

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm, November 22, 2023, taking place online via google meet.

In attendance:	Did not meet quorum
Time	Notes
	Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bingo AGLC License for the Grade 4 Bingo needed- Save-On Foods and Cobbs fundraising continues- Rafflebox 50/50 Fundraiser running until December 6

Appendix A - Teacher and Leadership Report

November 22, 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	This month our theme is dinosaurs and ancient life. Some of the activities that we have planned are digging for fossils in our dinosaur bone bed, exploring different textures and
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	sensations with our dinosaur sensory walk and having hands on fossil talks!
Kindergarten - Mrs. Fortier	This month we are enjoying exploring our extended fall focus with the warm weather. We have had the opportunity to start our nature journals, practicing our observation skills and documenting seasonal changes. We are continuing to cycle through our letters-we completed our sound focus, and are moving on to printing. We are looking forward to Advent and all the excitement that December brings!
Cogito Kindergarten - Mrs. Cholak	These students have been working so hard on their letter sounds and printing, we are more than half way through our first 26 graphemes. We have started copying sentences in our journals to go along with our drawings. We just finished up our Geometry unit on flat shapes, which included recognizing circles, squares, rectangles and triangles. They are able to count corners and sides and compare different shapes. We learned about prepositional words and symmetry of shapes.
Grade 1 - Mrs. Stadnick and Ms. Wiunow	Mrs. Stadnick & Miss. Wiunow enjoyed meeting our families during Parent Teacher Conferences and being able to celebrate student growth with them. The students in Grade 1SW are getting excited about reading! We have started our Home Reading program and will continue until the end of the year. As well, Sox, a horse from the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project came to Madonna Catholic School to meet Grade 1 students. During the visit with Sox, the students received a book that they will practise reading and then later in the school year they will each get an opportunity to read it to him. Students are also doing daily word work daily at school and home. We are proud of our grade ones as they take risks in their independent writing to apply their knowledge of letter sounds to spell unfamiliar words. At this point in the year we have been blessed to have Father Jim, Father Mario and Deacon Lynne stop by our classroom for a visit! Also, students are starting to learn our songs in preparation for the Advent Concert!

<p>Cogito Grade 1 - Mrs. Bourassa</p>	<p>Finishing swimming lessons! We enjoyed leading the Assembly for Remembrance Day. Working hard on writing sentences with all our spelling words. Learning the last of our 70 graphemes. Trying to figure out what skip counting means.</p>
<p>Grade 2 - Mrs. LaRose</p>	<p>We loved meeting with parents and celebrating all of our growth so far this year! We are practicing our story writing in preparation for the Tale-Bots coming in December! Yes, we are going to be using little robots to tell our narrative stories for us! Coding and storytelling all in one! We continue to work hard in math, science and social. We are excited for Advent!</p>
<p>Cogito Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Odiobala</p>	<p>Thank you for meeting with me during our Parent Teacher Conference. We are very grateful to you for your positive partnership with the school and participation in the celebration of your child's learning. In our class, we are working on reading comprehension skills. We also continue to develop our skills in paragraph writing. Our weekly spelling and sentence dictation exercises continue. In math, the grade two students are close to completing the unit on Probability and Data Management -Sorting and Graphing. In grade three, the students are working hard on Number Sense -Mental Addition and Subtraction.</p>
<p>Grade 3 - Mrs. Vukovic</p>	<p>Grade 3 has been enjoying growing in class routines and special activities sprinkled in our days. Thank you to all parents who attended our conferences celebrating our students' success and setting goals to work towards. We are continuing on in our class reading aloud" The Wild Robot " and in our Camp Read A Lot posing important questions Before, During and After we read to deepen our understanding of what we are hearing and reading. Our Scary Stories are in the first draft and we are writing on our devices. We are learning computer skills as well as writing. Our organizers, Read Write Google tool and editing tools help us revise and edit. We are excited to share these original stories when we are finished. We are enjoying our addition, subtraction and financial literacy work in math. We practice daily in our Drive Thru Math morning work and will soon open the centre " Winston's Corner Grocery Store". Math is</p>

