

Probe Parent Council Minutes

April 5, 2023 Meeting in-person @ Probe School 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order 6:30 PM
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. In Attendance: Admin – Keith van der Meer; Staff – Carly Goruk, Jordan Logan; Parents – Danielle Aubin, Fiona Kirkby, Leah Heidinger, Margaretha Hallett, Rochelle Neville, Sara Bond
3. Approval of Agenda: Margaretha, Fiona
4. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023: Danielle, Margaretha
5. Chairperson Report – Danielle Aubin
 - A. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? No objections
 - B. Update regarding elected members for Council vs Society to meet AGLC regulations
 - a) Elected members of each must be separate and different.
 - b) Council (voice and advocate for the school):
 - i. Chair - Danielle Aubin
 - ii. Vice Chair - Colleen Giesbrecht
 - iii. Secretary - April Gedlaman
 - iv. Treasurer - April Gedlaman
 - c) Society (monitors the money):
 - i. Chair - Leah Heidinger
 - ii. Vice Chair - Fiona Kirkby
 - iii. Secretary - Sara Bond
 - iv. Treasurer - Margaretha Hallett
6. Administrative Report - Keith van der Meer
 - Grade 4 Putt-putt was a lot fun, lots of creativity.
 - 60 Grade 4 Alberta Education Assurance Survey responses were collected; hopefully offer some insights and trends.
 - Book Fair was hugely successful with over \$7000 in sales.
 - \$4000 comes back to the school, allowing for purchase of really neat instructional materials.
 - Celebration of Learning - 80% of families attended. Great way to connect, often better parent engagement than report cards.
 - Choir sang at the Hurricanes game.
 - Easter Market was well attended.
 - Over 200 students participated in pizza idea contest with Two Guys and a Pizza Place. It was a good writing exercise for students.
 - Green Shirt Day assembly took place on April 4. The grade 2's and LG24 grade 1's did amazing.
 - Students are asked to wear a green shirt on April 6.
 - Grade 5's attended the presentation of Legally Blonde at SJF today.
 - Staff PL – on March 17 staff had time to connect, play games, and share best practices around thinking classrooms.
 - 4 Probe students were recognized in the Lethbridge School Division's Lego competition.

- Upcoming events: Evergreen Theatre, Proud to be Probe, Spring photos, Spring concert, and Orientation Night at SJF for grade 5 students/families.
- The Division has hired a Digital Wellness Teacher, Cason Machacek, and Digital Wellness Family Support Worker, Sydnie Erlendson.
 - 70% of students indicated that social media has an impact on their wellness.
 - The Digital Wellness Team will develop resources and also be available to come into schools and work directly with teachers and classrooms.

7. Superintendent / Trustee Reports: N/A

8. Teacher Reports

- Jordan Logan (Grade 1/2): A lot going on heading into spring. Green Shirt Day a big focus lately, conversations at age-appropriate capacity around that. A “very large Leprechaun” came in to classrooms for St.Patrick’s Day fun; Iqaluit unit just finished, headed to Meteghan next. Around the school: Chicks are hatching in grade 3, simple machines in grade 4, lots happening in grade 5. Kids seem happy with spring coming.
- Carly Goruk (Kindergarten): Field trip money raised from the Dance-a-thon was used to have SportBall come in, Coach Ryan was awesome and the kids had lots of fun. Planning to have scientists come to school through Travelling Lab Coats, also have a dentist visit, beginning to talk about the Family Celebration day that is held each year in kindergarten. After Easter break, the kindergarten team will be collaborating with other kindergarten teachers across the Division to use and create something with new resources. A great collaboration is taking place with Mr. Tuck’s class - Leadership opportunity for his students to come and read to kindergarten students each day. Great at ensuring that all kids are being read to each day, and supporting those students who may not have reading time at home. Around the school: Students have really enjoyed the Exploratory time, the 3D printing has been a big hit.

9. Division Council Report - Sara Bond

- Division parent council met on April 3.
- Presentation from the Director of Finance on the budget for the next school year.
- Priorities closely match what was indicated in the engagement budget tool that was released earlier this year.
- Reviewed the different resources on the ASCA website. Some really good resources that might be of use as many of our Probe Parent Council members age out of the school and new members come on board.
- Discussed hot lunch options from other schools: various pizza places and Subway are popular. Some schools are also doing Dairy Queen. Many schools indicated that smoothies from Booster Juice have been well received. Some of the other schools are not using hot lunch as a fundraiser and are able to keep costs to parents low that way. Some schools have done more expensive hot lunch options such as Cora’s.

