

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:04pm and took place over google meet

In attendance:

Kerstin A	Rebecca K	Agnes W	Kim G	Nicole H
Karen A	Laura E	Kim M	Jeness S	Allan H

7:05 pm Karen A leads in prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement

7:06 pm Approval of last meeting's minutes was approved by Kim M, and seconded by Kerstin A

7:07pm Principal's report presented by Karen A

- Thank you for the Staff Lunch that was provided by the School Council for our opening staff meeting.
- For Meet the Teacher we will introduce the School Council and have Kerstin A say a few words. Council have an information table set up
- The School Council has arranged for a Snow Cones truck where children will receive a free mini snowcones and adults can buy them also.
- For Meet the Teacher, the school will have a Door Prize Draw @ 7:30pm and we are hoping to have some students to help with getting families to enter their names into the draw box & then draw for prizes. 2 grade 4 students have volunteered to help
- The school year start up went smoothly aside from some bumps in the road with bussing but these are all sorted now
- Staggered entry has continued to be a positive start to the school year and has helped students to transition to their new classes beautifully!
- School has started off with a bang & is super busy. On Monday we had our first assembly with parents in the school and we were so excited to have them join us!
- We are partnering with ABJ to set up a mentorship program and arranging activities (reading, games, art, etc) to have High School Leadership students partner with our Madonna students
- We are waiting to hear from our provincial government regarding whether Monday, Sept. 19th will be a National Holiday in Alberta
- We will share details as to who our school assigned Trustee is once it is known.
- Teachers are in the process of giving pre-tests in ELA & Math based on the new curriculum & then in the spring post-tests will be given as well. This has caused some stress for teachers but we are providing some sub coverage to help with this
- We will put together a Wish List for the School Council of wants and needs for the school. We foresee Flex and field trips for families who cannot afford them as being two of our top priorities.

- Hot Lunch will start on October 14th due to all the Fridays we have in September where there is no school.
- Playground discussion was started by a future parent with Strathcona County. Kerstin A asked to be put in contact so that she could follow-up on how we could expedite a new playground being built at Madonna.
- Swimming Lessons: Grades 1-4 will be going on swimming lessons on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons starting Oct. 4th until Dec. 8th. Information will be sent out to families this week.
- CTM Meetings - We will continue to have Collaborative Meetings where staff will meet every 4-6 weeks to discuss student needs, celebrate growth, work with our consultants and participate in professional learning to target areas of need.

7:20 pm

Teacher's report presented by Kim G

- Thank you to Agnes W for all of the hard work
- Thank you from Staff to Council for the lunch
- 3 yo & 4 yo PUFF - Mrs Pineau
 - We had our two days of staggered entry this week and are looking forward to our first day with our PUF students. During these next few weeks we will be working on classroom routines, as well as introducing our student lead calendar, and weekly Animated Literacy and Sound Wall sounds.
- Kindergarten - Mrs Fortier
 - Kindergarten has had a wonderful start up and we are so excited for the year ahead! We continue to work on following classroom routines and working together as a classroom community. We are enjoying learning all about ourselves and celebrating what makes us unique. We are also starting to explore our sound wall and differentiating between similar sounds (/p/ and /b/, for example). We are enjoying number talks and exploring numbers as a part of our day! The highlights of our school year so far have been the assembly in the gym, Faith Fridays in the chapel, and building our classroom mitig (tree).
- Grade 1 - Mrs Perri & Mrs Stadnick
 - The students in 1SP have been doing a great job adjusting to new classroom routines, meeting new friends, having two teachers and learning how to adapt to a more structured kind of day. We are establishing classroom routines, learning about each other by having the ALL ABOUT ME bin and learning about numbers and patterns in math. We have just begun our sound wall sounds and animated literacy in Language Arts.
- Grade 1 - Mrs Noel
 - Grade 1N students are learning routines and how to be a part of a classroom family. We are learning about the artist Ferdinand Llort and designing a cross for our classroom Prayer Corner. We have visited the garden to look for insects and pick beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

They tasted so Yummy! We love watering the plants too! In math we are building patterns and practicing numbers 0-20. We are learning about sound friend Polly Panda and Uncle Upton will be next.

