

Millgrove School Council Meeting Agenda - Draft

We work together to enhance student learning by promoting the well-being and effectiveness of the entire school community.

6:30p.m., Wednesday, October 28th, 2020, Google Meet Online Meeting

1. Call to Order:

- 1.1. Time: 6:35 pm
- 1.2. In attendance: Anna-Marie Jackson (new chair), Tara Zieminek (new vice chair), Allison Chuey (new foundation chair), Chantel Purves, Darlene Clarke (trustee), Donna Miners (assistant principal), Joella Anderson (new foundation treasurer), Jolene Pon, Linda Madge-Arkininstall (principal), Lori Marler, Ryan and Amanda Doucette
- 1.3. Verification of quorum
- 1.4. **Treaty 6 Acknowledgement Statement:** *We honour all of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge that the ancestral and traditional lands on which we gather are Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground for many indigenous peoples, and in particular our neighbours, Pal First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and Alexander Cree Nation; on whose territory we work, live, and play, and on whose territory we stand.*

2. Introductions

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3. Agenda:

- 3.1. Amendments, Adoption - Motion by: **Amanda**, seconded by: **Allison**

4. Minutes:

- 4.1. Amendments (if applicable)
- 4.2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes, Adoption - Motion by: **Allison**, seconded by: **Chantel**

5. School Reports:

- 5.1. Principal's Report - Linda Madge-Arkininstall (*see attached*)

6. Division Report:

- 6.1. Trustee Report - Darlene Clarke (*see attached*)

7. Foundation Report:

- 7.1. Foundation Report - *Recap of Meeting Oct 13th, 6:30pm, Next Meeting **Nov 17th 6:30***
 - 7.1.1. Hot lunch starting up after fall break
 - 7.1.2. Fundraising starting up next week

8. Standing Business:

- 8.1. Set the rest of the School Council meeting dates for the year
 - 8.1.1. Wed, Dec 2nd, 2020 @ 6:30
 - 8.1.2. Wed, Jan 27th, 2021 @ 6:30
 - 8.1.3. Wed, March 24th, 2021 @ 6:30
 - 8.1.4. Wed, Jun 16th, 2021 @ 6:30
- 8.2. Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) - *Recap of General Meeting Oct 17, 10am-3pm*
- 8.3. Council of School Councils (COSC) Update - *Recap of Meeting Oct 22, 7-9pm, Next Meeting **Thursday, Nov 19th. 7-9pm***
- 8.4. Make sure that the updated Millgrove School Council Operating Procedures are signed and recorded in the relevant places.
- 8.5. *Laminated name placards - figure out what to put on them*
 - 8.5.1. *Deferred until we have in-person meetings again.*

9. New Business:

9.1. N/A

10. Next Meeting Date: Wed, Dec 2nd, 2020 @ 6:30

10.1. Meeting adjourned - Time: 7:19 pm

*****THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!*****

Trustee's Report:

October 2020

Submitted by: D. Clarke

- With a couple of months into the new school year, our start-up went as well as we could have hoped; our dedicated teaching and all support staff made this possible and we sincerely thank them; we had two cases of reported Covid (Brookwood, Memorial Composite High School) which were handled quickly and efficiently under the guidelines established by Alberta Health Services.
- September student numbers are now in: 91 students transferred to Evergreen Catholic and 89 students transferred from Evergreen Catholic to PSD; 393 students transferred to other jurisdictions in Alberta; 294 students transferred out of province; 389 students transferred in to PSD from within Alberta and 56 transferred in from out of Alberta.
- First opportunity for Option 2 K-9 students to transition back to face-to-face classes was Oct. 5 and we went from little over 1300 students on Option 2 to 1125. The next opportunity to transition is Nov. 16.
- Recognizing that extracurricular activities are very important to the educational experiences of our students, we will slowly support a return to these activities based on Alberta Health Services guidelines (will be certain restrictions, modifications and limitations).
- Trustees got a look at some of the picture renderings of the new proposed Stony Plain Central School in Stony Plain.
- The Board entertained (via Zoom) Grade 10 students from our high schools and Center for Learning staff at a home building site in Spruce Grove to highlight the Learnings Building Futures Program. This is a one year program for grade 10 students to partner with Coventry Homes and earn credits while learning by doing in the construction of a new home and garage.
- The Board voted unanimously to reduce Trustee remuneration to base salary by 10% to reflect our commitment to being part of helping our economy recover (puts about \$24 000 back into educational priorities).
- Enrolment Report was presented and we have 11 517 students registered as of September 30 (a decrease of 60 students from last year).
- Class size report was given; with the exception of one French Immersion class, there are no classes over 30 students K-9 and highest class size grade 10-12 being 34 (3 at 34).
- Community Partnership Assurance Report was given which listed the variety of partners that students and staff in PSD work with. These partnerships take place to enhance a teachers' ability to deliver the Program of Studies as well as provide meaningful relationships with adult mentors.
- Board received the 2020-21 Communications Report which defines strategies set forth in order to continue and enhance meaningful engagement with community partners through a variety of forums (Audiences, Re-Branding, Community Engagement).

Principal's Report:

Millgrove continues to be a wonderful place in which students are engaged and routines are well established. A huge thank you to our parents that continue to be so very supportive! Last week I had the opportunity to meet with our teachers and review their Professional Growth Plans and there is outstanding instruction occurring in each classroom. At our P.D. day we reviewed the baseline for our Education Plan, had a presentation from Susan Weisenberger on gratitude and blessings, and spent time working on the Grade Book. We are developing our education plan and have gathered data.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews were very well attended and the virtual format seemed comfortable for everyone. Staff appreciated the excellent turnout and the openness of parents to engage in this new platform. Kindergarten interviews will be held the evening of November 5 and all day November 6. Information will be sent home to those parents and will also be online.

Halloween

Staff have planned parties in the classroom that follow the safety protocols. Although we cannot have our traditional Halloween Parade students will enjoy the Monster Mash dance and Mrs. Davies and Mr. Cherry will travel to the classrooms and take a video.

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

We have had two evacuations and two lockdowns and students were so responsible and followed the expectations perfectly.

Character Education

We have a committee that will be focusing on school wide positive character traits. November and December will include Empathy and Friendship and their first activity will be setting up a "Caring Tree" at the front entrance that will be decorated with donated toques, mittens and socks. More information will be sent home.

PSD Nutrition Nook

The Alberta Education program provides funding directly to schools to create, continue or enhance existing nutrition programs. Thank you to Felicia Ochs, our Youth Resiliency Coordinator, who organized this initiative for a variety of schools including Millgrove. Twice a week, prepackaged snacks arrive and are distributed safely to the classrooms by staff. Students are given the opportunity to choose an item if they wish. The healthy snacks include cheese, vegetables, boiled eggs, muffins. etc.

Library

Millgrove School is excited to have an online Scholastic Book Fair booked from November 17, to November 30, 2020. All books purchased earn Book Fair Rewards for our school. Orders are delivered right to your home. Free Standard Shipping on orders over \$35.00. Mrs. Smith will be sending out information in our newsletter.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our committee met last week and have begun to plan a service that will be in a virtual format. We have a well laid out program that will be followed, and we will be able to incorporate many of the highlights from our previous services.

Upcoming dates

- November 5 (evening) and November 6 Kindergarten Interviews
- November 6 - Video of Remembrance Day ceremony will be shared
- November 9-13 Fall Break

- November 17 School Foundation Meeting 6:30