

Parkdale School Council Meeting
October 9, 2024
Establishment Meeting

1. Call to order at 6:34.
2. Meeting Agenda approved.
3. School Council discussion
 - a. We do not have enough people to form a school council.
 - b. Principal's Report
 - i. Administrative Procedure 110: School Councils. Overview of the procedure. Highlighted #7 specifically, focusing on the role of a school council and some of the ways they might support.
 - ii. Administrative Procedure 510: Fiscal Accounting and Reporting. This AP outlines the guidelines in dealing with School Generated Funds.
 - iii. Homework: Outlined the policy of 5-10 minutes of homework every Day 1. Helps to build responsibility, independence, and academics. The vast majority of our students are completing their homework. Next quarter, we will add another day. Feedback from a grade 1 parent: the homework is going great. Her daughter has been doing her homework independently. A parent likes the idea that the whole school is doing the same thing. Older students are helping the younger students in Homework Club in doing their homework.
 - iv. Pizza Days: Every Thursday, we have pizza days. This year, we started the pizza cards. We are getting used to the new processes.
 - v. Upcoming Events:
 1. Photo Day (Oct 10)
 2. WCHS Puppet Show (Oct 23) - Gr 1/2
 3. Seasons Halloween Visit (Oct 31) - Gr 1/2
 4. Bookfair (Nov 4-8)
 5. Parent Teacher Interviews (Nov 6)
 6. Quest Theatre: Snow White (Nov 20) - Whole School
 7. Kids in the Crowd - VB (Nov 1) and BB (Jan 17) Teams
 8. Christmas Concert (Dec 12)
 9. Learn to Skate (Jan 27- Feb 20) - Gr. 3/4
 10. Citadel Theater - (Feb 12) - Gr. 6 and drama program
 - vi. Learning Success Story - These are our non-negotiables we want our students to leave us with.
 1. Literacy: Every child needs to be able to read and write
 2. Numeracy: Targeted interventions for basic math skills
 3. Sense of Belonging: Executive functioning, Houses
 4. Indigenous Programming: We are actively building a sense of belonging, seven grandfather teachings, Cree Word of the Day. We have an Indigenous Support Worker who supports our Indigenous families.

- vii. Overview of quarter's end:
 - 1. Quarter 1 = November 6
 - 2. Quarter 2 = January 31
 - 3. Quarter 3 = April 16
 - 4. Quarter 4 = June 26
- 4. Discussion of the difference between a School Council and a Parent Advisory Council.
 - a. We do not have a quorum to form a School Council, so we will go forward with a Parent Advisory Council.
 - b. We would love to have parents involved in our school:
 - i. How can we improve the education of our students?
 - ii. Fundraising ideas.
 - iii. Involvement in volunteering/field trips.
 - c. We are creating a list of ways parents can help.
 - d. We could form committees around special events, hot lunches, etc.
- 5. Future meeting dates: Nov 6 (PTIs), Jan 15, Mar 12, Apr 16 (PTI), May 14 @ 6:30.
- 6. Alanda has some fundraising ideas to share.
 - a. Alanda will bring top 3 ideas to the next meeting. Check to make sure the ordering can be done online.
 - b. Potential to tie to a specific event, field trip, or other activity.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 7:23.