

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 @6:30pm in Community Room

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are meeting here tonight on the traditional land of the Siksikaitsitapi (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 to order at 6:32

WELCOME & Introductions: Lindsay O, Sarah H, Meggen H, Brette T, Karma VS, Tyler W, Aaron F, St3eve W, Monnu B, Keely B, Christine L, Nolan J, Jen M, Tyra P,

Any Additions: CUPE and Monnu requesting to leave positions in parent council and Society

Approval of AGENDA/Second: Tyler motion, Monnu second

Approval of MINUTES/Second: Lindsay motion, Meggen second

Grade level sharing: Grade 2

Kids got to share their “best part of me” poems with their families at the Celebration of Learning. They write poems about their favourite part of their body. They learn to use more than just rhyming words.

Math – spiralling math. Talking about the same things over and over throughout the year. Right now, they’re learning place value and numbers to 1000. Going into two-digit addition and subtraction and focusing on vocab skills when it comes to numbers.

Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

Admin Report

- Family Literacy Night (Feb 13) – Thank you to everyone who attended!
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day held across the Division
- Report Cards were available as of March 7 – we are open to feedback on process
- Celebration of Learning and Parent-Teacher Interviews (March 13) - Feedback on the week
- Project Fair 2025 (March 25) – Update
 - The fair will run all day on Tuesday the 25th. Participants can set up until 5:00 on the evening of Monday the 24th as well as the morning of the 25th. Judging will be in the morning, and only participants will be allowed in the gym at that time. Parents and classes can tour the projects in the

afternoon, from 1:00 - 3:15. Awards will be given at 3:15. All projects need to be removed from the gym by 5:00pm on Tuesday evening.

- Basketball Season successful with wrap-up jamboree held March 28 Thanks to staff and parent volunteers– looking into new jerseys for next year
- Technology Fee Update – We purchased a program from Learning Robotix Education called Ozobot EVO, which includes the Classroom Kit along with the Ozobot Colour Code Magnets Base Kit, Speed Kit, and Special Moves Kit. These products are not inexpensive, so we took all the Tech Fee (as of February 2025), along with funds raised from Family Numeracy Night, the Learning Commons budget, and part of our science budget to purchase the resources.

New Business Reports

- Staffing Updates
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Crystal Niven who will be teaching Grade Three next year at West Coulee Station Elementary School.
 - Congratulations to Mrs. Angie Smith who will be the Learning Support Teacher next year at West Coulee Station Elementary School.
 - Congratulations to Miss Hayley Bedard who has been selected as our School Division's Edwin Parr Award (Alberta School Boards' Association) nominee for excellence in first-year teaching.
 - Medical leaves: we are working with Human Resources to determine next steps for some staff medical leaves, including Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Kitagawa, and Ms. Finnie. Relevant or related updates will be shared as we can.
 - There has been some positive news for different striking CUPE groups from across the province, hopefully meaning that positive movement is on the horizon. We encourage parents and guardians to remain informed about all the different employee group negotiations taking place right now.
- Grade 5 PM Classroom Sizes
 - Mrs. Erickson – 31
 - Ms. Gotgilf – 31
 - We have heard we may get another grade five student in the weeks to come, but we do not have an active registration at time
 - As recently as last week, I have made division Human Resources staff aware of these large classes
- School Fees/Spring Budget
 - Our Spring Budget season has started with the following updates:
 - Once the provincial government tables its budget, school divisions await their specific allocations, within something called a Funding Manual.
 - At the division level, different stakeholder groups provide feedback to the Board and school division leadership about priorities (Town Hall, budget priority surveys, Principal groups, Instructional Budget Committees, feedback from AEA Surveys, etc.).

