

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

The meeting took place over google meets on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 and began at 7:05pm

In attendance:

Liane C	Ricardo R	Erin C	Agnes H
Karen A	Jenness S	Kim M	Rebecca K
Dalinda L	Kerstin A	Karla R	

7:05pm Karen A leads with prayer
Agnes H reads the Land Acknowledgement

7:07pm Kerstin A approves last meeting's minutes.
Kim M and Erin C both second

7:08pm Principal's report presented by Karen A

Thank You Council For:

Organizing the Bake Sale at Parent teacher Interviews

Providing the catered dinner from A Capella Catering

Supporting several of our families who do not have the financial means to provide Hot Lunch for their child/children

Adapting when there were circumstances out of your control with the hot lunch - (No Little Caesars, so you made garlic bread...what a great solution that we recognize took a lot of last minute work to pull off!)

Making Treat Bags for the Students on Halloween

Organizing and facilitating the various fundraising initiatives (Bear Tracks Ice Melt)

- Family Faith Night on Nov 18th where we made Advent Wreaths as a school community was a huge hit! We had more families interested than we had space for. This was funded by the school ... part of the school assurance plan ... supporting families in faith development and community involvement. ~ \$20/family
- Donation Opportunities to our school Community:
 - 7- Food Basket Donation H & W (staff added a ham to each basket)
 - ABJ Baskets of Joy (one of our families was picked)
 - Walmart \$1000 for breakfast "Grab & Go" program
 - \$2400+ donation committed from Grocery People (Safeway)
 - New Boots ... donation coming from ...**Keyera Energy** - Donation of 150 pairs of new winter boots for students aged 6-12 for the division.
- There will no longer be the CAT4 assessments in grade 4. (Standardized academic skill test)
- Literacy & Numeracy Intervention will begin in January - Intervention Grant came through 2X a week 16 weeks starting in January Access to Education ~30 students
- [Minister LaGrange's letter to parents and guardians is also attached](#) ... this is a change in the Education Act

- [Alberta Government Budget consultation](#) ...EDUCATION IS NOT on their priority.... If you value education, please do the survey and add education as much as possible. More funding is necessary.
- New Nutrition AP on school nutrition & food environment is being worked on & is based on most current research coming out in January for discussion.
- Swimming lessons will be ending on December 6th - We have secured the same time line for swimming for next year as well
- Flex will be starting in the new year as swimming lessons are over
- Alien Inline Skating in January ~ 50% ~ \$1500
- Bingo discussion at some time.
- Madonna WishList for 2022-2023 for School Council is being created.

7:23pm Teacher's report presented by Liane C

3&4 year old PUF - Mrs P

PUF Pathways is having fun exploring the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. We are creating mitten themed crafts and playing games on the Smartboard to sharpen our sequencing skills. We are also creating "The Mitten" stick puppets so that we can retell the story at home. Our focus this month is preparing our hearts for Jesus' birthday. We are excited to start practicing our songs for the Christmas concert, as well!

Kindergarten - Mrs F

Our kindergarten class has been enjoying the warm weather, and were happy to be able to get back to Malvern Park for some nature observations before the December cold set in. We have officially finished our consonant sounds and are starting to explore vowels and high-frequency words. We are very excited to learn about Advent and explore all things Christmas

Grade 1 - Mrs P & Mrs S

Thank you to all our Grade 1 families for attending our Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews earlier this month. Prior to meeting with each family, we created a digital Evidence of a Learning Portfolio for each student; a collection of work samples, self-evaluations & reflections, assessments and teacher feedback.

We began our Home Reading Program earlier this month. The students are focusing on repetitive patterns, recognizing sight words from our Word Work program, beginning reading strategies (e.g. looking at the picture) and their knowledge of letters and sounds to help them learn to read. Students work on their pre-reading skills (aka-phonological awareness) during oral class lessons and Literacy Centres which we call Daily 5 in our class.

On December 8th, we are looking forward to joining 1N to visit OLPH Church to see how they decorate and prepare during Advent for the birth of Jesus.

Grade 1 - Mrs N

I hope that families have had a chance to look through the Evidence of Learning portfolios with their child. November has been a busy month with swimming lessons coming to an end, painting rock moccasins, short vowel sounds, Sound Games (listening for beginning, middle and end sounds in words), Write the Room, and Tens and Ones place value blocks in math.

We are looking forward to our field trip with our friends in gr 1S/P -visiting OLPH church to see signs of Advent there and the public library to learn about the resources available there.

Thank you to the parent council and the HOT Lunch committee for every Friday!

Grade 2 - Mrs L

We had another great month in 2L! Thank you to all the families who come out for conferences! It was wonderful to be able to touch base and celebrate all the amazing things your children have accomplished so far this year!

