

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

The meeting took place over google meets on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 and began at 7:03pm

In attendance:

Jenness S	Karen A	Kerstin A
Sheana A	Nicole H	Agnes W
Erin C	Kristine	

7:03pm Karen A leads with prayer
Agnes W reads the Treaty Acknowledgement

7:05pm Approval of last meeting's minutes reviewed & approved before the meeting by Kim M, seconded in person by Nicole H

7:06pm Admin report presented by Karen A *note: there will be no teacher's report as we will instead review the results of the Assurance Survey

- Thank you to parent council for the pancakes on Shrove Tuesday
- Thank you to parent council for fulfilling the "Wish List" items from the 2022/2023 school year
- Mme Pamela Gravelle is Madonna's new Co-Principal. She is working Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, becoming more fulltime in June
- Confirmed Cogito classes for fall: Kindergarten & Grade 1
- The Grocery People have donated \$4,950 to Madonna's "Grab & Go" breakfast program.
- The school wide year end field trip is confirmed for June 22, 2023 to Fort Edmonton Park
- Parents in attendance were asked their thoughts on the Dojo app for communication between their child's class & home.
 - Parents agree it seems to be the best form of communication
- Parents of Grade 4's transitioning to Grade 5 will have the opportunity to speak with Karen A and/or Agnes W to answer any questions
- April 21, 2023 is Madonna's Family Cultural Night. We will be having dumplings!
- Karen A presented the 2023/2024 Fee Schedule for parents in attendance to approve. Lunch supervision is a new addition and will be discussed further. Not wanting to create hardship on parents to have an additional fee to pay however, hiring in the community to have paid adult supervisors is helpful to staff

7:55pm 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
- CPAC meeting from February 23, 2023 highlights:
 - Despite the rumors, Fall Break will continue!
- GRACE is looking for new members
- Catholic Social Services has been receiving 60+ calls per day from Ukrainian refugees seeking assistance
 - Madonna’s upcoming bake sale proceeds will be going to help
 - Kerstin A is going to create a Google doc to sign up
- Someone has been making fraudulent cheques and cashing them from Alberta’s schools
- ASCA AGM is April 23. Message Kerstin A if you are interested in attending

Next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3, 2023 @ 7:00pm

8:06 pm Open Discussion

- A parent asked if they can bring their toddlers to volunteer for hot lunch
 - Due to the council using a fully functioning kitchen within the school, it is unsafe to bring young children when volunteering. Oftentimes the stoves and/or ovens are being used
- Hot lunch can only happen with parent volunteers. A minimum of 4 volunteers per hot lunch day is required to continue with the program. Council is hoping to have a more volunteers sign up for the fall
- Grade 4 parents are wondering when they will have information regarding the Grade 4 year end trip, specifically the ability to volunteer.
 - Karen A states the forms will go out to Grade 4 parents after parent teacher interviews. Grade 4 parents will then receive a private S'More link to view the parents who have been selected.
 - The bus holds 56 seats. There are 37 children which leaves 15 seats for adults. This includes seating for staff attending.
 - Parents of children requiring medical attention will have priority
 - Then parents who regularly volunteer will be second
 - There will be a requirement to balance the male/female volunteers
 - Karen A understands there will be a lot of disappointment
 - It has not been decided if parents will be welcome to drive themselves if they are not selected to volunteer

8:16 pm Meeting is adjourned

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on March 16, 2023