

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm, September 20, 2023, taking place online via google meet and in person at Madonna Catholic School.

In attendance:	Kendra P, Stephanie L, Pamela G, Amala Mary G, Consuelo R, Daniela V, Darci W, Glory A, Kim M, Lovely V, Ricky P, Sheana A, Nicole H, Kerstin A, Sripriya V, Matthew C, Nathalie J, Priya K, Ricky P, Dario S, Krystin B, Elle L, Svnil G, Ardette A, Brendan C, Gillian O, Leema C
Time	Notes
7:03pm	Pamela G leads in prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement Approval of last meeting's minutes was approved by Kim M, and seconded by Sheana A
7:05pm	Teacher's report presented by Stephanie L (see Appendix A below)
7:10pm	Leadership report presented by Pamela G and Kendra P (see Appendix A below)
7:31pm	Chair report presented by Kerstin A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Save on foods/ Cobbs fundraiser still going on. Submitted receipts, waiting for cheque. ● Thank-you to everyone who supported the first Bottle Drive. ● First Hot Lunch is this Friday, thank you Darci for setting up the hot lunch website. Also, thank you to parents for supporting our hot lunch fundraiser. ● Halloween Treat bags - Council decided to do it again this year ● Bear tracks fundraiser, will send out information when I receive from the company. We will need a parent volunteer with a truck and trailer. ● Future Meeting Dates were chosen: October 18, November 22, January 10, February 21, April 17, May 8
7:43pm	Any questions/discussion: Glory A - question about Save On Foods fundraiser Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm Next meeting is October 18 at 7:00pm

September 20th, 2023 - School Council - Teacher's Report



Before each School Council meeting we will send out a Google Document requesting each teacher to please provide a short blurb highlighting some of the exciting things happening in your classroom. The teacher report serves as a way to inform our school council of events happening in classrooms, showcases the hard work being done and/or celebrates successes.

Pre-k - Mrs. Pineau and Mrs. Selinger	We have really enjoyed our first week of school! We are learning what school feels like and starting to get used to our classroom routines.
Kindergarten - Mrs. Fortier	The first few weeks of school have absolutely flown by! We have worked incredibly hard to learn our routines, and have settled in nicely and ready to get to work! We have started working on a variety of early literacy and numeracy skills, such as number sense, subitizing, phonological awareness and phonemic manipulation, and building connections between letters and their sounds! We have also been working hard on a large (for September) art project that will be displayed in the children's center of the Strathcona County Library! This process

	<p>art-inspired project has allowed us to practice following directions, as well as follow our own artistic whims! We are very excited to see our artwork when we visit the library in October.</p>
<p>Cogito Kindergarten - Mrs. Cholak</p>	<p>The first couple weeks we have been busy learning classroom routines and making new friends. We have started to learn about letters and what sounds they make. We have finished our first unit in math, which covered number sense with numerals 1-5.</p>
<p>Grade 1 - Mrs. Stadnick and Ms. Winuow</p>	<p>We are thrilled to be back in the classroom & getting to know all our new students! There is so much excitement & energy as we begin to settle in and get this year started. We are spending time this month getting to know each classmate individually using the <i>All About Me Box</i>; each day a new student takes home the box and fills it up with items from home that will tell the class more about who they are and things they like.</p> <p>We have started our sound & letter learning in the <i>Animated Literacy</i> program. This is when we learn correct articulation & pronunciation of sounds, focus on beginning, middle and ending sounds, learn how to stretch out and blend sounds together and learn to read sight words in sentences.</p> <p>By the end of this week, we will have our classroom creed created & hung up. This project was co-constructed by both students & teachers that reflects the type of classroom we all want to have so everyone feels safe & happy while learning and respecting each other.</p>
<p>Cogito Grade 1 - Mrs. Bourassa</p>	<p>We have all made new friends and we like wearing our uniforms! The class has reviewed the alphabet sounds and now we are working on other graphemes. They have reviewed numbers to 10,</p>

