

Present (10): Kerry Aiken, Jana Bartsch, Chad Monner, Amy Monner, Leanne Bertschy, Sara Woofenden, Lorelei Bexte, Lori Headrick, Colin Monner, Sheldon Walker.

Agenda adopted. Leanne motion, Colin 2nd.

Chad called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Jana e-mailed the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting. No errors or omissions.

Treasurer Report

General Account - \$7,618.42 December 31/21

Fish Philosophy Program \$3070.93 cheque wrote in January. \$2886 was in US funds.

Classroom Learning Reports Summary – See January reports sent home with students or click on link <http://miloschool.ca/monthly-news>.

Kindergarten/Pre-K – Mrs. Ingrid Kidd

- Did you know, that in France, children put out shoes (instead of stockings) to hopefully receive special candy and treats?! We will continue to learn more about our community and environment this New Year. A highlight will be learning more about some of the animals that are found in our area.

Grades 1/2/3, 4-6 Science – Mrs. Bernie Kirk

- Thank you Santa for coming to visit us in December
- Science Grade 1 – winter season, Grade 2-3 – how temperature influences our lives
- Science Grades 4-5 – simple machines (lever, pulleys, rollers and wedges)
- Science Grade 6 - Space

Grades 4-9 Social & L.A – Miss Quincy Smith

- Grades 4-6 LA – starting to read Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone
- Grade 4-5 Social – Alberta Parkland Region & Boreal Forest Region
- Grade 6 Social – Government of Ancient Athens
- Grade 7-9 LA – reading The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
- Grade 7-8 Social - Early European Colonies
- Grade 9 Social – Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Grades 4-9 Math & Science, PE & Health 1-9 – Mrs. Sara Woofenden

- Math 7-9 – reviewing fractions, decimals, and percentages
- Math 4-6 – finishing adding, subtracting unit.
- Science 7-8 – Plant Earth Unit
- Science 9 – Space Exploration Unit
- PE 1-9 – Curling and Basketball
- Health 1-9 – Relationship Unit

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte See attached for full report

- Michael Willems, teacher with Palliser School Division, Certificate of Excellence Recipient. Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

- Transportation 58 daily routes, transporting 1850 students per day and travel over 1.9 million km per year. Bus drivers have “S” endorsement training (come in after Humbolt accident). All buses have GPS and tablets (for tracking, electronic log books, daily inspections and fuel tracking).
- ATA committee meeting – discussed new K-6 curriculum, puff funding, etc.
- This month the Board is looking at Policy 9 - Board Operations and welcomes any feedback from its stakeholders. <https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/board-of-trustees/policy-review>
- Tom Hamer will continue as Deputy Superintendent

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Kerry Aiken

- a) Calendar review. Thank you to those who e-mailed back their feedback.
- b) FISH/Site based PD Feb 28. Did get materials. Will make presentation for next meeting.
- c) Maternity Leave teacher for Mrs. Woofenden. Have offered position to a gentleman, starting February 14, who Kerry feels will be a great fit. Will get him to do a bio for February newsletter.
- d) Curling currently happening Mondays and Wednesdays 9:45 till 12:30 until January 31 (run by Mrs. Woofenden). Skating starting February 2nd 9:45 till 11:30 (run by Ms. Smith). Helmets a must. Hockey sticks – Sara will talk to Quincy to see which grades will be allowed to bring sticks. Parent volunteers are welcome, please contact your child’s teacher if you are willing/able to help. We will scan your QR code for double vaccination, or look at your immunization records and keep a confidential list in the office for our volunteers. Skate sharpening – Sheldon can take skates to Bassano to sharpening.
- e) Spring flower orders are ready to go, see Facebook for details, and we will send order forms home with the students. **Flower Orders due February 1st.**
- f) Covid supplies - Masks and Rapid Testing Kits. Did not get enough rapid tests to send home enough per student, have enough for one pack per family. Reach out to Kerry if you would like more rapid tests or masks. Masks at school.
- g) Ski trip: currently scheduled for February 17th.
 - o Currently Palliser is asking all field trips for the month of January be postponed or cancelled, this will be reviewed on January 24th (additionally the AHS guidelines for schools and buses says, “Off-site activities (e.g, field trips for group physical activity, performance activities and recreational activities that are part of the curriculum) are not recommended at this time.”
 - o Another thing to consider: “Schools should develop procedures to address students or staff developing symptoms during the field trip; plans should include a designated area to isolate the ill individual, what extra supplies may be needed (e.g., mask for the child, mask/face shield for the individual attending to the child, etc.), how to notify a parent/guardian and how the ill child will be transported home from the off-site activity.”
 - [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools \(K-12\) and School Buses](#)
 - o IF we are able to go...Our regular charter bus company has sadly closed, Tammy has found another company with basically the same price, it is 56 passenger charter. We have the charter booked (no charge to cancel if needed) and the ski hill knows we plan to come.
 - o IF we are able to go...Castle Mountain has told us that all people over the age of 12 must have proof of double vaccination to enter the premises (they may use the outdoor washrooms).
 - o We will not be asking students to show proof to us at school but parents must be aware that the documentation will have to be shown to the staff at Castle for vaccinations or

