

## Athlone School Parent Council Meeting

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

7:00 p.m. (In-person)

### Minutes

#### Introductions/In Attendance:

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| - Jane Couch     | Principal      |
| - Melissa Maruca | President      |
| - Katie McGregor | Vice President |
| - Janna Thomson  | Secretary      |
| - Amanda Jordan  | Co-Treasurer   |
| - Ashlyn Bohonos | Attendee       |
| - Laurie Schmitz | Attendee       |

#### 1) Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting (June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024):

- a. No errors or omissions
  - motion to accept the minutes as presented - Mel
  - second - Ashlyn
  - Motion carried

#### 2) Treasurer's Financial Report for June - September (Crystal Krzemiem & Amanda Jordan)

- a. To be tabled until SJSD Board office to complete audit on binder before we can provide report.

#### 3) Principal's Report (Mrs. Couch)

- A. Staffing:
  - a. 18 Teachers – NEW – Erin Ward (K PM), Maddy Drolet (Grade 3/4), Charisse Wurch (Music), Patrick Flynn (Grade 2/3), Jane Couch (Principal), Dayna Quinn-LaFleche (Term position for Michelle Laing)
  - b. 13.5 EAs
  - c. 3 Teacher Candidates – Allison Ryznar – with Courtney Mackelson  
David Schultz – with Maclean Hatherly  
Elisabeth Wenmaekers – with Jennifer Miller
- B. School Goals: We will be finalizing our school goals in October. We will have a literacy goal, a numeracy goal, and an Indigenous Education goal.
- C. We will be asking for parent participation on the following committees this year: budget committee
- D. We continue to have our nutrition program again this year. We received a grant from Child Nutrition Council of MB and more recently, from the Province of MB. We will be serving fruits and vegetables primarily, as well as a few healthy snack items such as yogurt and cheese.
- E. Fundraising – please remember there is a fundraising policy and the fundraising form to fill in after doing a fundraiser. See attached.
- F. We have had a great start to the year. It is so good to have students back in school. The staff love the beautiful noises of children in the classrooms, hallways, and playground. As a staff, we promise to implement the newest and best practices in education. I feel very fortunate to be joining this school and community.

G. Important dates coming up:

- Oct. 1: Early Dismissal Staff Meeting
- Oct. 2 – 4: Rosh Hashanah – Jewish New Year Festival
- Oct. 3 – 12: Navratri – Hindu Festival
- Oct. 4: Our Super Swim Program starts on Friday mornings and goes every Friday until the end of the year.
- Oct. 5: World Teachers' Day
- Oct. 7: Our Grade 3 Swim Program runs on Monday mornings until Nov. 12 (only Tuesday).
- Oct. 9: Annual Walk to School Day - Encourage your students & families to walk/bike/roll to school all month! <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 11: Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 11: Yom Kippur - Jewish Day of Atonement
- Oct. 11: International Day of the Girl
- Oct. 14: Thanksgiving
- Oct. 15: Early Dismissal - PD
- Oct. 16 – 23: Sukkot – Jewish Harvest Festival
- Oct. 21 – 24: North Star here to meet with school Indigenous Leadership Team to do smudging teachings – 8:15 – 8:30am
- Oct. 22: Picture Day (Nov. 21 – Retake Day)
- Oct. 23: North Star here to teach smudging to all classes.
- Oct. 24: Orange Shirt Day? (Since the last day of the month is Halloween.)
- Oct. 25: Provincial MTS PD Day/MANTE Divisional PD Day
- Halloween – Parade in the Gym. (Possible Spirit Week Oct. 28 – Nov. 1?)
- Nov. 1: Diwali: Hindu Festival of Lights
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Friday, **November 8 at 10:30am**
- Winter Concert – Thursday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Follow us on our School Instagram: @athlonestjames

4) On-going Business

- a. **Sun Shelter** - >\$10,000 has been raised in the PC account, Grant opportunities – Amanda to provide update via email.
  - a. Survey Monkey to the teachers for Sun Shelter or a different outdoor learning space, and also ask teachers what field trips they would be interested in doing but may be more expensive.
- b. **Fundraising Goals**
  - i. Suggested spending some money now as it won't be awhile that a larger structure will be built/completed.
  - ii. Camp Manitou – look at a possibility of taking the students for a half or full day to camp.

- iii. Festival de Voyageur – sending one or two grades and then having a Festival de Voyageur day at school for the remaining grades.
- c. **Fun Lunch** – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Way Back Burger, Kinder Snacks – Amanda to do as an online purchase, extras will be purchased
- d. **Fundraising**
  - i. Movie Night (First of four scheduled)
    - October 10<sup>th</sup>, Inside Out 2
    - Popcorn (Westwood Lanes - \$1 a bag)
    - Snacks will be \$1 or \$2
    - \$3 p/ticket, 99 tickets sold so far, holds up to 300 people
  - ii. Cash Calendar was briefly discussed - \$5 per calendar, print 2000. Further discussion to be held.
- j. New Business
  - a. Discussion was had to apply for lottery license (Silent Auction, Concert chair auction)
- k. Other business
- l. Next regular meeting date: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm in-person.
- m. Adjourn Meeting (8:53pm)