

Madonna Catholic School
School Council Meeting
September 27, 2018
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Prayer: Lead by Karen Antoniuk

Roll call: Jennifer Brownlee, Natalie Sanderson, Brandi Pacholik, Lindsay Tomalik, Tracy Scoggins, Cathy Hinger, Karen Antoniuk, Laura Engel, Danielle Jubinville, Warren Bitzer, Nadine Johnston, Debi Wiebe, Jeness Stang, Kristy Partridge.

Introductions

Motion to approve last meetings minutes: Motion by Natalie Sanderson, seconded by Brandi Pacholik

Teacher's Report:

-BB

It has been a fun and very busy month at Brighter Beginnings! We are learning how to follow the classroom routines and learning about the jungle, and changes in the weather. We even had our first FOP, where we had the opportunity to enjoy the fall weather while walking through the woods.

Grade 1S

We have had a ONE-derful start to our year! In September, we welcomed five new students to Madonna's Grade One class and have spent our afternoons getting to know each other by students presenting their *All About Me Box* items. We are so close to finishing our Classroom Creed, this is something we have been working on since the first week of school and are working together to write a creed that will reflect the type of friends we should be to each other in Grade One this year. This week we had Mr. Millar and his four legged friend Sox come to Madonna to meet the children as part of the *Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project*. This project will help kick off the Home Reading Program this year.

2L

We have been working hard to build our classroom community this month and settle into our routines in grade 2. We are working hard on sight words and writing stories that make sense. We are excited to start guided reading so that we can continue to become better readers! We have also been exploring liquids and how the water cycle works, and learning about our community before exploring ones that make Canada unique!

3L

Grade 3 Lampka has been working hard this month and has settled into new classroom routines. Some of our highlights have been completing a STEM project, building a pencil holder in science, playing several math games, using the Chrome books to write a paragraph about our collections, and leading a school assembly. We are excited for Flex to start in October. Also in October we will be reading and doing activities about Thanksgiving, and of course, about Halloween.

3S

It has been a wonderful first month in 3S! It is hard to believe we are already into week 4 in our school year... time flies when we are having fun! In 3S, we have gotten into the full swing of things, transitioning into little scientists/engineers in our first Science unit, Building & Testing Materials, as well as mathematicians, writers, readers, evangelizers, and geographers in our mapping unit of Social Studies. We look forward to starting Flex in October to explore our interests in an engaging and educational way!

Grade 4's

The grade 4's are off to a busy and exciting start. Our retreat to Camp Van E's allowed us to bond as a group, have fun in outdoor environment, and participate in a special mass where we reflected on how we are all God's Masterpiece. We made t-shirts and reminder rocks from our day and yesterday had opportunity to sign our classmates shirts. All the grade 4's received their Bibles which were blessed and presented at Mass today. We celebrated our day with a special lunch supported by our parents. Our field trip to Strathcona recycling center was a fun walk and a great tour as students learned about waste in our world.

Admin Report:

Excellent Start Up this year. Excellent teaching and support staff

- Sunday SMORE is the key communication
- Spirit Wear Sale Will do another sale in February
- New alternative seating in most classrooms
- Waiting on the Gr. 3 Fountas & Pinnell Classroom

- Guided Reading starting next week → teachers are excited
- Timetable Change
- Nut Aware School
- Medical Forms and Epi Pen's
- FLEX Options coming out soon

- FNMI Assemblies → Residential Schools ... next teaching ... Plexi-glass stained glass window
- Rooney & Puni → November 1st
- Elder Theresa Strawberry and Elder Wilson Bearhead visiting the school 4 – ½ days this year

- Movemovent and Movie Day (Coco in the afternoon)
- Winter WonderLand ... possibly Sleigh Rides, campfire etc.
- Last Day of School Year End Field Trip to the Zoo for Gr.1 to Gr. 4
- Faith Speaker → looking for one
- First Gr. 4 Fall Retreat → success
- Video → Sir Ken Robinson → Do Schools Kill Creativity
https://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity

School Budget was reviewed:

- Attached a copy in the secretaries' binder.

Flex Program was reviewed: Presented by Cathy Hinger

Fit Kids, Earth Club Soap Stone

Plastercine Portraits, Coding, Peer Leadership, Sewing

Chairs Report by Jennifer Brownlee

- Going to review the school pictures to allow for only 2 poses instead of 4.
- Jennifer Brownlee and Laura Engel to volunteer on photo day.

Hot Lunch Reviewed by Tracy Scoggins:

- Hot lunch is good.
- Tracy Scoggins to finalize volunteer times soon.
- Looking into Arbys – to bring info to next meeting.

Fundraising Review:

- Mundare will start around October 8th and will run for two weeks.
- Jennifer Brownlee brought up Big Box greeting cards 33% profit. Will discuss is more detail next meeting.
- Bake sale Nov 7th & 8th
- Unanimous vote to not have the book fair.
- Toy & Turkey Bingo set for Nov. 24/18

Treasurers Report: presented by Lindsay Tomalik.

Open Discussion:

- Warren to Donate Hokey Tickets again this year, Ttoonies for Tickets will be in December as it was a huge success last year.
- Paintnite was discussed but it needs to be more affordable for families. Will work on ideas in the upcoming meetings.
- Skating at Festival Place as a school
- Brandi Pacholik to bring Purdy's Fundraising information next meeting.
- Salad Night was discussed – Ladies only, everyone brings a salad, Inspirational Speaker, everyone can decorate a table (different themes)
- Laura Engel to bring in info for The Popcorn Shoppe.

7:29pm – Meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Brownlee.

Watched TED Talk: Sir Ken Robinson

Next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2018 @ 6:30pm