- Grade 2 - Mrs LaRose
 - 2L has been working very hard at settling into their new routines in grade 2! We are working on how our class is a family and what it means to be better together. We are practicing our printing skills and sentence structure, as well as building our reading stamina. In math we have begun exploring numbers to 1000. In Religion we are learning about how we are part of God's family and tying this together with learning about types of communities in social studies. While we still have nice weather we are learning all about the small, crawling and flying animals we find in our world!

- Grade 2 - Mrs Stankey
 - The students in 2S have had a wonderful start to the new school year. As students settled into their daily routine they worked to build a classroom community that promotes kindness, hard-work and the idea that we are Better Together, as highlighted by our Divisional Theme this year. Each student has brought something unique to our classroom and you can get to know 2S by admiring our All About Me collages hanging in the hallway. Our word work has taken us to explore sentence structure and grammar rules. In math, we are learning about Numbers to 1000 and were able to participate in an interactive activity where students worked together to complete a life size hundred chart. In science students have been learning about Small Crawling and Flying Animals and have even put their insect knowledge to the test by inspecting lady bugs that were found outside. Mrs. Pineau has been working with the children to explore the types of communities in Social Studies. In religion we have been exploring the topic I Belong and how together we are One Body in Christ.

- Grade 3 - Mrs Vukovic
 - The grade 3 students are excited and happy to be at school. September brings learning routines & expectations, building community and reviewing skills. We have begun our religion program and learned how we all are unique. We looked at our thumbprints, thought about our own unique traits and did a writing piece on a thumbprint! So fun! We are diving into journal writing; writing to me, and weekly parent home journals will start this Friday! In math, we warm up with games. Place value BINGO is a hit! We are starting our patterns unit and are reviewing our numeracy facts. In Science, we started Rocks and Minerals and are geologists for the next few weeks! In social we are learning about mapping and introducing the idea of a global community.

- Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ - Ms G
 - We have settled into our new school year very well. We are doing well with classroom expectations and new routines as our classroom is in a different part of the school. Our class has embraced our division theme of "Better Together" and are coming up with ways we can show how we are better together. We have started working on writing exciting and

interesting beginnings to our narrative writing and working on our reading stamina. In Math we are reviewing number patterns through skip counting and are mapping in Social Studies

- Grade 4 - Miss Podoborzny
 - We are very excited to start the school year as the oldest students and leaders of the school. During the first few weeks, we have been busy learning classroom routines and expectations. This month, we got to lead the first assembly of the school year and introduce our division theme: "Better Together". This week we started doing our weekly literacy centers and starting our narrative writing unit. In math, we are starting our patterns unit and reviewing our numeracy facts. In Science, we started our waste in our world unit and in social we are learning about mapping.

7:31 pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A

- Save on Foods & Cobbs (both Wye road only locations) continues!
- Thank you to A-Capella catering (Kim M) for the Staff's lunches
- Open house is Thursday, September 15
 - Parent Council will have an information table with sign up sheet
- September 19 is a school council seminar. Those interested in attending this virtual event, please register 24-48 hours in advance. At least 5 parents is the recommended minimum
- September 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm is the Bottle Drive in the parking lot of Madonna
- September 27 is the Grade 4 retreat
- Hot lunch will begin October 14
 - Ordering instructions will be sent out soon
 - 12-12:30pm grades 3 & 4 are eating lunch, going outside after
 - 12:30-1pm grades 1 & 2 are eating lunch, having previously first gone outside
- Council members in attendance vote in agreement to provide Halloween treat bags for students this year

7:45 pm Karen A would like to suggest having a "Cultural Evening" at the school this year.

- Our school has 52 students that identify as ESL

Undecided if Toy & Turkey Bingo will go ahead this year. Several parents in attendance are in support of hosting this event

The Christmas concert will happen at OLPH in person this year. Friday, December 16, 2022 at 6:30pm

7:53 pm Kerstin A opens the floor for discussion

- Further discussion on Toy & Turkey Bingo
- Further discussion on hosting a Cultural Night
- Early February will be the Literacy Night
- Parents hoping the Parish can record/live stream the Christmas concert

7:57 pm Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on September 14, 2022