



Present (11): Leah Lamotte, Lori Headrick, Mealane Deitz, Jana Bartsch, Leanne Bertschy, Jared Munton, Bernie Kirk, Gerry Tetrault, Chad Monner, Colleen Deitz, G-nel Nelson.

Agenda – Added 2 items: Under Parent Engagement – Parent question of the month results, Under New Business – Student Club. Adopted agenda.

Mealane called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Jana read the minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting. Error from March Palliser Report – Grade 10-12 students to 45 CEU's per year (from 35). June Learning Showcase is June 5 not 14. Minutes adopted.

Treasurer Report

Leanne Bertschy presented treasurer report:

General Account - \$	6,884.43	
GIC (cash) - \$	9,130.44	Total \$16,014.87 as of March 31, 2017

International Baccalaureate Programming Information

IB Application for Authorization has been submitted!!!! It was a long process and thank you to Mrs. Prud'Homme for all her hard work! Also, thank you to Mrs. Kirk and Mr. Munton for updating/finalizing the IB Planners!

Next year change – a certain amount of time needs to be allocated to the IB coordinator to assist, evaluate, etc. classes. IB personnel will be coming out in October for student, teacher and IB coordinator interviews

Classroom Learning Reports – sharing of successes

Grade 1-3 – Bernie Kirk – **See Attached**

- Ashley Gopp is the new E.A. for Grade's 1-3 & Kindergarten.

Grade 4-6 – Jared Munton

Proud to report that ALL Grade 6 students are at grade reading level (in the green)!!!

Finds classroom is happier, cleaner and behavior is better. Marianne Armstrong, the new E.A. is working out very well. Science (Grade 6) started their flight unit.

Grade 7-9 – Mr. Tetrault

In L.A. starting something new this semester, every morning has a different theme:

- **Memory Mondays**
- **Tall Tale Tuesdays** (eg. fiction, can't trust advertising, exaggeration)
- **Whiz Kids Wednesdays** (kids overcoming obstacles)
- **Thankful Thursdays** (being grateful)
- **Friendly Fridays** (making and keeping good friends)

The kids really like the themes and don't even realize they are doing L.A.

IB Interdisciplinary Unit (integrating multiple subjects together):

- o L.A. – reading historical novel
- o Science – Darwin's voyage to Galapagos Islands (evolution)
- o Social – Age of Exploration

Literacy Results - have improved from this fall:

Students reading at Grade Level UP 16.43% (35% fall, 51% spring)

Students reading at Risk Level DOWN 6.23% (45% fall, 39% spring)

Palliser Report: Colleen Deitz

Next Board meeting is set for April 25

We are looking at preliminary budgets, estimate is that we will be short about \$1.4 – 1.6 Million to maintain the status quo. Asking for input from parents, regarding the priorities that they would like the board to take. Do we stay focused on Literacy? Should we focus as much on PD? **Discussed... many at meeting (teachers and parents) agreed that it is important to be focused on Literacy**

Colleen will have more information after this next meeting and be able to report better on budget later. Palliser board will be conducting interviews on the 24 of April for the Firm that will be helping look for a new superintendent.

The Board has been working on policies. Colleen has been approached from some staff members that have concerns with regards to the Off Duty conduct report. They don't like to make their names known for they have concerns with the Board. Board are asking parents to look at the policies that are coming out and please reply to them if there are concerns. <http://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>. Colleen has mentioned the concerns at the board table, but was dismissed, as other trustees have heard nothing. So if you have concerns please put them in writing or contact the Board chair, as that is the process to follow if Colleen can't help you. Replying is the chance anyone has to form input (at the moment they are only getting replies from two members of the public).

If anyone has any further questions, please contact Colleen.

Parent Engagement

- Parent to Parent Connection Letter – reviewed letter and made corrections and adjustments.
- **Garden Box Planting. May 18 (weather permitting). Help the students plant vegetables in the school garden boxes. Everyone Welcome!**
- Discussed Parent Questions of the Month. Thank you to everyone who has been participating. Appreciate it if everyone could answer online questions every month.

Old Business

- School Council Meetings – increasing attendance by draws for prizes? Library memberships, Chapters gift cards, Tim's cards. Or just have food at meeting. Tables to fall. Want to start beginning of next year.
- Fundraiser – **Mother's Day Spring Market Concession April 22 – Poster Attached.** Funds will go towards snack program. **Anyone able to do a shift please contact Lori Headrick 780-965-6539.**
- 2017/2018 Calendar 2017/2018. Approved. **See Attached.**

Calendar Changes:	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>
Instructional Fridays	10	14
Start Time (warning bell)	8:20 am*	8:35 am
Dismissal Time	4:00 pm	4:07 pm
Friday Dismissal Time	2:35 pm	1:45 pm
December 21 Dismissal	12:00 noon	4:07 pm

*Earlier start time will not change bus times, as students are already at school by then.

Will try to have more field trips on Fridays (Dec 8/17 – X-mas Caroling Trip, Jan 19/18 – Ski Trip, June 8/18 – Fun Day, etc.)

New business

- a) **Learning Showcase June 5, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 pm**
- b) School shirts – for in school only, special occasions, assemblies, field trips, etc. Parents/Students will have option to purchase themselves shirts for home. Voted on Color (maroon with black lettering), Logo on front (larger logo in middle), Words/Logo on Back (4 words with logo).
- c) School Banner – Colin Monner designing school banner with ideas submitted from Grades 4-6 students.
- d) **Junior High Service Day – May 18 – Field trip to Heaven Can Wait Animal Shelter in High River.** To send cash or dog/cat food donations, please send with students or drop off at school.
- e) **Mrs. Kirk - Grades 1 - 3 are looking for two more Community volunteers to read with students. Mondays, Wednesdays 9-10 am or 1-2 pm. Please call the school if you are able to help. 403-599-3817**
- f) Education Week May 1-5. No School on May 1. Mrs. Kirk planning activities. Discussed ideas.
- g) Student Club proposal – Grades 1-9. Kids suggest “club” for recess/lunch (eg. games club, pokemon, checkers, etc.) Kids with lead the club(s).
- h) Canoe/Kayak Lesson Proposal (Tammy Lahd) – Company brings canoe/kayaks – 20 people per lesson. One lesson is all day 9 am – 3pm minus lunch break. Days available June 5-8. Ian and Barb Godkin will allow the lessons to take place on their property: lake accessible, bathrooms available, shed if indoor instruction needed. Cost is \$50 per student = \$2800 + busing. Going to ask Milo Recreation Board how much they can sponsor, Milo School Foundation can sponsor \$700 (more if needed), Student Union??. Possibly ask Parents to pay \$10 to \$15 per child to help cover costs.

School Council Serving Group suppers

Lions Suppers – **Wednesday May 17** (Bernie convenor). If anyone can help serve at a meal and/or bring a dessert, please let us know.

Grade 9 Grad – **Friday June 2. Need more parents and students to help serve supper & cleanup. Please let Jana know if you can help (janalbartsch@gmail.com).**

Milo Fall Fair Supper – Saturday September 30, 2017

Milo Community School Foundation

Need volunteers for Milo Community School Foundation – Casino is Sat/Sun June 10 & 11, 2017 in Calgary. To volunteer please contact Mealane Deitz 403-599-2256, blacksprings2@gmail.com. This money is so very important for our school, please volunteer.

Next School Council meeting **Wednesday May 24, 2017** at 6:30 pm

Mealane adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

ACTION LIST

****NEED VOLUNTEERS – Casino for School Foundation****

Fall – School Council Meetings – how to increase attendance (food, draws for prizes?)