

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

The meeting took place over google meets on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 and began at 7:02pm

In attendance:

Karen A	Dean S	Kerstin A
Jenness S	Agnes W	Erin C
Stephanie L	Nicole H	Kim M

7:02pm Karen A leads with prayer
Agnes W reads the Land Acknowledgement

7:04pm Approval of last meeting's minutes by Erin C, seconded by Nicole H

7:05pm Trustee report presented by Dean S

- Board meeting was quite short because things are going really well
- Looking forward to the new programming available at Madonna this fall

7:08pm Teacher's report presented by Stephanie L

3&4 year old PUF - Mrs P

Our January was spent reviewing routines and working hard on our individual student goals. We had a wonderful Ukrainian Christmas celebration on January 6, with the Koziak family treating us to homemade perogies for our snack! The students also had fun that day searching for candy in the hay and learning about other Ukrainian Christmas traditions. We are looking forward to February when we will focus on "Feelings" and acts of kindness

Kindergarten - Mrs F

We have hit the ground running after Christmas break and diving back into learning! We have enjoyed learning about animals in winter (migration, hibernation, and adaptation) with a little help from Strathcona Wilderness Center and their nature detective in-school program last week. We are also focusing on our social-emotional learning this month; exploring how we can build and maintain friendships and what it means to be a friend. We have also LOVED learning to skate with Alien in-line skating this week-so much growth, determination, and persistence! They have a lot to be proud of! We have moved on to building and decoding words using consonant sounds and their corresponding letters, and are also exploring the different vowel sounds using the animated literacy program. Many students are quite advanced in this skill and are being encouraged to explore and challenge themselves. We are continuing to practice good reading habits-starting at the top and left, finger tracking, and identifying punctuation. Students are also exploring their ability and conceptions of numbers by looking at the different ways in which we identify and count numbers-this will help us grow in our understanding of numbers to enable us to add, subtract, and beyond! We also explored Epiphany and

the journey that the wisemen took to see Jesus after his birth. A complement to our Faith learning will be Adoration this month when we will learn more about the different ways we pray

Grade 1 - Mrs P & Mrs S

Returning from Christmas Break, we continued on our 'Journey to Bethlehem' and read from the Bible the story of the Three Wise Men. We learned that unlike traditional kings, the New King wanted his kingdom to be filled with love, kindness, happiness, joy, honesty, & friendship. The Grade Ones coloured, decorated and printed words on crowns that describe Jesus' kingdom. Our students continue to work hard and demonstrate their learning specifically in their letter & sound knowledge. Our focus this year is on letter articulation, letter/sound relationship, and all areas of phonological awareness. The students focus on these skills during whole class instruction and practice & during our Daily 5 Literacy Centres. This month we look forward to Inline Skating, Grade One colour days, getting messy during our Colour Centre afternoon at the end of the month, using Chromebooks, and Tournament of Books every Wednesday

Grade 1 - Mrs N

This month I will be taking over the grade 1N class for Mrs. Noel. We are exploring colours in science, belonging to communities in social, counting by 2,5, and 10 in math, working on our short vowel sounds and continuing to read daily in class. Our first week together was wonderful and in religion we met John the Baptist, a classroom puppet and he quickly became our favorite classmate! This week Mary will be telling us stories about her son, Jesus. I am looking forward to each and every day with your children. Mrs. Keil

Grade 2 - Mrs L

Happy New Year! This month we have been working hard on getting back into routine! The grade 2s are loving guided reading groups and literacy centers! We are also working on our descriptive writing. In math we are working hard on addition and subtraction. We will be looking to add and subtract 2-digit numbers very soon! In science we are finishing up our magnet unit and moving onto boats and buoyancy! In Social we are taking our second virtual trip of the year as we take a journey to Iqaluit! December was such a special time in religion as we celebrated Jesus' birth and we are now focusing on how Jesus guides us in his teachings and many miracles. We are also very excited to be trying in-line skating! Thank you to parent council for their support with this! We are looking forward to February, as we have an in-school Inuit field trip, a special day for grade 2s, 100th day, and all the other special days that February brings!

Grade 2 - Ms S

The New Year has been off to a great start! In Literacy we have been working on guided reading, centres as well as on our monthly writing projects. In Math, students are working on their addition and subtraction skills and love using Mathletics. In Science, we are nearing the end of our Magnetism unit with Boats and Buoyancy coming up next. In our Magnetism unit, the students loved predicting which materials were magnetic and which ones were not. In fact, they had even more fun testing their predictions through experimentation. In Social Studies, Mrs. Pineau took the students on a virtual field trip to Iqaluit. With their boarding pass in hand, students bundled up and got to see what it is like in Iqaluit. In Religion, students learned about Epiphany and The Road to Bethlehem. The students have been having lots of fun in the Gym as they have Inline Skating this week. Shout out to Parent Council for helping create this awesome opportunity for students.

Grade 3 - Mrs V

The New Year began with some new literacy and numeracy centers! We are enjoying exploring building words and enjoying our class read aloud The Wild Robot. In math we have been working hard with numbers up to 100 000 and are entering our addition and subtraction strategies! We are also enjoying the math read alouds. Math is Everywhere:) In Science we have ended our Hearing and Sound Unit and have enjoyed creating our own Lap Books and are presently finishing up making our Sound Devices which we will be presenting to the class this week. In Social Studies we have explored Ukraine and are now entering our studies of India. We hope to have a February Friendship Lunch where we can bring in and taste some foods from around the world with a focus on our 4 countries of Ukraine, India, Peru and Tunisia! More information will follow to the 3V parents:) In Religion we celebrated Epiphany and are learning about the Holy Spirit now. We are so thankful to the Parent Council for the wonderful In Line Skating opportunity this week!