	<p>and are comparing and adding numbers to 10. The students are excited to recite their September poems next week.</p>
<p>Grade 2 - Mrs. LaRose</p>	<p>We have had an amazing start to the school year and it's hard to believe the first month is almost over! The grade 2s are working very hard at settling into the routines and expectations of our class family.</p> <p>We have started unlocking our sound wall by reviewing sounds from last year. We have also jumped right in to reviewing our math skills. In Religion, we are learning all about being part of God's family and how we can share our light with others! In science we are learning how to be a scientist by exploring the scientific method and in social we are learning all about our community of Sherwood Park. We are looking forward to what this year has in store for us, starting with leading assemblies next month!</p>
<p>Cogito Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Odiobala</p>	<p>We have had a great start to the school year! Everyone is developing new friendships in the classroom and we are adjusting well to classroom routines and expectations of the school day. The grade 2 and 3 students are reviewing and learning new graphemes sounds. The grade 2 students are working on Number Sense to 20. They are reviewing and strengthening basic numeracy skills. In math the grade 3 students are working on Patterns and Algebra. I hope to have an exciting year, full of fun and learning!</p>
<p>Grade 3 - Mrs. Vukovic</p>	<p>We have had a wonderful start in grade 3. We are Learning how we #GLOW and Light Our World. We are beginning each day with prayer and intentions. We have many faithful and thoughtful students. We</p>

	<p>have done so much already in these short weeks! Learning new grade 3 routines, reviewing skills and concepts, getting to know each other and looking ahead!</p> <p>The Golden Rule is our main rule, and we are being great helpful friends to one another, welcoming and kind. Teamwork makes the Dreamwork- we are working together making connections and having fun with such activities as Stick Together and Saving Fred.</p> <p>We have begun our Digital Citizenship Lessons and have set up a few subjects in Google Classroom. In Language Arts we have begun our Home Reading Program called Camp Read Alot and Reading Bears have been adopted!! Our Reading Bears play a BIG role in our reading, learning and class celebrations. They like to be read to, and they love to read to their grade 3 friends!</p> <p>In math we are reviewing number sense and diving into place value! We are learning up to 100 000. We are excited to begin centres such as Winston's Corner Store, which will help us in our financial literacy, learning, and operations. So much to look forward to.</p> <p>In Science, we have started looking at the Scientific Method and Matter. In social we are studying all about maps.</p>
<p>Grade 3 and 4 - Ms. Gauthier</p>	<p>Our first weeks of Grade 3 and 4 are flying by! We are settling into our daily routines and schedules and are super excited when we get to do the Grab & Go breakfast carts.</p> <p>We have started working on Place Value in Math, writing with more detail in Language and learning about maps and the world in Social Studies. In Science, we have started looking at the Scientific Method which we will be using in all of our upcoming Science units.</p>

	<p>Our grade 4s are excited to our Grade 4 retreat this week to receive our individual Bibles.</p>
<p>Grade 4 - Ms. Podoborozny and Mrs. Jessome</p>	<p>The first few weeks of Grade 4 are going by so fast. We have settled into our daily routines well and are starting to take on some leadership jobs around the school. We started this month by leading the weekly Faith assembly and running the loose parts shed. We are looking forward to our Grade 4 retreat this week, where we receive our own Bibles.</p> <p>In literacy, we are working on being able to independently do our literacy centers. In Math, we are working on patterns and arithmetic sequences. In Science, we have started our Plant unit and you can see our own plants growing. In Social, we are learning about the province of Alberta and the different regions.</p>

Leadership Report:

- [Prayer](#)
- [Land Acknowledgment](#)
- Spirit Days & Dress Up Date
- Nutrition Grant
 - Looking for input and conversation
- Hot Lunch Program
 - Thank you for your continued support on providing lunches for families.
What is the process of contacting these families to ensure confidentiality?
- Fee Waiver
 - We currently have 5 families and we anticipate 3 more families.
- School Wide Parent Volunteers
 - Photo Day
 - Maintain Garden
 - Nutrition Grant
- Parent Council Support:

- Flex Program and Supplies (\$1,928)
- Supper for Parent/Teacher Night (1 in fall & spring)
- Snacks for Grade 4 Retreat
- Wooden Crosses for Grade 4 Farwell (\$70.68)
- Alien In-Line Skating (Half the Invoice - \$1443.75)
- AMTC - Cinderella Performance (Half the Invoice - \$500)
- Busses for Masses (\$420.75)
- Garden Materials (\$200)
- School Cultural & Diversity
 - For our Living Rosary, are any families or children interested in saying a prayer in their home language.
- Call out for GOTCHA Prizes
 - Monthly GLOW assemblies
- October 19th - Internet Safety Night
 - In collaboration with Saffron and Strathcona County. This is for K-4 parents and will be open to all EICS families.
 - This will be an in-person meeting.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Nicole H and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on September 25, 2023.