10. Old Business: N/A

11. New Business

- Student concern brought forward about soccer nets being too small.
 - Could be from a safety concern, or storage limitations.
 - Once the warmer weather comes, there are more options for outside sports equipment.

12. Next Meetings – usually the first Wednesday of the month.

A. **May 3, 2023 @ 6:30 PM**

13. Adjournment: 7:13 PM

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 - A. In Attendance: Danielle Aubin, Fiona Kirkby, Keith van der Meer, Leah Heidinger, Margaretha Hallett, Rochelle Neville, Sara Bond
2. Approval of Agenda: Fiona, Leah
3. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023: Margaretha, Danielle
4. Treasurer Report - Margaretha Hallett
 - A. Update on Financials
 - Just over \$17,000.00 – see financial statement and P/L provided by Margaretha.
5. Playground Update
 - A. See “Playground Fundraiser Totals” schedule attached for details.
 - B. \$5,154.22 left owing for the playground equipment that was installed last spring.
 - C. Should hear about current grant applications by the end of June.
 - D. Society will write school a cheque for the \$10,000 being held for the playground. This will be used for the balance owing on the equipment, and remaining funds can be kept to pay for the sign recognizing donors.
6. Hot Lunch
 - A. Exploring more options.
 - B. Danielle will reach out to McDonald’s, Dairy Queen, and Taco Time.
 - C. Consider alternating Booster Juice smoothies with Kernels popcorn next year.
7. Kernels Popcorn Fridays: Going well.
8. Initiative Results
 - A. Spring Market
 - a) 48 vendors
 - b) Over 350+ guests come through
 - c) \$292.05 raised from raffle sales; \$315.54 snacks
 - d) \$2,185.00 raised from vendor space / table and chair rentals
 - e) Need to write a cheque to the school to use the proceeds towards list of initiatives.
9. Upcoming Initiatives
 - A. Indigenous-related is the next priority - Will take place on June 19, options and costs are as follows:
 - a) Tipi (\$0) - Students would sit around the tipi as Melanie Morrow and the Elder teach our staff and students how to set up a tipi and information about it
 - b) Elder & Tipi for the day (\$300) - Classes would sit in the tipi and the Elder would talk about different artifacts and other Indigenous knowledge or stories. Classes would rotate throughout the day
 - c) Hoop Dancer (\$200)
 - d) Fry bread (\$550)
 - e) Berry Soup (\$150)
 - B. Vote on what the Society could support for this event:
 - a) Society can contribute about \$1500 including a \$300 honorarium for the Elder.
 - b) Society votes unanimously to sponsor the honorarium for Elder to facilitate stories and Indigenous knowledge at the tipi, and fry bread.
10. Old Business
11. New Business:

A. Vote to apply for casino license – Leah

- No objections, motion carried.

12. Adjournment 7:41 PM

Playground Fundraiser TOTALS

2018-19	\$9,688.07
2019-20	\$16,505.81
2020-21 Dance-a-thon	\$27,275.00
Two Guys Pizza (June 2021)	\$1,250.00
L. Boulet Donation - Golf Tournament (Sept 2021)	\$4,527.27
Feed Sam (Oct 2021)	\$202.44
Probe Parent Council Society (Nov 2021)	\$1,365.36
Community Foundation (Dec 2021)	\$10,000.00
Rotary Club (Dec 2021)	\$1,000.00
Deposit (paid-Dec 6/21) -LSDV invoice #27134 (Nov 30/21)	-\$23,176.00
Online donation (Jan 2022)	\$50.00
Probe Parent Council Society-silent auction (Mar 2022)	\$2,293.79
Probe Parent Council Society-bingo donation (Mar 2022)	\$1,254.30
Calgary Flames Foundation Donation (June 2022)	\$25,000.00
Expense (paid-Sept 27/22) - LSDV invoice # 27508 (July 29/22)	-\$15,642.04
Expenses (paid-Sept 27/22) - LSDV invoice # 27508 (July 29/22)	-\$8,273.56
Expenses (paid-Sept 27/22) - LSDV invoice # 27534 (Aug 31/22)	-\$22,280.88
Expenses (paid-Sept 27/22) - LSDV invoice #27552 (Aug 31/22)	-\$36,193.78
TOTAL	-
\$5,154.22	