

**Milo Community School Council
General Meeting
Tuesday November 21, 2017
Location: School Library**



Present (10): Kerry Aiken, Jana Bartsch Emma Kerschbaum, Katie Walker, Chad Monner, Jared Munton, Leanne Bertschy, Mealane Deitz, Colleen Deitz, Leah Lamotte

Agenda: Added 2 items; CCHS honor roll, school inventory.

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

Jana read the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting. No errors or omissions. Minutes adopted.

Treasurer Report

Leanne Bertschy presented treasurer report:

General Account - \$ 5,854.79

GIC (cash) - \$ 9,500.00 Total \$15,354.79 as of October 31, 2017

Need to make note of profit made from Mother's Day vendor's market concession. Katie said money was given to school. Tammy Lahd will look up amount.

Profit from Fall Fair Dinner on Sept 30 = \$398.92

CCHS honor roll awards. Students from Milo who are on the honor roll in grade 10, 11, or 12 receive \$25 each. A motion was made on March 3, 2014 that the students from Milo must have attended Junior High in Milo for 2 of 3 years in order to qualify for this award. Students to receive the award this year are Kayden Booth, Jaxson Deitz and Adam Prentice. Leanne will make up cheques and Mealane will deliver.

Classroom Learning Reports – See Attached

Grade 1/2/3 – Mrs. Bernie Kirk, read by Leanne. Welcome to Cassidy Cooper, who is our practicum student for five weeks in Nov/Dec. **WHAT AN AMAZING JOB the students did at the Remembrance Day Service – so very proud of them all!** Am so pleased to announce that we have all of our reading spots filled. Thank you volunteers!

Grade 4-6, 7-9 Science – Miss Emma Kerschbaum

- **Grade 5-9 Volleyball Tournament in Barons is on Tuesday November 28.**

Grade 7-9, 4-6 Math – Mr. Jared Munton

Principal's Report: Mrs. Kerry Aiken

- **Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) / School Nutrition Fund** –hired Shaylane Matthew's, who started last week. She is an EA for 6 hours per day and snack/nutrition coordinator for 10 hours per week. Still doing 2 snacks per day, but might be able to go more towards a breakfast program with Shaylane around. Also have \$300 grant available towards purchasing a dishwasher. Might not be feasible with water hookups, etc.
- **Garden Beds** – need to make a volunteer schedule for maintaining garden boxes during the summer months (weeding, watering, harvesting, etc.)
- **Literacy/IB** – Orishia Asher (Palliser Employee) continues to come to support school with improving literacy and assists in Program of Inquiry planning.
- **IB promotion** – need to come up with 2 sentence "catch phrases" to explain and summarize the IB program. Quick ways of explain the IB program for teachers, for parents, and for community

members. Will set up a google doc, so we can brainstorm. And also need to get the message out there. Palliser and Kerry working on getting a Milo School Facebook page set up.

- **School cash money** – have over \$20,000 in school cash. School Generated Funds are from pop machine, hot lunches, fundraiser sales etc. Plus money received from the recycling trailer sale and excess Ag Society donations for music program/instruments that wasn't all used up. This money cannot be spent without superintendent approval. Funds cannot be used on books, but can be used on extras like field trips, nutrition etc. Kerry wants to purchase a Yogurt-Matic machine for approx. \$5000. Yogurt costs about \$0.33 per cup. http://www.resfab.com/yogurt-matic_ym-920-925_a.htm. Fruits and other flavorings are easy to add to make various flavors of yogurt. The machine hooks up to water and is easy to rinse clean. Can also sell yogurt at various functions at the school as well. School council agreed with the purchase.
- **Volunteer Supervision** – hard to get school staff together for staff meetings. Before or after school doesn't work because most of the EA staff are bus drivers. Looking for 3 to 4 parent/community volunteers to come in once per month during lunch time to supervise students while staff have a meeting. Mondays will probably work best. School council willing to help out. Kerry will inform of when.
- **Accountability Pillar** – from Alberta Education, consists of PAT results, student & teacher surveys, and grade 4-9 parent surveys. Kerry has just received survey and hasn't had a chance to study the results thoroughly.
- **Peanut survey** – results from peanut survey's sent home to parents are done. 92% are in favor of bringing back nuts or their children have no nut allergies. Kerry talked to various schools in the area, all of whom do not have nut-free schools. So nuts are allowed for now, as long as no students have a severe allergy. One student has a cashew ingestion allergy.

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte

See Attached

Parent/Community Engagement

- How to increase meeting attendance? Decided an ipad raffle will not work as most people already have an ipad.
- Will continue to have coffee/tea available at meetings. Possibly snacks, or yogurt!
- Jana will also continue to send out meeting reminder e-mails.

Old Business

- T-shirts** – sold T-shirts at ham supper on November 8. All 14 extra adult t-shirts were sold plus there are another 15-20 shirts to order. Tammy will order.
- Poinsettia Sales** – orders are done and Tammy will be submitting shortly. **Poinsettia order pickup will be Monday December 4 at 3:30 to 4:30 pm.**
- Curtains** for Christmas Production. Palliser took last curtains away because they were not fire resistant and refused to replace them. Tammy still looking for quotes.
- Sound & microphone equipment.** Looking like just some cords need to be replaced in order to getting sound system in working order. School Foundation approved and application to buy new speaker cords and possibly buy more microphones if the sound system is working properly. Katie will help to ensure the sound system is working properly.

New business

- Christmas Production** – This play is called "A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol" and it is very entertaining. Making some of the props will be a lot of fun. **Does anyone have a 50 pound**

plastic turkey laying around? **Christmas Production is Tuesday December 19 at 6:30 pm. Parents please bring a square/cookies to share after production.**

Students will most likely be staying after school until the play starts. School council can maybe buy some pizza or something for supper for staff and students.

- b) **School Inventory** – Katie proposed an idea of having students/staff & community volunteers help with a work party to clean, organize & do an inventory of the storage room, kitchen and/or science room. Part of the school continuous improvement plan. Kerry would like Katie to come to a staff meeting to discuss the idea.

School Council Serving Group suppers

Lions Suppers – Wednesday

- January 3 – Jana convenor
- March 7 – Leanne convenor
- April 4 –

Grade 9 Grad? – June ?

If anyone can help serve at a meal and/or bring a dessert, please let us know.

Milo Community School Foundation

Next foundation meeting January 2018.

Application deadlines (Milo School Staff/Teachers) are: October 15, January 15, April 15.

Next School Council meeting **January ???, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Mealane adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

ACTION LIST

[Work party to organize/clean storage room & kitchens. Recruit community help.](#)

Stage Curtains