

Nicholas Sheran Elementary School Council

Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 @6:30pm in Community Room

Call to Order: 6:31pm by Sarah

WELCOME & Introductions: Lindsay O, Sarah H, Aaron F, Steve W, Nicole H, Tyler W, Tisha E, Brette T, Karma VS, Anna G, Brittany E, Avery R, Pat R, Atair,

Any Additions: hot lunch, assurance plan consult, school library standards engagement

Approval of AGENDA/Second: motion by Nicole and second by Tyler

Approval of MINUTES/Second: motion by Lindsay, second by Nicole

Grade level sharing: Grade 5 .

Completed middle school tours

Field trip to the zoo coming up

Legacy park spray park coming up

Grade 5 farewell info went out to parents.

The students have started learning their farewell song

Administration Report: Aaron F and Stephen W

- **Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award from Inclusion Lethbridge**
 - "The Haynes Family would like to nominate Nicholas Sheran Elementary School for the Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award for their over and beyond treatment of young children." -Nicole and Travis Haynes
 - Congratulations to our ENTIRE school community on this nomination and award. We should all take a moment to celebrate the efforts that are made in the spirit of inclusive education here at Nicholas Sheran Elementary School.
 - "The Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award is presented to spotlight a Southern Alberta school that displays outstanding inclusive practices in dealing with staff, students, families, and the community. It recognizes a culture of inclusion created through both leadership and action. It honours schools that find ways to make sure that all students have the support and opportunity to achieve their academic potential while enjoying full participation in all school activities with friends and classmates
 - [Nicholas Sheran wins Betty Grigg Inclusive Education Award | Lethbridge School Division](#)

- **Jr. Choir Festival Award**
 - Please join us in congratulating the Nicholas Sheran Junior Choir for their recent accomplishments at the Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts awards night. The Junior Choir won:
 - The ATA Trophy for Best Performance in the School Action Song Class
 - The Lethbridge Miners Library Scholarship (\$275 for an outstanding performer in their discipline)
 - You can see the new trophy in the History Hall display case. Way to go, Mrs. Britton and the Junior Choir!
- **Hayley Bedard - Edwin Parr Winner**
 - Please join us in congratulating Hayley Bedard as she is our Zone 6 recipient of the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr first year teaching award!
 - For those who don't know, there are six zones in the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA); each zone incorporates the Public, Catholic, and Francophone public school boards in that zone. There were 10 nominees from Zone 6, and Hayley was the winner! Hayley joins only **five** other Edwin Parr winners to be one of six first year teachers province-wide to be awarded this recognition this school year.
 - Next steps are that Hayley will receive recognition at the annual ASBA Board Meeting in Edmonton next November.
 - Longer video and write up:
 - [Nicholas Sheran's Hayley Bedard recognized as Zone 6 Edwin Parr Award winner | Lethbridge School Division](#)
- **May 20th Professional Learning**
 - On the most recent Professional Learning day, teachers spent time reviewing our new report card that will be launched across elementary schools this upcoming school year
 - In the afternoon, we gave teachers time to work as grade level teams to look at their assessments and to adjust year plans of moving to outcomes-based reporting
- **Anticipated Class Patterns for 2025/2026**
 - Music Program - Owen Sheedy
 - Learning Support Teacher - Erin Beekman
 - Learning Support Teacher (Complex Learning Needs [Division Program]) - Nadia Britton
 - Kindergarten
 - Half-day programming
 - 3 programs
 - 2 AM; 1 PM
 - 1 full-time Kindergarten position - Ashley Fujikawa
 - *1 half-time Kindergarten position - Will be posted as a full-year temporary position*
- Grade One

- Debra Bingham
 - Mallory Finnie
 - Danielle Murray
 - Grade Two
 - Nolan Jacob
 - Jennifer Mikilak
 - Michelle Rhodes
 - Grade Three
 - Mandy Chudobiak
 - Megan Lewis (Fall, Maternity Leave)
 - *1 full-time grade three position - anticipated to be a full-year temporary position*
 - Grade Four
 - Lee Ann Howe
 - Mackenzie Penner
 - Grade Five
 - Hayley Bedard
 - Brittney Erickson
 - Anna Gotgilf
- **New EA – Mr. Kirubel Teketel**
 - Following the resignation of our of our EAs, we hired Mr. Kirubel Teketel into a Team Support position here at our school. Mr. Key has been a great addition and he's connecting well with the students!
- **Middle School Transition Supports**
 - Our grade 5 teachers have been working hard with SJF and Lakie to help prepare our grade 5 students for grade 6
 - We've met as school-based teams to share important information about our students and created groupings of students to help with class building.
 - Lakie and SJF admin visited our school on May 21 to share information about each school
 - Option selection should be completed at this point – please reach out to your child's grade 6 school if support is needed.
- **New Laptops**
 - Our technology evergreening cycle has started for elementary schools
 - Our laptop carts have been maintained, but our Tech Support person, Mr. DeMusso, has replaced our laptops
 - Thank you to Mme. Chudobiak for labelling the carts for us!
- **"Welcome To..." Nights**
 - Please see the flyers attached!
 - We ask School Council members to attend that night
 - We would love your help distributing the packages that the teachers are creating
 - Thank you for access to the Parent Engagement funds for this project

