

Madonna Catholic School Council

In Attendance:

Kerstin A	Jenness S	Karen A	Kathryn F	Laura E
Rebecca K	Kristie P	Jean B	Kim M	Erin C

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Kerstin A. This meeting took place February 16, 2022 via google meet online

7:02pm Karen A opened with prayer and Treaty Acknowledgment

7:05pm Trustee report presented by Jean B

- New Superintendent: Paul Corrigan
- New education plan is out
 - Looks promising
 - Students will have an input after the first years to hear their thoughts on it
 - Covid update
 - “Merv 13” filter will continued to be used in classrooms
 - New Camrose high school is a go. Start building hopefully this spring

7:09pm Last meeting minutes approval by Laura E

7:09pm Teacher’s report presented by Kathryn F

- Pathways
 - This month Pathways is busy learning about emotions. We are also learning strategies about dealing with big feelings, such as anger, and building a “regulation toolbox” for ourselves. In numeracy, we are practicing extending simple patterns and categorizing sizes. We are looking forward to creating hearts for the school’s Caring Tree when we do a kind act for someone!
- Grade 1N
 - We had lots of fun celebrating Lunar New Year in this Year of the Tiger. We spent the rest of week reading and writing about groundhogs... sorry folks 6 more weeks of winter!
Grade 1N is making wonderful strides with our oral reading to partners. We are expanding our writing skills by writing predictions during interactive read aloud stories, writing a personal response to a story and using a writing organizer when collecting facts about the groundhog.
We are excited about leading the Friendship Assembly on Feb. 17.
We continue with subtraction and skip counting by 2’s, 5’ and 10’s.
In science we will be planting some marigold seeds, purple peacock climbing beans, tiny tomatoes and some lettuce and herbs.
Swimming at the beautifully renovated Kinsmen Pool has been the highlight of the past 4 weeks! Thank you to all our volunteers who come and help organize all the swimmers and wet bathing suits!
Thank you to the Hot Lunch committee for their time and effort in making Friday everyone’s favourite day of the week.

We are planning a field trip to OLPH church during Lent.

- Grade 1F

- Grade 1F is looking forward to continuing on with kindness week all year. It has been a theme we focus on often. It was a great start to this theme with Valentines Day on Monday.

We will also be focusing on how we can show our love to not only friends and family but as a child of God. In religion we have recently learned about Baptism. We tied this into social by talking about the differences between when Jesus was baptized and the children in our class. We are all so thankful to be a part of Madonna Catholic school. It truly is a blessing each and every day.

We also have been practicing skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s as well as continuing with subtraction. The students enjoy math activities and I am proud of their enthusiasm.

I learned some new strategies for helping the students expand their vocabulary at teachers convention and I am thrilled to share this with them.

Keep up the good work grade ones!

- Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ s

- February has been a very busy month for the Gr. 2/3s. They have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly swimming lessons.

In Literacy, we have been enjoying working on our reading comprehension skills by answering questions about the texts we read and making personal connections to it. We have continued to review our different sound and spelling patterns weekly. In our writing we continue to practice adding descriptive detail to make our writing more interesting.

In Math, we are continuing to practice our fluency in addition and subtraction. We will be ready to move into measurement soon!

In Religion, we have been learning about the role of the Holy Spirit and how it can guide us in our daily life.

In Science, we have been exploring the properties of water and other liquids, as well as building and testing a variety of materials. Students are loving the hands-on activities they are doing within these science units.

In Social studies, we have been learning more about the ways of life in Iqaluit and Peru! We have also tied this into a Peruvian inspired art project that we have been working on.

- Grade 3

- February has been a very busy month for the Gr. 3s. They have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly swimming lessons. In Literacy, we continue working in our Literacy Centers with small group activities and reading. In Math, we are continuing to practice our fluency in subtraction. We are ready to move into time and measurement! We have wrapped up our visit to Peru and will be begin looking at India in Social Studies. Our Science unit has us building and we will continue to learn about structures and building. In Religion, we are learning and preparing for Ash Wednesday and Lent that is coming up.