- Eventually, schools will be allocated a spring budget document they must complete each based on the anticipated priorities of the upcoming school year.
- School Fees update:
 - In February 2025, I sent an email to staff for consultation on the 2025/2026 school fees.
 - In March 2025, I sent an email to families for consultation on the 2025/2026 school fees.
 - We do not anticipate any increases or decreases to school-based fees in the upcoming school year.
 - We would love to hear any questions, concerns, or feedback from families!
- Bee School – Talayna Zacharias (if present) - not present
- Assurance Plan Survey
 - Grade 4 students and families only this year
 - Survey closes March 21, 2025
 - Student surveys are completed; this week we will catch up students who were absent during their classroom survey time
 - Staff will complete their surveys before the deadline
 - One Random Access Code is provided per household
 - 1st opportunity: Families emailed parent letter and RACs on March 4th and 5th 2025
 - 2nd opportunity: Families offered support and technology access on March 13th at Celebration of Learning
 - 3rd opportunity: Physical copies of parent letter and RACs will be sent home with students on March 18th
 - Final reminder: Aaron will email families one last time on March 19th, reminding them of the March 21st deadline to complete the survey
- Registration Update
 - Thank you to all families who have registered for the 2025/2026 school year
 - We are hoping that all families who meet residency criteria can register as soon as possible
 - Aside from posts and emails from Mrs. Miklos and Mr. Fitchett, we have also sent reminders from classroom teachers, along with paper packages for families with barriers to using technology to register
 - Our student enrolment / registration influences our initial spring teacher staffing and support staff projections, so we do our best to ensure that student registration is as accurate as possible
 - Our current K-5 population in 2024/2025 is 393
 - Our current anticipated K-5 population in 2025/2026 is 345
 - Current difference is 48 fewer students next year
 - Impact on staffing (if any) will be known later this spring
- Town Hall Survey Results

- Visit the Survey Results page on the Lethbridge School Division Community Engagement website to view the summary report from the Town Hall 2025 survey. In total, well over 2,000 comments were submitted from February 4 – 14, as the Division sought input on the questions posed at the February 4 Town Hall event. To view the summary report, follow this link:
- <https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/survey-results/town-hall-2025-feedback-summary-report>



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To view the results please click on the link below, or scroll through the report below:
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- New Report Card Parent Learning
 - Parent / Guardian Engagement (School Council Presentation #4)
 - Report Card Subject Areas and Grading
 - Parent / Guardian Engagement (School Council Presentation #5)
 - Report Card Comments

Some Upcoming Important Events

- March 19 – Subway Hot Lunch Day
- March 20 – Choir Sings for the Soup Kitchen, 6:30pm
- March 24 & 25 – Dental Checkups
- March 25 – Project Fair (Science Fair and Heritage Fair)
- March 26 – Digital Wellness Day
- April 3 – Spring Picture Day
- April 7 – Green Shirt Day
- April 15 – School Council Meeting – Grade 4 presenting
- April 16 – Values Assembly starts at 9:30 am
- April 18 – 27 - Spring Break

Treasurer Report: The school council account is officially closed.

Financial requests: none

Events:

District Council Report: parent learning was on budget for 2025/2026. Weighted moving average for divisions across the province has now changed. 30% on what we were last year and 70% is what's expected for the next year. It should be closer to where we really are but still not fully funded for every student.

ASCA details. Some resolutions are out. It's only online this year. But they're figuring out a new allowance to cover costs in future years.

Community Conversations Night is March 19th.

Admin report: what happens to tech stuff when it leaves the school. They're going to look into it. Some of the high school stuff gets passed down to elementary schools.

ICE event with member of Police is on March 27th from 7-9pm at CASA. Everyone is welcome to go.

Screen time was brought up. No objective on what to do, but it was touched on for more discussion further down the road.

Trustee Report: town hall on February 4th. Over 2000 feedback items were received. Every year, board members get all the raw data with every single comment. They clarified that they would not be using AI at all to summarize the feedback.

Passed first reading of Trustee Code of Conduct.

Division discussed with the YMCA about collab for day care. They're figuring out what this could look like.

At the March meeting there will be a presentation on food insecurity.

Received modernization money for LCI.

ICE Showcase for scholarships (not the same ICE with the Police) also on March 27th.

Education week is April 7-11th.

Executive Council Report: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Staffing update

- School Fees/Spring Budget
 - Bee School (potentially)
 - Assurance Plan Survey
 - Registration Update
 - Town Hall survey results
 - New report card parent learning
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- Monnu requesting to leave position on Society – Brette will look at the bylaws, but we think he can stay on the board, even if he's unable to attend meetings.

Motion to Adjourn/Second: motin by meggen second by monnu. Adjuoured at 8:20