- **Colour Run Updates**
 - Committee met on May 27 to plan
 - First date: June 17, 1:00pm – end of day
 - Backup date: June 18, 1:00pm – end of day
- **KinderCare Updates**
 - Will be a PM Program only for 2025/2026
 - Families that signed up for information have been sent registration links
 - We are working to staff for the fall,
 - Currently, 1 KinderCare Program Lead, and 1 KinderCare EA
 - We have about 18 or 19 families interested at this time
- **Bell Times, Bus Routes/Times, Kindergarten Times**
 - We have not been informed of any changes from the school division at this time
 - We anticipate everything remaining the same as the 2024/2025 school year heading into the fall; we will notify the community if those things change
- **Alberta Teachers' Association Updates**
 - Cooling Off Period
 - Following the rejection of the mediator's recommended settlement, the teachers entered a 14-day cooling-off period
 - That period has ended
 - Initial Strike Authorization Vote
 - This has now ended; results of the strike authorization vote will be shared by the Alberta Teachers' Association when the time is right
 - The next step will be a Strike Vote, which is in effect for 120 days if approved by the membership
 - If that is affirmative, we would enter 120 Days in which a strike could happen
- **Budget Challenges for 2025/2026**
 - This is a challenging budget year
 - There will be some impact (although we will do our best to keep it as minimal as possible) on school-based budgets
 - The Board of Trustees are required to submit a budget by the end of May
 - You can follow along with Board budgeting processes on the school division website
 - It's not secret this has been a very challenging few months for our division
 - [Preliminary operating budget presentation set for Tuesday, May 20 | Lethbridge School Division](#)
- **Important Upcoming Dates**
 - Tuesday, June 3 – Grade 2 Field Trip
 - Wednesday, June 4 – NSES Values Assembly, 9:30am
 - Thursday, June 5 – Grade 4 Field Trip

- Thursday, June 5 - "Welcome To..." Kindergarten, 5:30 – 6:30; Grade One, 6:00 – 7:00
- Tuesday, June 10 – Rhodes/Mikilak Field Trip
- Tuesday, June 10 – School Council AGM at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, June 11 – Grade 3 Field Trip
- Thursday, June 12 – Grade 5 Field Trip
- Thursday, June 12 – Grade 4 Family Picnic
- Tuesday, June 17 – Colour Run and Sports Day (afternoon)
- Wednesday, June 18 – Backup Colour Run and Sports Day (afternoon)
- Thursday, June 19 – Grade 3s Spray Park
- Saturday, June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Monday, June 23 – Grade 5s to Legacy Spray Park
- Monday, June 23 – Kindergarten Farewell, 11:00am
- Monday, June 23 – Kindergarten Farewell, 2:45pm
- Tuesday, June 24 – Last Day for EEP
- Tuesday, June 24 – Grade 5 Farewell, 2:30pm
- Wednesday, June 25 – Friday schedule, Last Day for Students (K-5)
- Wednesday, June 25 – Farewell Assembly at 9:30am

Treasurer Report: no report tonight – will include next month

Financial requests:

- Freezie requested for sports day/color run – can we include preschool kids even though they're not participating in sports day/colour run

Motion to spend up to \$70 for freezies for the colour run. Motion passed.

Events:

- **District Council Report:** Tyler
- Parent session was about off campus ed – students can get school credit while working jobs.
- Talked about screen time. They wanted to know if any school councils have any feedback and encouraged school councils to have more conversations about it.
- CUPE signed and agreed.

Trustee Report: None

Executive Council Report: none

Old Business:

New Business:

- ATA update (Aaron) – infographic attached. Strike authorization vote has passed.
- Color Run
- Hot lunch –
 - Panago had 161 sales.
 - KFC 218
 - Little 136
 - Subway 141
- Assurance plan consult – if anybody has any questions about the assurance plan, please ask Aaron or Steef
- School library standards engagement – there is a survey out asking for feedback about the types of books found in school libraries. You can find the survey here to give your feedback. <https://www.alberta.ca/school-library-standards-engagement>
- AGM will be on June 10th. If you'd like to, bring a potluck dessert to share. But please attend even if you don't bring a dessert.

Motion to Adjourn/Second: motion by Tyler. Second by Lindsay.