

Probe Parent Council Minutes

May 3, 2023 Meeting in-person @ Probe School 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order - 6:33 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. In Attendance: Fiona, Leah, April, Bryson (grade 2 dad), Darby (grade 2 dad), Allison Purcell (School board trustee)
 - Staff: Sue Howg (grade 3), Keith, Carlie
3. Approval of Agenda Leah & Fiona
4. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2023 Leah & Fiona
5. Chairperson Report – Danielle Aubin - not in attendance
 - A. Permission to let names be submitted in minutes? - yes
6. Administrative Report – Keith van der Meer
 - Green shirt day
 - Evergreen theater: put on by the parent council. Info was sent to teachers ahead of time to make learning relevant. Student participation.
 - John Dunn: Arctic explorer; appreciation for nature; private donor put this on
 - Dance-a-thon helped pay for field trips (grades 3,4,5)
 - Our School Survey data - grade 4&5 - social emotional well being and how academics are going:**
 - students had the option to have the survey read to them - great for accessibility
 - overall improvement compared to last year (comparing 2023 and 2022 data)
 - Social-Emotional Outcomes**
 - Girls/Boys (2022 data)**
 - 80/79 (67/84) have a high sense of belonging [* girls stats went down*]
 - 93/87 (89/80) have positive relationships at school
 - 93/86 (90/97) value school outcomes for their future
 - 77/81 (73/86) express high motivation in learning
 - 96/92 (93/97) identify as trying hard in school
 - 27/9 (30/17) expressed moderate high anxiety [*decreased*]
 - Drivers of Student Outcomes**
 - Girls/Boys (2022 data)**
 - 70/81 (72/77) felt safe attending school
 - 71/73 (71/76) felt they have a consistent advocate
 - 87/87 (84/87) felt positive relationships with teachers
 - ... Identify clear rules for positive behavior [*sorry couldn't read the numbers on my phone screen shot for this one, but I did note there wasn't much change and it was lower results than the other categories*]
 - 84/85 (81/86) felt high expectations of them for success
 - 62/62 (67/68) identified an advocate outside of school
 - strengths in subjects: math (39 %), reading (43%), writing (18%) [*totalling 100%*]
 - transitioning to middle school - 94% feel confident
 - how do you want to learn: active participation (71 %), seat work (29%)
 - School questions: challenge and skill, social media, opportunities for collaboration
 - feedback from last year: kids didn't feel playground rules were consistent

-Key takeaways:

- Safe and caring: Probe staff do an amazing job
- Literacy: 3 yr plan continues to be very important
- Transition: continue to do a good job preparing for middle school
- Engagement: students value agency and being active in learning

7. Superintendent / Trustee Reports: N/A

- Education week this week
 - Kaylee Low presentation to the school board about technology
 - forming a committee: looking at technology use in division
 - reviewed policies - parents should look at and can give input (any at all)
 - Edmonton public - funding for refugee students (advocating for funding).
 - supporting EPS - has to be approved by all school boards in AB
 - Anti-racism policy (Inclusion, etc). Student forum - parents can be part of a table
 - Election advocacy - 2 election forums (Lethbridge West and East) - May dates
 - Community conversations: May 4: west library 6-7:30 pm. Come chat with trustees.
 - Superintendent retiring. Hired a consultant to hire a new superintendent.
- Interviewing and hiring next week. Trustees interview.

8. Teacher Reports - Sue Howg (grade 3)

- U of L grade 3 field trip on May 16
 - June 22 grade 3 dino dig, fossil field trip
 - 2 all day field trips
 - chicks hatched this year and brought back to show older chicks - life cycle curriculum
- The farmer is a parent at the school.
- running club
 - tomorrow: dress like a teacher
 - gymnastics - they loved
 - mood walk yesterday for mental health awareness (grade 3)

9. Division Council Report - Sara Bond - change in meeting. June 12th now.

10. Old Business

A. Succession planning

- a. Will not attend the Kinder Celebration so it can be kept as their special grad, other ideas are a blurb to put in the Kinders newsletter or something set up outside the kinder doors at pick up, other ideas?
- Need 8 parents to help run parent council
- Parent council - attend events to promote parents joining. Welcome to Kinder night
- Info pamphlet for parent night suggested - learn about parent council positions

11. New Business

- A. Vote to bump elections to the October meeting, and keep September very lax, warm and open - no vote tonight

B. Should we bump the September meeting to the second or third week of the school year in efforts to promote it more, allow parents to settle in and encourage attendance? 12. Next Meetings – usually the first Wednesday of the month.

- A. Is there a need for a meeting in June? - June 7

13. Adjournment 7:41 pm

Probe Parent Society Minutes

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1. Call to Order - no quorum so this meeting was postponed till June
 - A. In Attendance:
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2023
4. Treasurer Report - Margaretha Hallett
 - A. Update on Financials
5. Playground Update
 - A. Has the \$10,000 cheque been provided to school?
6. Hot Lunch
 - A. Danielle is exploring more options and will have more variety for next year B. Will ensure to get contract signed to maintain price throughout the school year C. Will the school (Carlie) continue with SJF hot lunches?
7. Kernels Popcorn Fridays
 - A. Vote on alternating Booster Juice smoothies with Kernels popcorn next year
 - B. Will ensure to get contract signed to maintain price throughout the school year 8.
- Initiative Results
9. Upcoming Initiatives
10. Old Business
 - A. Casino license update
11. New Business
 - A. Vote to write a wrap up letter to parents again this year in the last newsletter
 - a. Changes, suggestions, improvements?
 - B. Vote to write a welcome letter to parents again at the beginning of next year
 - a. Changes, suggestions, improvements?
 - C. Vote to complete a Probe Parent Support Survey
 - a. Changes, suggestions, improvements?
12. Adjournment