

Madonna Catholic School Education Society Meeting

Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:02pm and took place over google meet

In attendance:

Jenness S	Kerstin A	Karen A
Kim M	Kristie P	Megan F
Rebecca K		

7:02 pm Karen A leads in prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement

7:11pm Principal's report presented by Karen A
Thank you to school council for your commitment to School, Hot Lunch Program
Volunteer Appreciation Assembly a HUGE SUCCESS
Staffing still needs to be finalized ...
New Assistant Principal : Stephanie Bennett
Kristie Phelan moving onto high school in the Fort SAB
NEW KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM... still running adding the 5 students in with both Kinder classes.

- Full-Day Every Day \$425 ... must pay for the cost of the teacher
- Plus M/W alternating F & T/Th alternating F

School wide field trip to the zoo. Tuesday, June 28
Announced the retirement of Mr Hampel

- Huge THANK YOU Gary!

7:13 pm Teacher's report presented by Megan F

- Kindergarten
 - We have had a wonderful year in kindergarten!
 - May and June have proven to be full of fun and exciting learning opportunities! As the weather warmed up, we took the opportunity to walk to two nearby parks (Malvern and Woodbridge Farms) to explore new habitats and greenspaces. We learned about road safety and walking responsibly, and worked incredibly hard during those long walks. While at the park we saw new wildlife (ducks and ducklings, geese and goslings, chickadees, blue jays, red-winged blackbirds, robins, freshwater shrimp, a leech, damselfly larva, water boatmen, whirligig beetles, a grebe and a muskrat). To add to this excitement, our MW kindergarten class stumbled upon a duck's nest in our schoolyard as well. We took time to ensure that the duck and nest would be safe, and to learn about and educate the rest of the school on how to take care of the duck.
We are wrapping up our year learning about bees, building bee houses, and spending some time next week planting a pollinator garden to help the bees and other pollinators in our area (thank you Rebecca for your

help applying for the grant for this project)!

Thank you parent council for all your support this year (especially considering our tricky schedule)!

- Grade 1N
 - May has been a busy month with the rosary walk, Catholic education week, Mother's Day and the Mama duck with her eggs! Grade 1 N enjoys all these engaging activities. We have learned about bees and other pollinators through a zoom meeting with a beekeeper. Then we made a bee house (for a Father's Day gift).
We are busy in the garden now and hopefully soon plants will be sprouting up. We are working on story writing and logging onto the chrome books during the month of June.
We are so grateful for the many volunteers at Madonna. And it was a thrill to sing our Bee Song at the Tea Party.
Thank you to Parent Council for the Friday Hot Lunches and the upcoming hot dog lunch.
- Grade 2L
 - We have been very busy in grade 2 this last month! We did a bunch of writing about spring and are learning how to be poets in the month of June! In math we have been working on graphing our own data and learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects! In science we are finishing up our boats and buoyancy unit by testing our boats that we made! We are really enjoying learning about Meteghan in Social and how they live. In religion we are learning about how we are blessed in faith. We loved sharing our writing and a poem at the volunteer tea, thank you volunteers! We are looking forward to all the exciting things coming up in June as we wrap up the school year!
- Grade 2/3H
 - Grade 2/3's have been very busy this month learning all about fractions and 2 and 3D shapes. We have also been busy practicing our sound patterns and refining our writing skills. In social we have been learning about communities in the past and how things have changed. In June we will be learning about and writing a variety of poems and practicing our patterning and graphing skills in math. In science we have been learning all about floating and sinking and will be testing our knowledge by building boats this month. We have also started to observe the life cycle of a Painted Lady Butterfly and have over 64 larva/pupa that we check on daily! We are looking forward to seeing our larva turn into butterflies as we wrap up the last month of school!
- Grade 3G
 - Grade 3's have been very busy this last month of school. We have finished our measurement unit in math where we learned how to measure perimeter and find different shapes with the same perimeter. In Language, we have been working on our handwriting and keyboarding skills as part of our Literacy centers. We learned about India and have moved to finding out all about Tunisia in Social studies. We have been blessed with some new friends in our room - we have caterpillars that we will watch turn into butterflies very soon. We showed off our Recorder skills at the Volunteer Tea with a beautiful song
- Grade 4P
 - Grade 4's have been very busy this month, as we prepare for our final

month at Madonna Catholic School. We recently visited the Strathcona Library, where students received library books and learned about the summer reading challenge! Students were able to explore different types of books, which many are excited to take out and read for the summer. In Math, we are learning about time and 24 hour clocks. We will be learning about perimeter and area in the upcoming week. In science, we are learning about lights and shadows. In Social, we are working on our final project, a roadtrip of Alberta. At our Volunteer tee, we were very excited to share our Children's blessing song with you. We are getting excited for our Grade 4 farwell at the end of the month!

- 7:19 pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A
- Save on Foods & Cobbs (both Wye road only locations) continues!
 - September 2022 upcoming open house
 - Table for council
 - September 15 is the proposed date
 - Grade 4 retreat
 - Council to provide lunch
 - Grade 4 parents volunteering
 - Super readers, grade 1
 - The Strathcona County library gives free books
 - Summer reading program at the library for all ages
 - Annual bottle drive mid September
 - Thank you to staff & volunteers this year!
- 7:25 pm Council votes on Megan F's request for \$200 for signs for the pollinator garden
- All council members in agreement
- 7:27 pm Kerstin A opens the floor for discussion
- Mr Hampel retires! We will all miss you!
 - Parent's shared the comments/stories that their children told them upon hearing the news of Mr Hampel's retirement
- 7:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

*There was no fundraising meeting this evening.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to "madonnaces@gmail.com" madonnaces@gmail.com June 30, 2022