibly hard to provide every student with a safe, caring and welcoming learning environment.
- We will continue to work closely with students, parents, guardians and caregivers as we navigate this uncertainty.
- As more details become available, that information will be shared with school-based administrators, and they will share with their school communities. This is a typical process that we follow in school divisions of our size.
- We know this continues to be particularly impactful for members of our school communities who are transgender or have family or people they are close with that are transgender. Thank you for all that you do (and will continue to do) to support anyone who is negatively impacted by this proposed legislation.

School Photographer - Discussion

- Mountain West Studios Ltd.
- Jeanine and Aaron received a presentation from Mountain West
- Sharing of their services offered and proposed pricing list

Some Upcoming Important Events

- November 20 – Gr. 5 Volleyball, 4:00pm
- November 21 – Kids' Choir Performance, 7:00pm
- November 22 – Report Cards open on the parent portal
- November 25 – 26 – Kinder, Grades 1 & 2 Dental Visits
- November 25 – Gr. 5 Volleyball, 4:00pm
- November 27 – Gr. 5 Volleyball, 4:00pm
- November 28 – Family Numeracy Night, 6:00 – 7:00pm
 - Also, Maker Market is taking place from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Learning Commons
 - Email will go out by Friday, November 22 to remind families
- November 29 – Gr. 5 Volleyball Jamboree, 1:00pm
- December 4 – NSES Values Assembly, 9:30am
- December 7 – Mayor's Concert, 7:00pm
- December 20 – Last day of school, Red & Green Day
- December 23 – January 3, Winter Break
- January 6 – Classes resume

Treasurer Report:

Outgoing: \$20.99 to Tisha for staff appreciation, \$809.29 to pay for Little Caesars hot lunch, \$133.47 to pay for Little Caesars pizza for NS staff, \$5 bank fee

Incoming: \$933.67 from Janine for Little Caesars.

Profit \$124.31

Currently have \$13,895.11 in bank account.

Financial requests: Motion to approve a spend of \$1000.00 on the outdoor games. All in favour. Motion passed.

Fundraising: Bootsma donuts.

Events: Numeracy Night in Nov.

District Council Report: parent learning – calendar. How they make the calendar. How they make important days. How they balance how many days teachers work. They're mindful of how long kids are going without breaks.

Society insurance came up. Talked about how we get insurance. What the needs are.

Boundary change. Talked about how LCI got bumped. Lots of conversation on that topic. Policy committee is bringing in a consultant to review the many many policies.

Next meeting is December 4th @7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Trustee Report: none

Executive Council Report: none

Old Business:

New Business:

- Annual Alberta Education Results Report sharing and feed back from parent/guardians on our school draft plan.
- Second parent presentation on Draft Report Card: The focus of this presentation is the Academic Achievement Indicator Legend. Click [HERE](#) to access survey and to provide feedback.
- Discussion of the new Alberta Government legislation over sex education, pronoun use. Updates from Aaron with as much information as he has depending on what has been provided. – no new information.
- Closing parent council bank account. Motion by Sarah to move all funds minus \$1000 for outdoor games, to the Society Bank account. And that we close the School Council Bank account. All in favour.
- Potential new school photographer – Mountain West Studios. Lifetouch has been ok, but this new company looks really good and has comparable prices.

Motion to Adjourn/Second: motion to adjourn at 9:19