

## **Probe Parent Council Agenda**

April 6, 2022 Meeting via Microsoft Teams

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order 6:31pm
2. Welcome and Introductions Keith, Carly, Cheryl, Leah, Danielle, Courtney, Sara, Fiona, Rochelle, Margaretha, Diana, Andrea
3. Approval of Agenda 1st: Fiona, 2nd: Margaretha
4. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2022 1st: Margaretha, 2nd: Fiona
5. Chairperson Report
  - A. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? All in favor
6. Administrative Report - Keith van der Meer and Carlie Ramotowski
  - A. HUGE thank you to Parent Council for the pizza dinner, drinks and dessert, it was enjoyed by all
  - B. March events - LCI awakening show kids had lots of energy, Book fair \$4000 spent and gave us lots of credits to buy new books. BOGO book Fair coming May, For March Cooperation took over our collaborative time. Now onto courage and kids can submit people who demonstrate courage. Grade 2 Green Shirt day assembly was a huge success and the kids did great especially as it was their first experience in a big assembly since Kinder., Our school survey grades 4 and 5 completed. Assurance survey sent to grade 4 parents. Total 18 responses (6 more than previous year) Summary of Our school 2022: compared to Canadian norms and nothing was altered for covid norms. Social/Emotional boys have a higher sense of belonging than boys, having positive relationships at school was great at over 8-% for both genders, and they both think they are trying their hardest in school. Boys have a very low sense of anxiety, only 17% and 30% for girls, well below Canadian norms. Drivers of student outcomes - we are low on identifying clear rules for positive behaviors as compared to Canadian norms. Felt positive relationship with teachers in the high 80s. School based questions - I understand my strengths and areas of growth 95% agree, Read 45%/Writing 15%/Math 45% where do you feel confident in these subjects \*they could only pick one as their greatest strength. Why I like Probe Learning 44%, 29% teachers, 15% friends, Transitioning to middle school 90% feel confident. Learning Preferences: What classroom activities do you like best - 71% active participation vs 29% seat work. Vision Statement: Dr. Probe fosters a community of confident, active learners who are inclusive and kind.
7. Superintendent / Trustee Reports - Cheryl Gilmore & Andrea Andreachuk report from March board meeting - there is a minecraft challenge for designing a school, Spanish learning from Copperwood is now transitioning to GS Lakie this coming school year. Boost Reading Program for 2/3 has been going well and is now including grade 1s, new curriculum coming and working hard at division office to support teachers May 10/11 for supporting teachers. Capital 3 y plan shows modernization for Victoria park to help with the heat, review of the

new school Garry Station to open in Sept 2025, Galbraith is on the list for future modernization. U of L is back in for the High school kids who are doing dual credit this year. Covid highlights will just be on the website, next community conversation YMCA April 13 8:30-10am, little ones will have a play opportunity for young families. New elementary will be the first P3 school, means we have joined with the Public/Private/Provincial partnerships then the developer gets the contracts for maintenance for the next 20 yrs, this is not ideal as we the district get less control over maintenance projects but we will go with the flow as we always do. Funding to school councils school division pays for membership and one member to attend the AGM, every council gets \$250 for one of 3 reasons (attendance/parent learning activity/parent engagement activity) This is not the same as the \$500 from the province this year.

8. School Spirit/Decorating - Emily Bester not in attendance

- A. Update
- B. Volunteers

9. Teacher Reports Mr. Logan grade 2 - St. Patrick's Day festivities with a ginormous leprechaun and report writing activity. Thinking Routine makes thinking uncomfortable and testing the limits of our kiddos and seeing great progress. Green Shirt day Assembly, Mrs. Boulet spearheaded the presentation. Mrs. Birch helped plan a song "The Circle of Life" around donating organs. Gr 3 have eggs in the incubator and are excited for hatching, grade 4 was focused on simple machines and building catapults, grade 5s my city care program with donations. Dance a thon kids are very excited and love pieing a teacher.

10. Division Council Report - Sara Bond there was a presentation on registered apprenticeship program/dual credit programs and there is another one on April 28. \$500 granted again in next provincial budget, must be used by August for financials to the government

11. Old Business

- A. Engagement Grant - book club / author presentation (with SJF or separately) All in favor of the book club

12. New Business

- A. Sports Day hot lunch - June 22 & 23 over 2 days to help space kids out and not rush through stations, we will do one day lunch and address a date based on volunteers.
- B. Special request to fund Grade 5 farewell and Pancake breakfast funds from the last 2 SJF hot lunches to fund these since we cannot ask for food to be brought in from parents.

Discussion: Opposition put forth concerns of setting a precedent that we will fund these events every year when not in budget, in addition noted that the pancake breakfast was a thank you to the families of probe from the school and we don't normally fund this activity for ourselves. There was concern that using "all" school funds for a singular grade event is unfair as hot lunch funds are generated by all grade levels and if we fund a specific grade level event with those funds the same should be offered to all grades in fairness.

Vote of Grade 5 farewell \$600 estimated profits of May and June hot lunch: To be used for (cupcakes/decorations/drink) and remainder to Probe Family Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

4 in favor and 1 opposed 3 non votes For June hot lunch

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- C. Volunteers needed for BOGO book fair on May 27 (set up), May 30 to June 3 (sales) during school hours, email [lesley.masuk@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:lesley.masuk@lethsd.ab.ca) if interested 1 or more hour slots

13. Next Meeting - first Wednesday of each month, May 4 @ 6:30pm via Teams

14. Adjournment 8:08pm

### **Probe Parent Council Society**

1. Call to Order 8:09pm

2. Approval of Agenda 1st: Fiona, 2nd: Margaretha

3. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2022 1st: Margaretha, 2nd: Fiona

4. Treasurer Report

A. Switching from cheques to EFT will go through Probe Parent council email, voting was done with the executive before this meeting via email vote.

B. Writing a check for the playground from the silent auction and remaining balance in the bingo account from 2 years ago.

5. Playground Update - waiting for City of Lethbridge grant to install equipment at the end of June with rubber surface under the new equipment and the rest of the surface to follow.

6. Large events throughout the year

A. Sports Day - volunteers needed? Will let the committee meet and decide what they need

7. Hot Lunch Report - Emily Bester

8. Kernels Popcorn Fridays - Lisa Meyers and Courtney Edmond - need new volunteer for next year

9. Fundraising

A. Dance-a-thon update - any donations through the registry? 9 from the registry purchased, Keith will count what is in the school and report # of bags needed for tickets, Sara/Fiona/Leah to meet Friday morning to set up prizes.

10. New Business - none

11. Adjournment 8:27pm