

Probe Parent Council Agenda February 2, 2022 Meeting via Microsoft Teams 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order @ 6:32pm
 2. Welcome and Introductions: 5 parents, Keith, Carlie, Cheryl Gilmore (Superintendent), Andrea Andreachuk (trustee)
 3. Approval of Agenda Margretha, Second by Leah
 4. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2021 Margretha, second by Leah
 5. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? No objections
 6. Valentines Auction fundraiser - playground resurfacing - link in newsletter and on social media (Galabid) - auction closes Feb 8 - please promote
 7. Chairperson Report
 8. Administrative Report - Keith van der Meer and Carlie Ramotowski
 - Magic show well received, winter carnival went well, Bell Let's Talk day, creativity challenge-interesting and exciting ideas (grade 5 student proposed school-wide art challenge), townhall last night- multiple Probe parents participated
 - Feed Sam- donated fish tank and supplies for learning commons
 - Teacher professional development day- focus on building thinking classrooms (Shelly Moore) to develop active learners and thinkers, collaborators. Building "entry point" for all level of learners and build on complexity to ensure all students are engaged. Using vertical surfaces.
 - Crosswalk flasher- could be installed in spring
- Cheryl Gilmore/Andrea Andreachuk- Came for winter carnival, fun day! Board highlights- Jim Kerr (student engagement consultant) supports vulnerable students. First quarter financial report approved. Board meetings will start at 2:30 and are recorded for parent review. Will start community conversations Feb 10 at The Collective- have a hot drink and chat with the trustees. New school plans coming along. Boost program- helping with students behind due to pandemic. New subs graduating so new hires to be happening. Thanks for everyone distributing masks and rapid test kits. Staff putting in great effort to cover for those off due to illness. Townhall from last night still accepting feedback online from School division website until next Wednesday. Pink shirt day coming up. New initiative on website- expressions of gratitude (parents can contribute), looking more for general responses. Read board meeting minutes for more details.
9. School Spirit/Decorating - Emily Bester – not present today
- Grade 5 legacy wall – being installed Friday. Parent council to support annual cost to add new grade 5 class photo and legacy project.

8. Teacher Reports – Ellen Probe- Winter carnival week was fun, good attendance. Tricky with student/staff absences as many are affected. 100th day of school coming up. Maker’s space- fun way to explore and create.

9. Division Council Report - Sara Bond, unable to attend, sent:

Community Engagement Grant: At the last meeting, there were no representatives present from school that had already used their grant. One of the French schools was considering getting some resources in place to help the anglophone parents support their students not only with French, but also learning to read english. This was thought to be allowed if it encouraged parents to engage with the school and was truly a resource for them, not a resource for students. The idea of a guest speaker or facilitated workshop continues to be something many schools are considering.

Community Engagement Committee: Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings - no cap on attendance.

Parent Learning Sessions: March topic will be sleep and the brain.

ASCA annual conference and meeting: April 22, 23, 24 in Edmonton and online.

10. Old Business

A. Budget is approved, reviewed in January with executive members. Fundraisers and fund allocation decided for the year. Dance-a-thon will be late in year so money raised will go to classrooms next year. Discussion during Society meeting, council voted to use funds this school year.

B. Engagement grant: Suggestions include workshop, guest speaker for parents. Keith suggested online presentations. Will vote next meeting.

11. New Business

12. Next Meeting - first Wednesday of each month, March 2 @ 6:30pm via Teams

13. Adjournment at 7:25.

Probe Parent Council Society

1. Call to Order at 7:25

2. Approval of Agenda Leah, Margretha

3. Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2021 Margretha, Leah

4. Treasurer Report – see above

A. Budget - approved

B. Annual Return Financial Statements – submitted

5. Playground Update – One major grant was not successful, requested feedback to reapply. Discussing another grant to apply for. Important to demonstrate Parent Council continues to fundraise in order to be eligible for grants.

6. Large events throughout the year-

A. Next event - Dance-a-thon - sub committee, volunteers needed, will have to figure out prizes, setting up prizes, participation bags: Sara Bond volunteered

7. Hot Lunch Report - Emily Bester not present

A. Sponsoring hot lunch for lunch support kids (\$7 x 17 kids) per hot lunch, update? Carlie reported supported students are thrilled. 12-20 donated hot lunches per month. Noted ~8 student families can provide meals but not extras like hot lunch, can we support this if parents do not? Vote- yes to support all 25 students.

8. Kernels Popcorn Fridays - Lisa Meyers and Courtney Edmond- no concerns

9. Fundraising A. Valentines Auction – see above

10. New Business – Carlie asked if \$ from SJF lunch could go to another presentation. \$1800 profit, but \$1400 used for sleigh rides and \$200 for legacy project. Not much left. Keith would like council to consider Parent Council funding some school projects for next year. We can work together at end of school year to discuss direction of funding.

Dance-a-thon: voted to use funds this school year for school field trips

11. Adjournment at 8:00pm