

Probe Parent Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021 Meeting via Microsoft Teams 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order- Courtney Edmonds calls meeting to order at 6:31.
2. Welcome and Introductions- 10 parents, 4 teachers, Principal- Keith van der meer and Vice Principal- Carlie Ramotowski all in attendance. Also joining tonight's Teams meeting, Mike Nightingale- Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and Doug James- Board Member Trustee.
3. Approval of Agenda- Sarah Bond approves, Leah Heidinger seconds.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2020 - Lisa Meyers approves, Leah Heidinger seconds.
5. Chairperson Report- Courtney Edmonds- not much new to report, laptop fundraiser complete and laptops are now in use.
 - Reviewed how to access minutes. Go to Probe website, under Parents tab is a Parent Council link and minutes are located there.
 - Permission to let full names be submitted in the minutes-everyone in attendance agrees to let names be submitted in the minutes.
6. Administrative Report - Keith van der Meer and Carlie Ramotowski
 - Reasons to celebrate...
 - laptops
 - Quarantines-support from parents and understanding
 - Remembrance Day Production
 - Hot lunch/popcorn
 - Scholastic Virtual book fair
 - Christmas concert
 - Return to classes this week
 - January- week of online, popcorn, boundary presentation, school council, pivot survey opens Jan 27 (Feb 22nd pivot date), no school January 29 for PL day.
 - A. Three Year Education Plan and School Budget-Achievement -innovation & inclusion
 - Achievement- UDL -supporting all learners
 - literacy/numeracy- evidence-informed instruction
 - wellness- universal instruction
 - wellness team
 - collaboration
 - Innovation -response to covid-19
 - fundraising
 - concept-based instruction
 - thinking classrooms
 - staff PD
 - Inclusion
 - focus on vision/mission/values
 - 4 C's
 - student leadership
 - universal programming
 - wellness team
 - RTI supports
 - PD focus

7. School Spirit Report - Emily Bester-not in attendance

8. District Council Report - Danielle Aubin- not in attendance

A. There will be a Town Hall Feb. 2/21@6:30 topic is...changes due to COVID-19 that had a positive impact on students. All parents welcome to attend. Information will be given to Principal Keith van der Meer to send out to parents.

9. Teacher Reports- Miss Craddock, home learning went well.

Mrs.Boulet- kids were well prepared for home learning and there was so much family support. Finishing off study of Lethbridge, stories about Santa stuck in a chimney, working on place value and larger numbers.

Mrs.Brooks- creative while doing interventions. Still hitting 100 students with literacy support, speech and OT programs are going well.

Miss Armstrong-connected with students and everyone was able to participate.

10. Old Business-no old business

11. New Business- no new business

12. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned tonight at 7:12.

Probe Parent Council Society

1. Call to Order- meeting called to order at 7:13.

2. Approval of Agenda- Leah Heidinger approves, Julie Smith seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes from Nov 4, 2020- Lisa Meyers approves, Leah Heidinger seconds.

4. Treasurer Report - Shelly Shaw- not much change, just hot lunch and popcorn came in and out. Question about a manual fundscript sale.

A. Budget- Discussed parent council budget for this school year, it is difficult to plan as unsure of approx money values that may be brought in this year.

5. Playground Fundraising/Grants - Stacy Burton- full report next month.

Idea of a possible spring Danceathon discussed with money raised going towards the playground. Possible partnering with a DJ company out of Calgary that had sent the school some information. Students would dance within their cohorts, maybe use last years bingo prizes as incentive. Email Courtney with ideas.

6. Hot Lunch Report - Emily Bester not in attendance. Courtney Edmonds reports that Boston Pizza hot lunch in December went well, unsure if there will be more hot lunches going forward.

7. Kernel Popcorn Fundraiser - Lisa Meyers and Courtney Edmonds- December Kernels popcorn went well. There will be another popcorn Friday on January 22.

8. Grade 4 Family Bingo - No Bingo at this time- bingo prizes.

9. New Business- Are we giving teachers appreciation money from fundscript proceeds for teachers convention or should this money go towards the playground? Will discuss further at next meeting February 3rd.

10. Adjournment- tonight's meeting adjourned at 7:42.