

Probe Parent Council Agenda

December 7, 2022

Meeting in person @ Probe School 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order @ 6:36pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

A. In Attendance: 3 parents (Danielle, Fiona, Rachelle), 2 teachers (Ellen Probe, Bobbi MacKinnon), Keith

3. Approval of Agenda: Danielle, Fiona

4. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2022: Danielle, Fiona

5. Chairperson Report

A. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? No objections

B. Town Hall on Feb 7, 2023 @ 6:30-8:30 pm

Question 1- In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners?

Question 2 - Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?

- Danielle will plan to go, Keith to ask other parents

6. Administrative Report – Keith- Indigenous bingo night over 100 people attended, SJF grade 7 students presented plays, grade 6's to assist with card making for seniors, Christmas events upcoming, grade 5 basketball coming, Probe order in, will discuss literacy plan next meeting

7. Super Intendent / Trustee Reports – main issue town hall

8. Teacher Reports: Ellen Probe- busy in grade 1, making clay gingerbread houses. Bobbi Mackinnon- grade 2, learning about Lethbridge, Bobbi presented at the district meeting how math manipulatives are being used in classes.

9. Division Council Report - Sara Bond – absent, provided written summary- “Presentation was on communication technology and the apps that the division utilizes to communicate with parents. A survey was sent out to gather information on the preferred forms of electronic communication with the school division. Nothing new to report on. We were asked to reflect on how we as parent council make sure we can be inclusive and engage with a wide range of parents. Some ideas included hybrid/in-person meeting, and having toys for parents that might need to bring their children in order to attend meetings. Any other ideas can be sent to be and I will share at the next meeting.”

Discussion today: Probe parent council sent out survey at beginning of year, another school offered childcare (provided by older kids) but may not have brought out extra people, having teachers add

requests for volunteers to their classroom communications, discussed how to encourage those parents who attend the first meeting, then not again, to continue- maybe make the first meeting warmer, share background of council activities, more open discussion time

10. Old Business

A. Engagement Grant

- a. Glow Kids book club - \$130 made from books, many books left

11. New Business

12. Next Meetings - first Wednesday of each month typically

A. Skipping January

B. February 1, 2023 @ 6:30pm

13. Adjournment @ 7:16pm

Probe Parent Council Society

1. Call to Order @7:16pm

2. Approval of Agenda: Danielle, Fiona

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2022: Danielle, Fiona

4. Treasurer Report - Margaretha Hallett

A. Update on Financials: awaiting preparation of documents

5. Playground Update – still waiting to hear about grant

6. Hot Lunch Report - Emily Bester – not present

7. Kernels Popcorn Fridays

A. Volunteers for sorting - one Thursday a month for 30 min @ 8:30am- Danielle to reach out to a few volunteers

8. Initiatives A. Fundscrip (November)

a. Order placed, expected arrival mid December

b. Total sales = \$12,685.00 / profit = \$528.81

c. >1000 sheets of paper for 20 orders, are there other ways to take orders?

9. Fundraisers / Events

A. Winter Celebration on Thursday Dec 22: Volunteers - if your interested in volunteering please contact Carlie. Danielle will volunteer for the Maple station in the afternoon as it is still needed

B. Spring Market (March / April)

a. Booked for Mar 25, 2023

b. Applications will be sent out shortly

c. Are teachers able to participate, eg. Side businesses? Keith doesn't see conflict. Plan to open applications to community vendors first, and then to teacher/staff vendors to manage perceived conflict of interest re: favouring teachers for tables

d. Kids tables to be included at reduced cost

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12. Adjournment @ 7:35pm