

Probe Parent Council Minutes

November 2, 2022 Meeting in person @ Probe School
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order 6:33pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. In Attendance: 16 participants. 2 admin, 1 trustee rep, 2 teachers, 11 parents
3. Approval of Agenda: Sara, Danielle
4. Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2022: missing, looking into this
5. Chairperson Report
 - A. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? No one opposed
6. Administrative Report
 - A. Budget: \$2,775,540 total. 96% goes to staffing. Cost of paper up 50%, a program called Paper Cut is hoping to help reduce the cost of printing. Technology has \$5,000 set aside for repairs and evergreening-any remainder moved to next year's budget. Keith reviewed the details. Any funds not used will move into reserves (can't be >3.5% as per government regulation).
 - B. Keith's Report: Theme days in October- Heap the Jeep. Book Fair- \$6,000 in sales. Danceathon had over 119 prizes ~\$11-12,000 raised, fun day! Grade 5 legacy project visiting Columbia Assisted Living- students showed off costumes. Student learning-concept based planning, teachers having to modify plans to meet new curriculum, working to ensure all students engaged at their level and engaged in their own learning. PL day to talk more about thinking classrooms and providing teachers tools for planning. PE and health and combined in Phys Ed and Wellness.
7. SuperIntendent / Trustee Reports: Allison Purcell, trustee rep. Reminded everyone about Community Conversations next Tuesday at Fish and Games 10-11:00. Dec 8 4-5:30 at YMCA. Looking for feedback about positive experiences, concerns/challenges, ideas.
8. School Spirit/Decorating - Emily Bester: Halloween decorations were amazing, thank you Emily and April (and anyone other helpers!)
 - A. Update
 - B. Volunteers
9. Teacher Reports:

Mrs. Boulet, grade 2 - spoke about new resources to support change of curriculum, 2 for literacy. Field trip with indigenous leader, Melanie Morrow, to riverbottom to discuss cultural history, plants. Centers for Halloween kept kids focused on such an exciting day.

Mrs. Wilkinson, grade 4 - field trip to Galt to explore a new topic; WWI and local connection. Initiative to connect students to nature and engage in Indigenous learning, will have 4 opportunities. First one in conjunction with Helen Schuler Nature Center. Also using new resources to support change of curriculum; reading and math. Planning to have grade 4s do Easter/Spring "Mini Putt" for other students and possibly parents. Might use this opportunity for grade 4 parent survey completion. This is TOP SECRET!
10. Division Council Report - Sara Bond
11. Old Business
 - A. Engagement Grant: Save the Kids presentation for grade 4 and 5s tomorrow, will be

bussed. Thanks to the parents who sponsored the cost of the bussing.

a. Glow Kids book club

12. New Business: Danceathon debrief- busy for parent council to get organized on short notice, but doable with additional parent volunteers, thank you!! Looking for general feedback, preference for gym vs classroom dance, anything else?

13. Next Meetings - first Wednesday of each month typically

A. December 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm

14. Adjournment 7:25

Probe Parent Council Society

1. Call to Order 7:25pm

2. Approval of Agenda Sara, Danielle

3. Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2022, missing, on hold

4. Treasurer Report - Margaretha Hallett, not in attendance, shared financial statements for Danielle to review.

A. Update on Financials: 1 hot lunch, deposit for sleigh ride, danceathon expenses for popcorn, prize money donated will be reimbursed by school (Danielle to submit amount, Jenny to provide cheque). Margaretha wondering if we can e transfer for bussing to Save the Kids. If not, school can cover and the Parent Council will reimburse.

5. Playground Update

A. Update on reviewed grant? Should hear this month

6. Hot Lunch Report - Emily Bester - no voiced concerns. Danielle looked into hot lunch options- Quiznos, Panago could be options, used to do Booster Juice but kids don't like the wraps just the drinks. Danielle to touch base with Emily as she has looked into other options. Might consider Booster Juice smoothies for sports day since hot lunch covered by SJF.

7. Kernels Popcorn Fridays

A. Volunteers for sorting? Katie and Danielle organizing tomorrow

8. Initiatives

A. Final count of funds from the Dance-a-thon- see above

9. Fundraisers / Events

B. Dance-a-thon

a. Review- see above

C. Fundscrip (November) - pdf forms challenging for parents last year. Could school print?

a. Date and volunteers- last week of November? Collect and deliver over 2 day period each for efficiency.

D. Winter Celebration

a. Sleigh ride is booked

b. Volunteers?

E. Spring Market (March / April)

a. Booked for Mar 25, 2023

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjournment 7:40