

Millgrove School Council Meeting Minutes

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

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2022, Google Meet Online Meeting

1. Call to Order & Introductions:

1. Time: 6:30 p.m.
2. Verification of quorum - Verified
3. **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 Sious Nation, and Alexander Cree Nation; on whose territory we work, live, and play, and on whose territory we stand.*
4. **Introductions:** Linda Madge-Arkininstall, Allison Chuey, Amanda Doucette, Donna Miners, Anna-Marie Jackson, Lorie Marler, Tara Zieminek, Anne Montgomery, Darla Hallman, Kim McLaughlin

2. Agenda:

1. Amendments (if applicable)
2. Adoption - Motion by: Allison Chuey, seconded by Lorie Marler

3. Minutes:

1. Amendments (if applicable)
2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes, Adoption - Motion by: Allison Chuey, seconded by Lorie Marler

4. School Reports:

1. Principal's Report - Linda Madge-Arkininstall - attached below - also shared information about the school's development plan (the plan will be posted on the school website)

5. Division Report:

Trustee Report - Anne Montgomery

- Shared information re: COVID and staffing numbers; hired substitute teachers to help support schools, also watching absenteeism
- PSD is purchasing air filters for schools that need support in improving school ventilation
- Moving online would be determined operationally/based on absenteeism
- Approved audited financial statements from 2021 - noted that surplus is due to federal funding for COVID

- For this year some operational dollars are going into transportation to make sure kids can get to school (costs have increased due to insurance changes)
- Prelim third-party report for school boundaries will be coming out at the January trustee meeting; next step is for PSD to take report and evaluate

6. Foundation Report:

1. Foundation Report - Allison Chuey
 - Raised \$8,000 in fundraisers
 - Next fundraiser will be Feb/March
 - Will also run spell-a-thon in March/April
 - Hot lunch/milk program running smoothly

7. Standing Business:

Council of School Councils (COSC) Update - *Recap of Last Meeting*

- Try to set up a way for parent councils to determine operating procedures, manuals, etc.

8. New Business:

9. Next Meeting Date: March 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

A Message from our Principal

Welcome and thank you for joining us this evening. I am grateful for your participation and feedback and involvement.

Staffing Update

Mrs. Bikram Randhawa is working with Mrs. Kourmenos' class while Mrs. Elaine Drynan is off on leave. Mrs. Assinger returned to full time December 1. Ms. Katie Hehn has continued on working in grade 3, formally Ms. Lindsay Graham's class. Mrs. Stacy Pritchard will be covering Mrs. Wright's class. Mrs. Simona Chalifoux will be our floater substitute teacher for the month of January.

Literacy Intervention Program

Mrs. Lindsay Graham will be our literacy intervention teacher for grade 2 and 3 students for 16 weeks. The program has begun and the students are benefiting from a small group 20 minute targeted literacy skill program. Mrs. Leslie Steigel is working with grade 1 students offering an

intervention as well and Mrs. Neufeld is working with our grade 4 students. We have been incredibly well supported by our Division principal Mrs. Cheryl Bridgeman who assisted in the planning stages.

Numeracy Intervention Program

Mrs. Gail Wright is our numeracy intervention teacher for grade 2 and grade 3 students for 16 weeks. This program will begin on January 17 and Mrs. Wright will provide small group targeted numeracy instruction. Our division principal, Mrs. Kathy Mann has worked closely with Mrs. Wright and we are so appreciative of the support.

Play Parkland and Swim at School

Due to the rise in covid cases we have decided to postpone Play Parkland and Swim at School for January.

Archery

Archery has been postponed until February as well.

Metis Alive

We have booked a special presentation for our students on February 1 and February 2. Felice Gladue will facilitate this session and students will learn about Metis history, culture, traditional skills and dance through a multi-sensory and interactive cultural experience.

Upcoming dates:

- Feb 3 Grade 4 Ski Day
- Feb 7-8 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Feb 10-11 Teacher Convention - no school for students
- Feb 16 Kindergarten Open House - format to be determined
- Feb 23 Pink Shirt Day

Respectfully,

L. Madge-Arkininstall