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

Grade ¾ - Ms G

The New Year brought us leading our first in person assembly. We shared information about Epiphany and the Three Magi. The kids did an amazing job and I am super proud of them. We have dove into working with new words and working in small groups for literacy. In math, we have explored rounding up to 1000 and are currently working on addition. We are doing so well with this that subtraction will be coming quickly. In science we are exploring lights and shadows and showing what we know through a Google Slide presentation. Inline skating this week has been embraced by all the kids -even those new to it - thank you to parent council for this opportunity! A big thank you goes out to the grade 4 parents who volunteered their time for our Grade 4 Bottle Drive and another thank you for those grade 4 parents who are helping with the Bingo and Toy Night at the end of the month.

Grade 4 - Miss P

We are very excited to be starting a new year in Grade 4! As we enter the new year, we are excited about the new opportunities. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered at our bottle drive and to all the Madonna families who donated. It was a great success! We also would like to thank the parent council for their support in our Grade 4 bingo & raffle that is at the end of the month. In Language Arts, we are exploring opinion writing and continue to do our weekly literacy centers. In Math, we are finishing our addition and subtraction unit, with our multiplication unit starting next. In science, we are learning about wheels and levers, and making lots of devices within class. In Social, we are learning about Alberta's First People's and the development of Alberta. In Religion, we just finished learning about the Epiphany and what Jesus's birth means to all of us. Thank you to Parent Council for supporting our Inline skating opportunity this week

One note to add from Ms G: the bottle drive raised \$805.10! This money goes towards the Grade 4 year end class trip. Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time at the bottle drive and to the families that donated bottles

7:18pm Administration report presented by Karen A

Thank You School Council For:

- Providing Christmas Treat Bags for all students on the last day of school before Christmas Break when they watched the movie, "The Star"

- Supporting Alien In-Line Skating by covering ½ the cost and making the program accessible for all families
- Organizing the second half of Hot Lunch for our students & families
- Supporting several of our families who do not have the financial means to provide Hot Lunch for their child/children
- Helping support the grade 4 Field Trip to the Royal Tyrrell Museum by dedicating 2 fundraisers to this cause
- Facilitating the Family Bingo & Games Night fundraiser
- Supporting our “Madonna Wish List” items for the 2022/2023 school year

Kindergarten Open House on January 11th had brought out about 20 families. Many newer families, some younger siblings of current students and some families researching their options.

Our Grab & Go Breakfast Program was able to be extended for a few more weeks due to a private family donation. We are working on securing a donation from a grocery store. New Winter Boots are being donated from Keyera Energy (150 pairs to the school division) - We received ~ 54 pairs of boots. First Email went out to the first group of families in need.

Literacy & Numeracy Intervention has begun and is running on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings. We have our part time teacher, Liane Cardy taking classes to the Library to exchange books as well as doing Interactive Read Alouds while classroom teachers are working with the students requiring additional support & providing targeted intervention.

Flex will be starting in February - more information to come ... various programs

Alien Inline Skating is taking place this week and students are greatly enjoying themselves. We thank the parents who have been coming in to help students put on in-line skates and equipment.

We are looking to have a whole school Open House on Thursday, February 16th in the evening to show case current programs as well as to speak to new programs we will be offering: COGITO Academy & , Pre-K

We still are collecting Family Games Night & Bingo items such as donations to make draw baskets & prizes for winners

Report Cards will be going out to families on Friday, February 3rd and will be emailed to families as well as available through PowerSchool for Parents.

New proposed 2023/2024 School Calendar ... feedback appreciated

Madonna Catholic school is now a DUAL track school

Regular program: Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 & Grade 4

COGITO Academy: Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3 & Grade 4

There are currently 11 Edmonton schools that offer this programming

We have programs to support both Pre-K PUF Supported Learners & Independent Learners:

- PUF Supported Learners - Alberta Education provides Program Unit Funding (PUF) for children between 2.8 and 4.8 years of age who have been identified as needing early learning intervention.
- Independent Learners - Children who are 4 by December 31, 2023, in their year prior to Kindergarten. Program fee of \$250 for Independent Learners.

Kindergarten hours 8:30 - 3:15 pm Option 1 Monday & Wednesdays ~ designated Fridays

Option 2 Tuesday & Thursdays ~ designated Fridays

Option 3 Full Day Every Day Kindergarten for a fee of \$425 /month - this is dependent

upon the number of registrations.

Please register in Option 1 or Option 2 first and fill out a form indicating interest in Full Day Every Day.

- 7:37pm Chair Report presented by Kerstin A
- Save on Foods & Cobs (both on Wye Road) fundraiser continues!
 - Cobs simply writes “Madonna” across the top of their receipt to track
 - Still looking for a Co-Chair! Interested candidates please contact the school

Next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 15, 2023 @ 7:00pm

7:42 pm Open Discussion

7:42 pm Meeting is adjourned

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnacses@gmail.com on January 19, 2023