	<p>everywhere;)) In social studies we are studying Ukraine and will be looking at the Quality of Life in Ukraine, Peru, India and Tunisia. We are Global Citizens of the world. In science we are continuing our Matter Unit and soon we will see the freezing point of matter in real life when the temperatures dip. We are very blessed with the mild fall temperatures outside.</p>
<p>Grade 3 and 4 - Ms. Gauthier</p>	<p>Grade 3&4G hve been busy this month. We wrapped up our Place Value unit and we have moved to our Addition and Subtraction unit. We got to show off our Evidence of Learning binders with parents and celebrated many successes during our Parent Conferences. We are using our Literacy Centers to work on various parts of Literacy skill development and have begun exploring Matter in Science.</p>
<p>Grade 4 - Ms. Podoborozny and Mrs. Jessome</p>	<p>Grade 4 has been busy in the month of November, as we are settled into our daily routines. We were happy to celebrate many success we have had this year during our Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Bake Sale for our Drumheller Trip. In Literacy, we are focusing on stopping the story and describing the action by using variety in our sentence structures. In Math, we have finished our place value unit and working on our Addition and Subtraction Unit. In science we have just started a new unit called Waste in Our World. In social studies we are finishing our first section on Alberta, a sense of the land, and are practicing good study habits to prepare for the first unit exam.</p>

[Link to School Council Agenda](#)

Leadership Report:

- Face to Face Celebrations
- Parent **School** Council Sponsor - Saffron Presentation on Digital Safety. \$50 for students in 3V, 3&4G, and 4P. Looking to bring in this group again in the spring for younger students for an additional \$50. -

Asking for \$100 from the School Council to fund this fantastic presentation.

- Seeking Your Feedback - Discussion in meeting
 - Why? Our commitment is to ensure:
 - Positive conflict resolution
 - Playing well together
 - Safety 1st priority
 - Connection, joy, sense of belonging, empathy
 - What have we done so far to support children's learning and build capacity?
 - Mental Health Capacity Worker Emma - discussions in classrooms
 - Support and help from our Family Wellness Worker
 - FWW, MHCW & SLT - student workshops at recess
 - Soccer committee & agreement
 - Buddies to build connection, relationships and community
 - Bringing Christ into the stories & discussions in the Chapel
 - Celebrating great choices - GOTCHAs
 - Please share feedback that children are sharing with you that may be valuable information for us to know moving forward.
- Prayer Club
 - 65 Students showed up for prayer club today and each student got to use their own rosary. Prayer club is supported by Marie-Therese, with Mme Gravelle or Miss Podoborzny in attendance.
- Fundraising Committee
 - Is the fundraising chair able to help support & contact the Grade 4 Co-Chairs in obtaining license for bingo/raffle? In speaking with last year's executive, this was the way to allow the bingo to be run through the Madonna School Parent Council.

Topics Tabled for next meeting:

- Logo Use

- GrACE
 - What is GrACE
 - † Facebook: www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed
 - † Twitter: @GrACE4cathed
 - † Instagram: @grace4catholiceducation
 - † GrACE Website
 - † Email: gracedirector7@gmail.com
 - Calling for participants
 - Not a big commitment
 - Next meeting before Christmas
- School Council communication via Email
 - Email cannot come from MCS
 - Will “reply to” <madonnaces@gmail.com>
 - Not using template
- Technology
 - Using tech in public spaces
 - Systems, controls, monitoring APPs does not replace supervision
 - Parenting in the Digital Age
- Intervention Support
 - Variety of strategies used to support all learning. Intervention program has started and numerous students are being pulled out for small group instruction that focuses on targeted skills
- Advent Celebrations
 - Daily advent assemblies will soon begin. These start at 8:50 AM. All families are invited to attend and join us
- Advent Concert
 - Concert will be held on December 15th, at 7:00 PM. This will be at OLPH church. Still waiting on confirmation for live stream!
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Meeting minutes were recorded by Nicole H and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on November 27, 2023.