We were honoured to lead assemblies with 2S this month, especially leading our school through the Remembrance Day Ceremony. We also had so much fun learning about how animals prepare for winter at the John Janzen Centre as a culmination of our science unit!

In class we are focusing on Advent! We have a Shepherd in our class that is helping us prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus and reminding us of all the wonderful things Jesus does for us! In literacy we are focusing on writing a Christmas story and our decoding strategies when reading. In math we are beginning to talk about various addition and subtraction strategies. In science we are learning all about magnets and magnetism! The 2s are loving how hands on this unit is! In social we are exploring the Acadian community of Meteghan! To celebrate the advent season, we have begun faith Fridays in religion. Each week we make a visit to the chapel to pray and reflect, then completing an art project related to what we have learned!

Grade 2 - Ms S

It has been another wonderful month in 2S! At the beginning of the month we had 3 Way Conferences - thank you to all families who attended, it was so nice to connect and celebrate your child's learning. As well, before the November break 2S and 2L were honoured to lead the school's Remembrance Day Assembly.

Classroom Focus: In Language Arts students are doing a great job with our home reading program. In Math, we have begun our new unit of Addition and Subtraction. In Science, the Grade 2's were able to visit the John Janzen Nature Centre and had a lot of fun learning about many different kinds of small crawling and flying insects to finish off our Science unit. We have now started our new unit of Magnetism. In Social Studies, Mrs. Pineau took the students on a Virtual Field Trip to Meteghan and they loved learning about this community. Now as we are in the season of Advent, we are preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. The students' are also looking forward to performing at the Christmas Concert at OLPH church before the Christmas break.

Grade 3 - Mrs V

November welcomed much learning and discovery!

Thank you to all families who have been volunteering for field trips and we have one coming up soon - Hearing and Sound! And a big thank you to all families who attended our conference. It was wonderful to see you and connect with you celebrating your child. In Language Arts students are enjoying our home reading program and we had our very first project with Reading Bear and our second book draw! We also completed our spooky stories using our devices! We are not only growing in our literacy skills but also our computer skills!

In math we are continuing to show our understanding of numbers to 100 000!

We enjoyed our Pow Wow and have been reading stories about them. We sure are learning a lot about our Cree Indigenous brothers and sisters and making connections to their culture. We are grateful for all these opportunities and thank them for coming!

In art we are so excited to be drawing and painting a Nativity scene and sewing a Christmas tree ornament!

It was the first Sunday of advent this weekend and we are learning how we can prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth!

Our swimming lessons are coming to an end as is basketball!

Grade ¾ - Ms G

November was a busy month in 3/4G. We continued our swimming lessons, improving with each lesson. Our grade 4 students raised money at our Bake Sale for our grade 4

trip, with other students from 4P. In LA, we have been working on writing using detail and enjoying our Literacy Centers. In Math, we are working on Place Value, learning how to show 5-digit and 6-digit numbers in various ways. In Social Studies, the grade 3s are learning about the landforms and climate of the countries we are studying, while the grade 4s are learning about the landforms and climate in the different regions of Alberta. In Religion, during the season of Advent, we are getting ready for Christmas.

Grade 4 - Miss P

November was an exciting month in 4P! We have enjoyed going swimming every week, while we still had the warm weather. As school leaders, we were able to raise money at the Bake Sale for our drumheller trip and are very thankful to parent council for helping make this a success! In Language Arts, we are learning about narrative writing and learning about building suspense in our writing. In math, we finished our Place Value unit and are beginning our addition to subtraction to 10 000, including decimals numbers. In Social, we are continuing to learn about Alberta and the Provincial and National parks we are able to visit. In Religion, we are preparing ourselves for Christmas and helping lead the Advent assemblies every morning

7:30pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A

- Fundraisers Save on Foods & Cobbs, both on Wye road, continues
 - Continue sending in your Save on Foods receipts to the school!
- Bear Tracks was a successful fundraiser. We raised \$2,907.90
 - Special thank you to the Katona Family for volunteering their home for the Bear Tracks pick up location!
- Looking for position holders for next year. Please express interest by attending any upcoming council meetings and/or emailing Madonnaces@gmail.com
 - Co-Chair
 - Secretary
 - Hot lunch coordinator
- January 27, 2023 is the Bingo fundraiser for the Grade 4 year end trip
 - Grade 4 parents will be required to volunteer for this event
 - AGLC licensing requires 4 weeks notice for a bingo fundraiser
 - AGLC also requires a raffle ticket license
 - Karen A will speak with Miss P regarding the applications to have these completed in time
 - Council may decide to sell popcorn at this event

Next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm

7:46 pm Open Discussion

A parent expressed concern about the doors being closed too early to the school during these very cold mornings. Karen A will keep the doors open a few minutes longer. All doors must remain locked otherwise

7:48 pm Meeting is adjourned

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on December 1, 2022