

## Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm, October 18, 2023, taking place online via google meet and in person at Madonna Catholic School.

In attendance:	Krystin B, Leticia G, Kerstin A, Karthic S, Nicole H, Kim M, Sheana A, Yanina A, Kendra P, Pam G, Kim G, Ted P,
Time	Notes
7:02pm	Kendra - prayer and Treaty acknowledgement
7:07pm	Ted Paszek, Trustee Remarks
7:11pm	Approval of last meeting minutes Kim M. approved Sheana A. seconded
7:12pm	Teacher and Leadership Report (see Appendix A below)
7:43pm	Chair report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wye Road Save on Foods - keep receipts and put into the envelope at the school</li><li>● Wye Road Cobs Fundraiser - say you are with Madonna<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Save On and Cobbs give money to the school</li></ul></li><li>● Treat bags are being made for Halloween! Ready and will be dropped off.</li><li>● Bear Tracks fundraiser ongoing- deadline to order Oct 23.</li><li>● Sheana and Kerstin attended a CEPAC meeting</li><li>● Bake Sale and Bingos - Grade 4s will be using those events as fundraisers for the Drumheller trip</li></ul>
7:54pm	Open Discussion
7:57pm	Meeting Adjourned

Appendix A - Teacher and Leadership Report

## October 18, 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.

<p><b>Pre-k - Mrs. Pineau and Mrs. Selinger</b></p>	<p>Fall-based sensory play!</p> <p>We are also comfortable with our school routines and enjoy playing outside with the wonderful fall weather.</p> <p>The students are having fun making plenty of nature based art with items that they have collected!</p>
<p><b>Kindergarten - Mrs. Fortier</b></p>	<p>We have had a busy first half of October so far! We had a chance to learn about bus safety and practice it when we went on our field trip to the Strathcona County Public Library. There we learned about the different types of media available, explored the library, and were able to look at some of the books available in the children's area-it was a great opportunity to set the stage for a love of reading!</p> <p>We also welcomed a student teacher, Miss Douglas, to our classroom. Miss Douglas has enjoyed getting to know the students and has</p>

	<p>completed a very special fall handprint-leaf activity with students.</p> <p>We are continuing to work hard on our phonological and phonemic awareness, storytelling and communicating messages, and representing numbers to 10 (and beyond). We have spent time exploring prayer and how we can talk to God, including thanking him for all the good things in our lives.</p>
<p><b>Cogito Kindergarten - Mrs. Cholak</b></p>	<p>Literacy we have learned all the sounds for five letters and we have started printing!</p> <p>Numeracy we have finished our first unit in comparing numbers 1-5, and now have started 2D shapes. Lots of great learning is happening in the classroom.</p>
<p><b>Grade 1 - Mrs. Stadnick and Ms. Wiunow</b></p>	
<p><b>Cogito Grade 1 - Mrs. Bourassa</b></p>	<p>Done graphemes and have started spelling and journal writing. Working on addition and subtraction skills. Enjoying going swimming!</p>
<p><b>Grade 2 - Mrs. LaRose</b></p>	<p>We were very excited to be leading assemblies this month for the school! We have been working hard on our sounds and expanding our sentences. We are describing fall to help us with this. In math we are finishing up some of our number sense units and starting patterns. In science we started a full year science project named Pumpkin Jack! We will be watching him decompose and hopefully have his seeds grow into new pumpkins in the spring! In social we have finished learning about communities and will be diving deeper into 3 different canadian communities. In Religion we continue to learn about being part of God's family. We are also exploring the parts of Mass. And of course swimming has</p>

	<p>been one of our favourite activities that started this month!</p>
<p><b>Cogito Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Odiobala</b></p>	<p>Everyone is adjusting well to our classroom routines and expectations, in a typical school day. In Language Arts, we have begun learning about why authors write in paragraphs and we will continue this point of view, and explore and learn how to write a proper paragraph. We have weekly spelling exercises, and we use these spelling words in sentences by utilizing dictated sentences as examples. Our class is engaged in monthly poem recitation, and the students are very excited to recite their poems with their peers as the audience. When it comes to Social Studies, the grade two students are discovering what makes up a community and that Canada, for example, is a country made up of dynamic communities. The grade three students are beginning to learn about the communities in Peru by investigating geographic, social, cultural and linguistic factors that affect the quality of life of members of a community. In science, we have just been exploring the topic of Matter. The students are looking forward to an upcoming in-school field trip on this topic.</p>
<p><b>Grade 3 - Mrs. Vukovic</b></p>	<p>We have been shining bright as we learn and grow sharing our gifts and talents with each other! In ELAL we have been exploring the world of mystery writing! We are warming up with a project- mystery box which students will write 4 clues and have their classmates guess what they placed in the box! So exciting! We also began studying how authors come up with ideas and what proper sentences have! SWAG!</p>
<p><b>Grade 3 and 4 -</b></p>	<p>We have been busy in 3&amp;4G this month. We have</p>

