

Probe Parent Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021 Meeting via Microsoft Teams 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 6:37.
2. Welcome and Introductions- 12 parents, 3 teachers, 1 student teacher, principals Keith van der Meer and Carlie Ramotowski all present.
3. Approval of Agenda- Danielle Aubin approves, Sara Bond seconds.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2021 - Sara Bond approves, Julie Smith seconds.
5. Chairperson Report-Where to find minutes, no one objects to having names posted in tonight's minutes.
6. Administrative Report - Keith van der Meer and Carlie Ramotowski
 - Family Literacy Day-asking families to participate and send photos in Bell let's talk- help students understand the importance of mental health, teaching the students tools to help themselves and others
 - Teacher PL Day-Melanie Moore, indigenous ways of knowing
 - Supporting ELL learning
 - inquiry model of professional growth
 - February-plank challenge was a success
 - town hall-last night, what good can we bring out of covid?
 - winter walk-successful
 - popcorn coming up
 - pivot survey (opened Jan 27th) closes tomorrow
 - Valentine's day-cards exchanged but quarantined ahead of time
 - reading week (no classes)-teachers convention is online
 - 100th day celebration is February 23
 - pink shirt day is February 24
7. School Spirit Report- Emily Bester-Valentine's day display going up tomorrow-goes with grade 3 robot theme. Will be an Easter themed one as well.
8. District Council Report- Danielle Aubin
 - A. Town Hall Feb. 2/21@6:30-changes due to COVID-19 that had a positive impact on students.
 - B. Evergreening plan and funding- sale of buses profits will be used to make sure that schools have updated technology. Schools that have just fundraised for technology may be getting some back.
 - C. AB School Council funding- has been cut by 75%.
 - D. Feedback from parents- online learning week. Parent feedback-some feel that home schooling was awful, another parent says that teachers did an excellent job. Overall the experience was more successful then in the spring.
9. Teacher Reports
 - Ms. Moline and Miss Lamay (university practicum teacher)-Kindergarten- number learning, number practice, virtual field trip with Helen Schuler.
 - Miss Craddock-Grade 1-winter walk today was beautiful! How to writing, Valentine's Day-100 day coming up will be different but still celebrate.
 - M.Logan- grade -2 Lucy Kulkins, writing about reading, character analysis, northern community study.

Grade 4-realistic fiction stories

Grade 5- doing experiments.

Online students are setting up buddies so they can interact online together.

10. Old Business- no old business

11. New Business- no new Business

12. Adjourned at 7:16

Probe Parent Council Society Minutes

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1. Call to Order 7:16

2. Approval of Agenda-Danielle Aubin approves, Emily Bester seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 13,2021- Emily Bester approves, Jen Norsworthy seconds.

4. Treasurer Report - Shelly Shaw could not attend- Only changes is a popcorn order.

The last year there was a bingo, March 2019, there is money left over \$1,837.05, discussed potentially dividing it between the grade 4s and 5s this year as they have missed out on their bingos.

5. Playground Fundraising/Grants- Stacy Burton- spoke with Brandon from BDI Play Designs that does quoting

-Parents can volunteer their time as a contractor to help lower cost.

-Lafarge may be able to sponsor concrete pour to save money.

-Wood chips takes about 2 years to compact nicely. The wind in Lethbridge makes this difficult. The wood chips mentioned are what we currently have that the city put in when the rubber tiles were removed.

-Playground equipment...turntable, rock wall, 5 or 6 other equipment pieces in one. With volunteer help would be approx \$60,000. Without volunteers \$70,000.

-Rubber-surfacing \$159,000. Can add the equipment and stick with the wood chips for now. Stacy going to meet with Brandon at the school playground to discuss equipment in more detail. Principle Keith van der Meer will also attend meeting.

-Stacy is applying for grants ranging from \$25,000-125,000.00.

-Discussion about fundraising for the equipment pieces first and then focus on the rubber surfacing.

A. Spring Danceathon- all money raised will go to playground. Partnering with a DJ company out of Calgary that does virtual dances. Kids will dance within their cohorts. Maybe use bingo prizes from last year as incentives. Email Courtney with ideas.

6. Hot Lunch Report- Emily Bester- no hot lunch for February but one for every month after. Will be up on school cash online very soon.

7. Kernel Popcorn Fundraiser - Lisa Meyers and Courtney Edmonds- February and March are up on school cash online, April and May will be up shortly.

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

9. New Business- Teacher appreciation money from fundscript has in the past been given to teachers to use at Teachers Convention. This years fundscript money does not cover the same amount as in previous years. Discussed that instead of giving teachers money, this year we could bring in a meal as a teachers appreciation...discussed doing this on March 18th as the teachers work late on this day.

10. Adjournment 8:14