- Grade 4

- February has been an exciting month in Grade 4! We started our kindness challenge this month and students are enjoying seeing the daily challenge. Students continue to enjoy their weekly swimming lesson and it is a highlight of their week. During February, Students are recognizing Black History Month and participating in a virtual presentation. Students are working on writing multiple paragraphs and being able to edit their own work. In math, Grade 4 students are working on multiplying and dividing large numbers. In social, Grade 4's moved

from learning about Alberta the Land, to learning about the People and Languages including writing a mini book in Cree.

- Health & Wellness Champ
 - February's campaign was focused on Show your Heart Some Love. Students are encouraged to take care of their hearts by being active, eating nutritious meals, and reducing their stresses and anxieties. This is also reflected through Random Acts of Kindness week and spreading love and kindness to their community.

7:16pm Principal's report presented by Karen A

- Thank you to parent council for Friday hot lunches
 - Thank you to council for supporting the families that may not have otherwise been able to participate
- Next 3 way conferences (parent teacher meetings) may be in person!
- Looking to a year end field trip for the students
- New Superintendent → Mr. Paul Corrigan ...
- Mrs. LaRose is back in grade 2 and students are adjusting well.
- Caring Tree activity ... Random act of kindness ... when students show kindness they get to add it to their heart and they will hang the heart on the tree.
- SHROVE TUESDAY is March 1st. Yes, parents can cook here, but still must be individually packaged.
- Ash Wednesday Mass will be virtual for Madonna Catholic School. 12:15 ... we will be adjusting lunch and recess that day....Teachers will be handing out the ashes to the students.
- Tournament of Books is on Suspended ... this week ... Black History month ... Jamaican Dancer in all Monday PE classes and speaker to gr. 4 ... Black people in Alberta
- Random acts of Kindness ... Kindness tree in the hallway 1N will be doing the assembly on Kindness
- 2nd set of Masks (25) and 1- Rapid Test Kit sent home last week
- **Urge families to follow the AHS guidelines** when their child is sick
- Students have been told to honour their parent requests in regards to masking.
- If your best friend's masking is different than yours, you must honour that
- Staffing shortage
- EA Shortage ... filled starting next week in PUF and Pathways ... been ongoing since the end of Oct.
- Swimming Lessons → January 12 - March 10 THIS IS A BIG HIT! students are so very happy
- FLEX session in April ~May ... 4 Weeks
- NEW KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
 - **Full Day Every Day \$425** ... must pay for the cost of the teacher

- Plus M/W alternating F & T/Th alternating F
- Assurance Survey → creating a new 4-year plan.
- AB Education will be putting out their survey the end of February
- Students currently doing art work for Women in Leadership conference
 - **Drawings from the girls:**
 - What do you want to be when you grow up? OR What's your dream?
 - **Drawing from boys:**
 - Describe your mom! What makes her awesome?
- Lenten Social Justice project
 - Bend the Rules ... Lenten Social Justice project ... supporting Quanderly our Chalice Child
 - Cereal Box dominos → food bank

7:24pm Question from a parent:

When is the 2022/2023 calendar being released?

Jean B: Calendar is approved and should be going out tomorrow. One month from now they should be fully approved

7:25pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A

- Thank you to everyone that donated to our bottle drive & to those who volunteered
 - We raised \$431.20
- Hot lunch cycle 2 is in full spring. New vendor is The Asian Village
- Save on Foods, Wye road, is still ongoing. Bring your receipts into the school. So far we are at
- Cobbs, Wye road, is also still ongoing
- Shrove Tuesday is a go! Council will be making pancakes for the kids
- Spring fundraisers: Stawnichy's and the greenhouse gift cards (march 2nd - march 18 to order)
- Next council meeting is our AGM, to be Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm by Kerstin A

Meeting minutes recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on February 16, 2022