<p><b>Ms. Gauthier</b></p>	<p>wrapped up our Place Value unit in Numeracy and are moving into Addition and Subtraction next. Learning the reasons we pray and writing our own prayers has been the focus of our Religion classes as we are preparing to pray to Rosary. We are becoming descriptive detailed writers and are beginning our Literacy centers in the upcoming week. In Science, we are learning about the various States of Matter and we have been mapping in Social Studies. We have been to the Strathcona Library to learn all about the cool stuff there and are having an in-school Science field trip where we'll be making soap.</p>
<p><b>Grade 4 - Ms. Podoborzny and Mrs. Jessome</b></p>	<p>We've had an exciting month in 4P! We got to visit the Heritage Center in Fort Saskatchewan, where we learned about Alberta's first people. In Literacy, we are working on writing a narrative story with a beginning, middle and end. In Math, we have finished our patterns unit and starting our place value unit. In science we have been busy learning all about the structure and growth of plants. In class, we successfully nurtured Wisconsin Fast Plants through one complete life cycle (from seed to seed). Social studies has been all about our wonderful province of Alberta! We have explored the six regions, and have learned about our National and Provincial Parks. Next we will talk about fossil fuels.</p>

Leadership Report

1. Thank you: Hot lunch, donations, volunteering on field trips
2. Evidence of Learning portfolios: Assessment plan shared - what to expect
  - a. Formal Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Administrative Procedure - [located on our website:](#)
3. Saffron is presenting a keeping kids safe online workshop tomorrow night. This is a parent only event, as sensitive topics may be discussed. At this time, we have 25 pre-registered families. There is

still space for families to register and join us. Link Shared to pre-register

4. Madonna Safety Protocols:
  - a. Fire Drills. 3 practice drills have been completed since opening day.
  - b. Lock Down. 1 practice drill since opening day.
  - c. Within the classroom, there is continuous conversation around student expectations and why these are conducted.
  - d. Still do to: Spring - 3 Fire Drills, 1 lockdown and 1 Shelter in Place
5. Weekly SMORE:
  - a. Looking for feedback from parents.
    - i. What type of communication is working?
    - ii. What areas could be improved upon to create open communication?
      1. Feedback gathered
6. Division Social Justice Project:
  - a. Madonna Leadership team has chosen to have Bend the Rules on Oct 20th.
  - b. Proceeds go to the Lurana House Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope
  - c. Donations are made through your child's account on PowerSchool
7. Halloween:
  - a. School Council has agreed last meeting to continue with a school wide treat bag. How can the school help support this initiative?
8. Conferences Dinner: November 1st & 2nd
  - a. Is School Council still interested in supporting one night? If so, which night?
    - i. Yes
    - ii. Thank you Acapella Catering for donating a dinner to teachers as a thank you!
  - b. Confirm Process

9. Catholic Education Sunday is on November 5th at 12:30 PM. All families are invited to attend and join us at OLPH Parish!
10. If there are any website updates/corrections/additions required, please email [mcs@eics.ab.ca](mailto:mcs@eics.ab.ca). This is a general email that all members of the leadership team and secretary have access to.
11. Nutrition Grant:
  - a. There was no feedback or commitment from our Madonna Community.
  - b. At this time, the leadership team is working with teachers to create a sustainable program at the school. Careful deliberation and important conversations are having to ensure that the Grant can be used effectively.
12. Gotcha prizes:
  - a. Highlight of the month for many students.
  - b. Staff members recognize students that exemplify our Division Theme: Go Light Our World
    - i. Example: Being kind to peers, helping other members of the community, helping create a clean school environment, including everyone, being a leader in the classroom.
  - c. Thank you to those who have provided donations for prizes!

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

