

**Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021**

Attendance: Dave French, Aoife Cahill, Michelle Yuzdepski, Vernice Lorde, Anitha Isaiah Kim Hawco, Lisa Hall, Lisa Levitt, Courtenay Gallacher, Paty, Dustin DeMarre, Kim Pennok, Emile, unknown, Jenelle Potyondi, Carrie, Noor Alqadi, Monica Caesar

Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
 - a. Opening Prayer led by Michelle Yuzdepski.
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Introductions- via chat
3. **Approval**
 - a. Dave made a motion to approve June 15th, 2021 minutes: Lisa-First; courtenay Second; carried.
 - b. Dave made a motion to approve today's agenda: Kim First; Lisa Second; carried.

4. Teacher Presentation *Lisa Hall Grade 4*

Staggered entry was a huge success again this year.

Mrs. Blanchard performed a piece which she wrote especially for our division theme Called to More

Classroom Updates:

Kindergarten / Pre-K -

Kindergarten is so excited to have begun their new BIG learning adventure. We have had lots of fun meeting our friends and learning so many new routines, playing in the big gym and on the playground! We are learning all about colours and have had lots of fun dressing up for our colour days!

Grade 1- The students in Grade One have been settling into routines and are still getting used to full days everyday. We are working on Pete the Cat activities and Rocking in our School shoes.

Grade 2- Grade two students are adjusting to classroom expectations and procedures with their new teachers. We were all excited to login to the new Chromebooks on the re-stocked Chromebook cart. Literacy/Numeracy Intervention - Grades 2 and 3 teachers have been busy assessing students in L.A. and math. Next week we will look at groupings and beginning pull outs in the beginning of October.

Grade 3- The grade 3s are settling in nicely. The grade 3 teachers have also been busy getting the students to complete the MIPIs and literacy tests, and making phone calls home to connect with families (meet the teacher.) In language arts, the grade 3 teachers have been working on teaching the students daily routines so that the teachers can start guided reading groups. Nancy Morgan (Literacy Specialist???... from Central Learning,) has been helping (and will continue to help) them set this up.

Grade 4 - The grade 4s have completed their MIPI's and have been adjusting to the back to school routine nicely. In Science we are learning about wheels, drives, and gears. As we progress through this unit, students will be building many types of things. Please watch for notes about items to bring from home. In Social we are learning about the 6 Regions of Alberta. Grade 4 students are being given the opportunity to be tech leads during assemblies by helping run the camera and slides that are live streamed to all the classes.

School Activities:

We are continuing to have **weekly school wide assemblies on Fridays** with one grade level leading in the gym and the other classes joining virtually from their classrooms.

Meet the staff - in lieu of traditional style **teachers are phoning all families** and each week in the newsletter/Smore you will meet all our staff

Upcoming Events:

- Terry Fox Run September 29** - Mrs. Peterson has organized the day
- Truth and Reconciliation Week** - Mr. Binder has planned a week of activities
- No School September 30**
- Orange shirt day October 1** - Grade 1 will be leading our assembly

Thank-you to...

Parents for supporting the school as we continue to navigate the pandemic and keeping students' home when they are not feeling well.

5. Admin Report: Aoife Cahill

School Council Report - September

- COVID Update - **maintained protocols from last year**: grade level doors, cohorts, staggered recesses therefore we did not have to adjust with the recent restrictions. Biggest change is mandatory masks and the students are doing so well remembering to wear them in common areas.
- **World Teachers' Day - October 5**
https://www.thanksteachers.ca/?utm_campaign=world_teachers_day&utm_medium=email&utm_source=albertateachers Website note: Now with schools open and teachers back in class, it's time to reflect on what we've all been through and how we've depended on each other. And now, on World Teachers Day, let's throw teachers a well-deserved 'thank you.' It would be lovely if we could promote this within the Holy Spirit School community and have families share their love and appreciation for our teachers.
- **Truth & Reconciliation week** - Mr. Binder, our Indigenous Lead, is organizing activities for our school every day. There will also be two suggested activities to do at home on Thursday, which we have no school. Orange shirt day will be Friday, October 1st and will tie in with our school wide assembly.
- **Stenciling** - we are working with a company to design and create outdoor stenciling for the students at the back of the school. This will include 4 square and
- **School Mass/ Grade 4 Retreat** - we are in the process of planning a school wide mass and grade 4 bible presentation and retreat for **Oct. 8.**
- **Nutrition Grant** - we received another grant this year from President's Choice. Once we receive the money Mrs. Petersen will be **purchasing healthy snacks for all students to access.**
- **Healthy Announcements** - every morning as part of the announcements we share a healthy school focus from APPLE Schools. This month our focus on the students as SUPER heros to re enforce strategies of keeping our school healthy safe during this pandemic.
- **School fees** - as we are peeling the layers off slowly we have not planned many field trips yet. The fees will be added as field trips are scheduled.
- **Flowers beds** - we would like to beautify the front of the school. We received a **grant of \$1000 and would like to work with the school community/school council on this project.** We would appreciate some parent help placing topsoil, mulch and planting flowers/bushes

-teacher appreciation -Oct. 5th, cards and posts? maybe chalking the sidewalks with affirmations?
-Dave open floor for questions
-Jenelle asks about parents in school
-Aoife says - hope for parent volunteers is October; fields trips tabled in hopes they can resume more normally later on.
-Lisa comments on front beautification as previously mentioned by Aoife; combining it with grade 4 leadership, allowing them to leave behind something memorable
-Aoife would like soil and mulch before snow
-Kim Pennock asked about hot lunch
-Aoife says we can do it! hot lunch 1-2 times per month and parents can select which if any meals they would like; a percentage earned from hot lunches goes towards parent council for fundraising. Historically parents would help deliver hot lunch; covid has paused this; important for fundraising in supporting the school environment; Michele is willing to tutor new leaders. ***Lisa mentions 3 people willing to take on this role

6. Open Issues
 - a. Business arising from previous meeting-n/a
 - b. COVID Updates-covered in admin report
 - c. Parent volunteers-covered in discussion
7. New Business
 - a. Field Trips-covered in discussion
 - b. School Fee Support-no new news
 - c. Reconciliation Recognition-Mr. Binder doing whole week
8. Adjournment
Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.