negative tests. Parent volunteers who want to ride on the bus must provide proof of double vaccination or a negative lab test to the office prior to riding on the bus (space permitting). Castle asks that paper copies of QR codes/vaccination status, or negative test results stay with students and parents to ensure this can be accessed in the case of mobile devices losing power.

- IF we are permitted to go on the field trip, we will cover the cost of the bus (courtesy Milo Rec Board), as well as the lift tickets for students (courtesy of the Milo Rec board again as they donated money last year that we didn't use).
- Castle has asked us to provide a schedule of parent/staff supervisors, as well as to indicate their responsibilities, we will need up to 4 parent volunteers (and lift tickets will be covered). Other parents who want to join are certainly welcome, though they may have to drive themselves depending on bus space and vaccination status. Parents who are joining for the day without being on our volunteer schedule will be required to buy their lift ticket and rentals (if needed) at the hill.
- Discussed and decided to go ahead with the field trip and will deal with restrictions or cancellations, parents driving, etc. if we have to.

Old business

- a) Poinsettia Sales profit \$1,456.74
- b) Christmas concert – recording is on Facebook and e-mailed to families, if you missed it. Thank you to Gillian Williamson, who made the recording. School gave her a Milo school t-shirt and Christmas card.
- c) Curling Gym Classes ongoing – volunteer spots filled. Thank you to volunteers helping with classes: Colin Monner, Leanne Bertschy, Jana Bartsch, Grant Turner and Celia Lahd.
- d) “Ready to Rock” curling program by Curling Alberta for 8-15 year olds. Ran by Curling Alberta and funded by Jumpstart and corporate sponsorship. Jana talked to Shannon Klebrink about the program and got details. Milo Curling Club would get an \$800 grant to run a 5-8 week learn to curl program (which it is already doing Monday's after school). Curling Alberta will run a 2 hour event on the day of our choosing, sending a lead instructor, bringing curling supplies, etc. Discussed and Jana will ask Shannon if they would like to run on a school day or possibly the Friday of reading week. Cost is \$20 per child which school council could cover.

New business

- a) Skating in PE Monday's and Wednesdays in February – Jana will make a google sheets schedule to send out for volunteers closer to the date
- b) Lions Suppers – Feb 16 (Leanne Convene), Apr 6, May 18.
- c) Archive Society donation – asking for \$1000 to help pay for arranging, descriptions and scanning of Milo Community School photos from 1960 to 2010. Need to look into what by-laws mandate for donating from school council or school foundation for something like this. Tabled to next meeting.

Next School Council meeting **Monday March 7 4:30 pm, in person (if possible) at Milo School Gym.**

Chad adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Milo Community School Foundation – Notes:

- No funding requests
- Lions Supper Jan 5 Profit \$322.71 (\$400 - 77.29) Barb Godkin donated the ham.

ACTION LIST