

**Milo Community School Council
General Meeting
Tuesday January 23, 2018
Location: School Library**



Present (10): Kerry Aiken, Jana Bartsch Emma Kerschbaum, Lorelei Bexte, Chad Monner, Michael Monner, Leanne Bertschy, Mealane Deitz, Lori Headrick, Leah Lamotte

Agenda adopted.

Mealane called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Jana read the minutes from the November 21, 2017 meeting. No errors or omissions. Minutes adopted.

Treasurer Report

Leanne Bertschy presented treasurer report:

General Account - \$ 7,034.77

GIC (cash) - \$ 9,500.00 Total \$16,484.77 as of December 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 pancake supper bake sale = \$1,033.00

Classroom Learning Reports – See Attached February News Update for full reports

Grade 1/2/3 – Mrs. Bernie Kirk (read by Emma). **I am so PROUD of how well our students performed at the Christmas Concert.** What an amazing show of drama! A lot of work went into this production and you could tell. **Thank you to Emma for leading this production. Thank you volunteers for reading with our class. You are helping us build a great group of readers!**

Grade 4-6, 7-9 Science – Miss Emma Kerschbaum. Our **gym class will be skating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:40 -1:40 and you're welcome to join** (weather permitting).

Grade 7-9, 4-6 Math – Mr. Jared Munton (read by Emma). We have started a **new online program called Mathematics that is 100% in line with Alberta math curriculum.** It allows students to complete questions that assigned specifically by their teacher, which help improves assessment and challenge students with questions they need to work on. **Please encourage your children (grade 4-9) to work on Mathletics at home. E-mail jared.munton@pallisersd.ab.ca to get their login information.**

Kindergarten/Pre-K – Ms. Quincy Smith (read by Emma). We will also be **skating on Wednesdays from 11:30 – 12:15 pm.** A big thank you to our parent & grandparent volunteers who have come and spent time with us! We appreciate the help.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Kerry Aiken

- **Transportation/IB/school of choice** – there are a few families (possibility of 7 children) wanting to come to Milo school. Palliser transportation won't go out of the Milo area to pick up students unless the parents meet the bus somewhere. Lorelei Bexte talked with the superintendent Dave Driscoll and because Milo offers special programming (IB Program) there are ways to possibly arrange transportation. Dave is going to meet with Kerry.
- **IB Authorization visit** is February 5 & 6. Need to clean library up for the visit. Still need to do up 2 sentence IB promotion phrases. The kids can come up with ideas too. Teachers going to spend next Wednesday's PD day looking at guide to IB authorization.

- **Accountability Pillar** – from Alberta Education, consists of PAT results, student & teacher surveys, and grade 4-9 parent surveys. Reviewed accountability pillar from last year. This years Provincial Survey were mailed out to parents recently. Some questions are directed towards high school aged students not elementary. Lorelei said to be careful when filling out survey, if you mark “don’t know” as an answer, which actually counts as a negative result. Surveys can be inaccurate because of this and because so few parents actually respond to the provincial surveys.
- Discussed **Vulcan County/Provincial road clearing**, priority needs to be given to Palliser and Siksika bus routes. Hoping for an agreement for the highway 842 being cleared the whole way from the #1 highway to highway 542 rather than just turning around at the Siksika/Vulcan county border.
- **New FNMI Liaison – Frank Sitting Eagle** comes on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- Options Classes (Blackfoot culture, Drama, Robotics, Foods) starts right away. Leadership club will be offered at lunches to build on skills from both the junior high leadership conference and elementary leadership conference.
- **Supervision volunteers** for monthly staff meetings. Kerry will let us know which Monday she could use volunteers.
- **Yogurt Machine** hasn’t been purchased yet. Kerry going to ensure the yogurt pucks are readily available first. Wholesale club in Lethbridge don’t carry the pucks. Chapman’s does supply and deliver to Vulcan, Kerry will look into.
- **Thursday lunches/nutrition plan.** Discussed possibility of doing lunches on Thursday as there is money available from nutrition grant. Hot Dogs are Tuesday’s for \$1.00 thanks to Parent volunteers, but can do another weekly lunch with little or no help from parent council if asking too much. Examples: sloppy joes, spaghetti, other pasta, chicken Caesar salad, taco in a bag, taco bar, etc. Ms. Matthews doing great job with nutrition program. Kitchen inspection completed and passed.
- **Family literacy day – potluck lunch Tuesday January 30 12:15 pm. Everyone welcome!** Can dress up as your favourite author or literary character. Rainbow literacy is also coming. Thank you to Barb Godkin for making posters.
- **Ski trip to Castle Mountain Friday February 2.** Thank you to Siksika Board of Education and Milo Recreation Board/Milo Agricultural Society for their sponsorship towards the trip and busing.
- **Calgary Hitmen Hockey game Tuesday February 27, starts at 11:00 am.**
- Camp chief Hector (Grades 4-6) is temporarily booked for May. Thank you to Milo Agricultural Society for this opportunity for our students!
- **Calendar** for 2018/2019 has 10 more instructional days than this year. Lorelei said it was possible that the 2017/18 Palliser calendar was short instructional days and that was maybe why there are more days next year. Kerry will review and discuss with Dave. Try to adjust calendar so it’s a four day a week calendar (eg. Full day Fridays, adjust times, etc.).

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte

- **See Attached for full report.** Lorelei will represent the Palliser school board as a member of the Alberta Rural Caucus. More than 30 rural school boards in Alberta have joined forces as the Rural School Board Caucus as a way to lobby the provincial government as a group.

Community Member: Michael Monner

- IB School Promotion – discussed
- Attended Milo School STEM challenge and Christmas production

- Has been to meetings and the declining enrolment is a problem in ALL rural areas. Need all schools in Vulcan County to be viable and willing to work with Palliser and the schools.
- VBDS closed. Vulcan County will still offer the same services and will still have someone available to help with grants, etc.
- As required, Vulcan County will now be engaging with Siksika Nation Council. Michael is hoping that both councils will engage in order to promote our rural schools.

Old Business

- a) **Milo School T-shirts** – community t-shirt orders came in.
- b) **Poinsettia Sales** – \$1100 raised!
- c) **Curtains/Sound Equipment** – Bob Ellis fixed speaker cords but did suggest we get some new microphones. Tammy looking into. She would like to wait to see what the Evergreen Theatre group uses and then possibly buy the same ones if they work.
- d) **Kitchen cleanup** – possibly move art stuff to upstairs room, but need old desks removed first. Will make cleanup date once desks out.

New business

- a) **Grade 9 grad hoodies** – need to order 6 hoodies. Everyone has been sized other than one student
- b) **Evergreen Theatre** – got grant for \$3300 to cover half the costs for evergreen Theater who are coming on Feb 12-15 to do a performance/play with students. The performance will be the afternoon of February 15.

School Council Serving Group suppers

Lions Suppers – Wednesday

- 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 after this meeting.

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

Next School Council meeting **March 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Mealane adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

ACTION LIST

Kitchen Cleanup

Stage Curtains?/sound equipment

2018/2019 Calendar