

Madonna Catholic School Education Society

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm, June 3, 2021, taking place online via google meet

In attendance:

Jenness S	Kerstin A	Angela P
Erin C	Karen A	
Jennifer B	Natalie S	

7:08 pm Karen A opened with prayer

7:12 pm Approval of last minutes by Kerstin A, seconded by Natalie S

7:13pm Teacher's report presented by Angela P

- **GENERAL** Participated in the Living Rosary walk outside in the school yard. Students responded well to the prayerful experience with their classroom teacher. Live Streamed Mass - June 22 11:00
- **Kindergarten** Thank you to families for supporting their child during the Google Meets and Google Slide activities as best you were able. We understand that at the kindergarten level online learning is the same as home learning because of the one-on-one adult help they require. Early Literacy: We continue with our sound friends -focusing on the vowel sounds; we review rhyming and listening for the beginning sound; we are using our white boards to 'sound out' and write some 3 letter words. Numeracy: During May we focused on 2D and 3D shapes, while always reviewing patterns, subitizing numbers to 10 and one more/one less. We are playing number BINGO to 20 (and we might try one game of Numbers to 100 on the very last day)! Thank you to Strathcona County and Active Schools for the various prizes that were donated. Religion: Students have been practicing the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers this month. Thank you to the CWL from OLPH parish for their past donation of a rosary for each child to take home. The Mon/Wed class was able to participate in the outdoor Rosary Walk and the Tues/Thurs class joined in the whole school for Funny/Messy Hair Day. Garden: Some of the tomatoes have survived, but not all of them (and that's the way it goes in gardening). We loved watching the Purple Peacock Pole Beans climb up to the ceiling and most who tried a taste liked eating them. We have picked, dried and saved some of these bean seeds for an experiment in Grade 1. Our outdoor garden is sprouting up with the pole beans, lettuce, swiss chard, potatoes, and flowers, so far.
- **Grade 1** Bishop: Thank you to all of the families that facilitated online learning. I missed the class so much, and we're so excited to finish the school year together. · LA: We have started our Fairy Tales unit, and are currently on our second Fairy Tale, Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas, we will be moving on to Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion · Math: We recently completed our Addition and Subtraction to 20, and completed our Geometry

unit during online learning. We have just started our Measurement unit. · Social: We are studying and identifying the groups and communities we belong to. · Science: Grade 1 is continuing to work on our Plants and Animals unit, we will also visit our Grade 1 tree to discuss “Summer” in the next week.

- **Religion** We are creating a display in the classroom called Mary, Our Heavenly Mother. We see Mary as our model. She was fully a mother to Jesus. She loved and cared for Him just as your mother loves and cares for you. Students have been busy collecting images of their mother, as well as creating images of Mary.
- **Grade 1 / 2 Forslund:** I was so proud of the hard work and dedication all my students and their families did during online learning. It was heartwarming to see. -We have also been doing a fairytale unit in LA and doing a variety of writing with this. The students all love this and have great creativity. -We finished measurement and are continuing with addition and subtraction. -Science is so much fun with the integration of the needs of plants and animals with small crawling and flying animals. We also learned the bumble bee song. This was from when I was little and they greatly adore it. -In social we will be starting to learn about Saskatoon and what this community is about. -Religion has us talking about the love our Mothers have for us. Talking about the love Mary has for Jesus and how we can look up to her in times of need.
- **Grade 2 Hunt:** Grade 2's did a great job with online learning! Thank you to all the parents for all their support through the process. · LA: We have explored a variety of fairy tales and students are now in the process of writing their own fractured fairy tale. · Math: Completed measurement and now moving onto graphing and interpreting data. · Social: We are learning about the Acadian community of Meteghan. · Science: We are learning about small crawling and flying animals and have started looking at food chains. · Religion: We have been learning all about Mother Mary and how Jesus will always be with us.
- **Grade 3 Gauthier:** Students in grade 3 did an amazing job during our online learning. They completed their assignments so well and were so attentive while online. Thank you to all those parents who supported their child through our online learning. · LA - The students just finished a Magic Tree House novel called Dolphins at Daybreak. · Math - Students are working on our Measurement and Time unit. · Science - Our students released their butterflies and are learning about different animal life cycles. · Social - We are studying the country of India. · Religion - The students enjoyed learning about Mary and participated in the Living Rosary.
- **Grade 3 / 4 Podoborozny:** Student's in grade 3/4P did a great job during online learning. The students completed meaningful tasks and a big thank you to parents for helping support their child through this transition. · LA: Students are working on Opinion writing. They are learning how to support their ideas with evidence from the text. · Math: Grade 3 & 4 students are finishing their measurement and time unit. They will be moving onto geometry! · Science: Grade 3 students just released their butterflies after learning about the life cycle. Grade 4 students are continuing their wheels and levers unit. They will be conducting experiments to demonstrate their understanding of simple machines. · Social: Grade 3 students are studying the country of Peru. They are learning about the culture and lifestyle of a student in grade 3. Grade 4 students are learning about early


explorers. · Religion: The students enjoyed the month of Mary and being able to participate in the living rosary.

- **Grade 4** Prenoslo: Students did a wonderful job of being engaged with Online Learning. Grade fours were well equipped to do most activities independently. A big thank you to parents for your support. · LA: We finished our novel study of Owls in the Family and the students were very interested in the many owl facts we learned along the way. · MATH: Completed fractions, decimals, and money unit. Onto geometry. Completed with a shopping trip to the 4P Store:) · SOCIAL: We are learning about early explorers · SCIENCE: Finishing our Wheels and Levers with 2 construction activities and fair testing. · Religion: enjoyed leading the Mary school assemblies for the month of May.

