

Present (8): Jana Bartsch, Maria Oldfield, Amy Monner, Dakota Mattson, Lorelei Bexte, Karlee Thompson, Cindy Monner, Amy Tye.

Agenda. Adopted.

Maria called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Jana read the minutes from the November 27, 2023 meeting. No errors or omissions, adopted as read.

Treasurer Report

General Account - \$2,400.09 as December 31/23. Paid Elizabeth Godkin for Author visit on December 20 \$1000 using the ACES grant up.

Classroom Learning Reports Summary – See monthly reports that are e-mailed to parents or click on link <http://miloschool.ca/monthly-news>.

Mrs. Bernie Kirk (Grades 1-3, 4-6 Science) –

Ms. Quincy Smith (Grades 4-6 LA & Social, 7-9 LA & Social, Learning Support Teacher) – LA grade 4-6 – write it right, words their way, and handwriting each day. Also started phonics lessons and students are working through these at own pace. Finishing up reading Novel Number the Stars and will read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory next. Finishing up picture books and will move into writing good paragraphs and essays next. LA Gr 7-9 Currently reading Hana’s Suitcase and completing a timeline assignment as they read. At the end, students will make a timeline of their life. Next will write 5 paragraph essays. Grade 4-5 Social – 6 regions of Alberta, finishing Canadian shield, moving on history of Alberta. Grade 6 Social – continuing to study democracy and learning about Iroquois Confederacy. Next will look at local Government. Grade 7-8 Social – recently started new chapter that focuses on the phases of the Fur Trade in pre-Confederation Canada. Gr 9 social – collective rights, Indian act, language minorities. Currently focusing on Immigration laws and policies. Junior High are also completing weekly current event assignments – who, what, when, where and why of the article, as well as writing a summary of the article.

Mrs. Sara Woofenden (Math 4-9, Jr. high Science, Health, PE) –

Mr. Dakota Mattson (Principal, Jr. high sciences, Options) - Grade 9 Science – environmental chemistry and how affect plants (Grade 7-8). Using fish tank to monitor PH. Getting Tilapia aquaponics tank.

Hailey Stewart (Milo Alphabets Kindergarten) -

Mrs. Katie Walker (Music/Art/Drama) -

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte See attached for full report

Board report. Decrease in funding from government for early intervention. International program exchange with 5 students from Spain. All schools now have doorbell and camera. Jan 16 board meeting. Transportation - age of bus now 7.5 years vs. 11 years. Getting less funding \$500,000 because in lower level of next tier. OH&S – drills important to still due in the winter. 2024/25 division calendar has been approved. 3 days at beginning of year for teachers to collaborate, and one division wide day. Next board meeting February 13. Letter to see if

province could fund 5 day a week kindergarten. Calgary and Edmonton voted against it as they don't have the infrastructure to support more students, and votes go based on number of students. So, it was voted down.

Principal's Report: Mr. Dakota Mattson

- 1. Alberta Education Assurance Measures Survey.** Alberta Education will send an access code to you in the mail for parents to complete. All parents will get a code. All students in Grades 4-9 will also complete the survey in school. When answering the questions, please do not say I don't know. It marks it a negative against the school and inaccurate data. Use N/A instead or can contact the school if have questions.
- 2. Siksika Liason**
 - Works part time with Milo and part time with Arrowwood. Stephanie Weasel Child. Completely fluent in Blackfoot. Last job did historical research for band. Mondays and every other Tuesdays and taking courses. June 21 national indigenous day, already has ideas.
- 3. EA Hiring**
 - Position for a temporary EA (after February break until end of school year). Splitting between junior high and grades 1-3. 25-26 hours per week.
- 4. Ski Trip – tentatively set for Thursday March 7, 2024.** Forms being sent home for Grades 4-9 students and parents. Ski lesson mandatory in the morning. Grades K-3 and families are welcome to join, but have to get yourself there and buy your own lift tickets. There will be no supervision for K-3 students, so they need to have parental supervision on the ski hill. Castle does offer possible group rates for those families. Bus for trip is funded by the Milo Recreation Board.
- 5. School Calendar** – got calendar got division calendar for us to review. PD days cannot be moved. Milo School calendar added 3 extra Fridays for Milo staff PD Days. No school on Fridays for students. Will need to have a community vote (parent vote) to officially approve 4 day school week. Palliser doesn't officially have it on record that we are a 4 day school week. Paperwork may have been discarded in the school, if there was paperwork still remaining from this from 25 years ago. School Council need to initiate an official voting/documentation process. Each family assigned a number and given a voting sheet on whether to continue with the 4 day school week. Champion School is also doing this as well, so will see what their process way. Meeting before the vote, then vote, 2 year pilot, then calendar can't get changed for 5 years.
- 6. Upcoming Dates**
 - **Skating** – Wednesday, Thursday this week in gym class.
 - **Thursday** – 11:00 am. Family Literacy Day. Come read with students in the gym. Cookies and juice provided!
 - **Next Wednesday** January 31– Free Hot Lunch for students (turkey soup)
 - **February 1-** Floor Hockey tournament in Vulcan for grades 4-6
 - **Feb 19 – 23 No school**
 - **February 28** – Calgary Hitmen Be Brave game for all students. Pink shirt day.

Old business

- a) Fundraising for 2026 Marine Biology Trip spring 2026– Current Grade 5, 6 & 7. Cash calendar tickets please get sold ASAP and get tickets and money back to the school or post office.
- b) Christmas Dinner – December 19. Was a success, would like to do it again next year.

New business

- a) Next Lions supper February 7 interclub (Jana convenor). Then March 20.
- b) Closing the School Council Bank Account. School councils are not required to have a bank account. As there is already a Milo Community School Foundation to handle any fundraised money, there is no need for a school council bank account as well. Amy Monner makes a motion to close the Milo Community School Council bank account, giving all remaining fund to Milo Community School to be allocated to field trips & programing, Karlee Thompson seconded. Carried.
- c) Spring Flower Orders due February 14. Jana will e-mail out separately.

Next School Council meeting **Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 4:30 pm Milo School**

Maria adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.

Milo Community School Foundation – Minutes:

- Treasurer report. Lions Supper December 6 (Maria convenor) made \$282.76. December 2 Lions pancake supper bake sale profit \$1,051.50. Received donation from Keith Godkin for \$330. Paid Frances Thompson for early literacy hours Sept – Dec \$2,105.85. General accounts \$54,262.89, Casino Accounts \$18,178.01.
- Next Casino July-Sept 2024
- Funding requests:
 - o App # 263 - Archery Equipment. \$221.74
 - o App # 264 - Science Center Field Trip in May 21 (all grades) \$762.50
 - o App # 265 - Scientists in Schools (K-9)- \$705
 - o Paying for Evergreen Theater \$ less the AFA Grant so 25%.
- Amy makes motion to approve all casino funding applications, Karlee seconded.

ACTION LIST

Marine Biology 2026 Trip Fundraising