7:21pm

Principal's report presented by Karen A

- On June 8 we will acknowledge the 215 found children at the Kamloops residential school
  - Requesting students to wear orange in remembrance of these children
  - There will be a moment of silence from 2:00 - 2:15 pm in honour of these children
  - Flags have been lowered
- Staggered entry September 1 & 2 for students. September 3, all students will attend.
- Edge Imaging has been confirmed for student photos this fall
- Mrs Prenoslo is retiring. Thank you for your time at Madonna, you will be missed by all!
- June 28, teachers will mail out welcome letters to students for upcoming school year
- Thank you from all staff, council & families of Madonna to Jennifer B & Natalie S for their time served on council for many years. Their youngest children are moving on to Grade 5. You will both be missed by all!
- School fees for upcoming year, providing there are no AHS restrictions in place at that time
  - *Please note that field trips are charged before each trip. It is not a one time payment as the fee chart may appear to suggest*

 <p><b>Madonna Catholic School</b>          15 Main Boulevard          Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3N3          Phone: 780-467-7972 Fax: 780-449-1035          website: mcs.eics.ab.ca</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">School Fee Schedule</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">For the 2021/2022 School Year</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Last Updated: 06/01/2021</i></p>	
Fee Name	
<b>Activity Fees</b>	
<i>(Fee amount could change due to availability - cost recovery only)</i>	
ECS Field Trips	\$60.00
Gr 1 Field Trips	\$145.00
Gr 2 Field Trips	\$120.00
Gr 3 Field Trips	\$100.00
Gr 4 Field Trips	\$170.00
Swimming Lessons Grd 1 to 4	\$80.00
Young Author's Conference - Student Fees	\$20.00
<b>Cafeteria Sales, Hot Lunch, Milk Programs</b>	
Milk Program - Price Per Carton	\$1.10
<b>Non-Curricular Goods &amp; Services</b>	
Agenda - Student - Student Fees	\$15.00
Bus Pass Replacement Fee	\$5.00
Message Pouch	\$12.00
NSF \$25 Fee	\$25.00
<b>Sales of Other Supplies and Services</b>	
Recorder - Student Fees	\$10.00
<b>Technology User Fees</b>	
Tech Fee K-3	\$20.00

- 7:33 pm      Chair report presented by Jennifer B
- Toy & Turkey bingo date is set for Friday, November 26, 2021
  - Cobbs & Save On Foods fundraiser is ongoing throughout the summer! Save receipts from Save On Foods and submit to the school in September
- 7:39 pm      Council vote for positions
- Kerstin A nominated for Chair position
    - All parents in attendance voted unanimously in favour
  - Jenness S still stands as Secretary
  - Erin C still stands as Treasurer
- 7:42 pm      Meeting adjourned

7:43 pm Fundraising meeting called to order

In attendance:

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7:43pm Treasurer report presented by Erin C

- \$15,557.48 is current bank account balance

7:48 pm Meeting adjourned by Jennifer B

A note from our outgoing Chair, Jennifer B:

*June 3, 2021*

*Dear Parent/Teacher School Council*

*As my time here as Chair comes to a close, I just want to share a few words.*

*I have been part of the Madonna family since 2015 when my son Jaxon started in Grade 1. I joined the Parent Council in 2016 and in 2017 I became Secretary. 2018 I was nominated and voted in for Chair and have continued this position until present. My daughter Olivia is finishing her Grade 4 this year and it is the end of the road for me. So, it has been an amazing journey to say the least.*

*Over the years I have seen this school strive for excellence. In my opinion, we have the best administration team, fantastic programs and support systems, and an incredible teaching in the catholic faith. This school has shown me compassion, stability, trust and kindness. I believe our children are getting, and have gotten the greatest education and the skills to be wonderful children in our society.*

*My role as Chair has been very special. I believe I took on this role with dedication, grace and seriousness. I do believe we accomplished many things in the past years together as a team. I am grateful for the relationships with you ladies and the staff at Madonna. Getting to know the teachers is part of this job and I felt very accepted and blessed to have them. I am especially grateful for Karen. You are truly an amazing leader, wonderful mentor and confidant and you have been a very important part of this journey for me and my family. I am blessed to know you and am honoured to call you, my friend.*

*With that being said, I wish you all a great year next year. To the parents that attend our meetings, thank you. Please continue to spread the word about Council and continue to support and have your voice heard. Jenness and Erin thank you for continuing your roles as Secretary*

*and Treasurer. Natalie thank you for sitting beside me as Co-Chair. I wish you the best of luck moving onto St. T's and can't wait until our children cross paths again. And Kerstin, I wish you all the best in taking this role as Chair. I know it can be daunting, but just remember what I said.... you do not get paid for doing this job and you are volunteering for a position that no one else wants...LOL. Therefore, lead your team the way you want and love what you do. You will do great!*

*I leave this team with my head held high and feeling proud of what has been accomplished and extremely proud to have been part of this Madonna family. Continue greatness for this school ladies (and hope to see some gents). Only you can make it happen. Respect one another and have fun doing it. Thank you and cheers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jennifer Brownlee*

*Chair -Madonna Catholic School*

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to [madonnaces@gmail.com](mailto:madonnaces@gmail.com) June 10, 2021