

Present (16): Jana Bartsch, Maria Oldfield, Leah Lamotte, Bernie Kirk, Dakota Mattson, Lorelei Bexte, Maurissa Lacoursiere, Byron Thompson, Karlee Thompson, Sara Woofenden, Colin Monner, Cindy Monner, Alexis Samson, Hailey Stewart, Jackie Heather, Kyle Lahd.

Agenda. Adopted.

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

Jana read the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. No errors or omissions, adopted as read.

Treasurer Report

Cindy wrote cheque to Milo Community School for \$2,400.09 and once it has cleared, bank account will be closed.

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) – Math - basic fact review grade 1. Grade 2-3 expressions. Grade 3 multiplication. LA research project on unusual animals. Parents will be invited to come view presentations with popcorn when done. Social - Landforms. Science Grades 4-6 presenting Aliens. Science - starting CSI unit Grade 6, Grade 4-5 lights and shadows (students will need to bring flashlights). Scientists in schools came. Buildings with grade 1-3, Lights and shadows with grades 4-6.

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. LA Gr 7-9 Currently reading Number the Stars and use it to write an essay when done. Grade 4-5 Social – first peoples (NEED SHOE BOXES). Grade 6 Social - Local government. Gr 9 social – different economies, supply & demand.

Mrs. Sara Woofenden (Math 4-9, Jr. high Science, Health, PE) – Jr high math algebraic expressions, 4-6 math – starting division unit, long division and other methods of solving division. PE curling 2 days per week, should be doing curling games next week and also doing gymnastics when not curling. Health – grade 4-9 sex education. Grade 1-3 growth of the human body.

Mr. Dakota Mattson (Principal, Jr. high sciences, Options) - Grade 7-8 heat and temperature unit. Grade 9 – electricity, bringing in algebra, building and manipulating circuits. Then chemistry.

Hailey Stewart (Milo Alphabets Kindergarten) – just starting working on money unit tying money to math, social, etc. Some skip counting, eg counting by 5. Leprechaun coming. Building things for leprechaun traps. Reading simple sentences. Pre-K starting full days in March on Thursdays to try it and see how students do.

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

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte See attached for full report

Board report. Meeting needs of students post covid (mental health, more anxiety, etc.), staff training. Mental Health Grant ends at the end of this school year. Hopefully the government continues the grant. Technology services – severely underfunded, board is adding \$11,000 per

month of non-funded money. Working on getting funding from government. Lorelei came to Milo staff meeting to acknowledge Quincy and Sara on 5 years of teaching.

Principal's Report: Mr. Dakota Mattson

1. **Alberta Education Assurance Measures Survey.** Alberta Education has sent an access code to you in the mail for parents to complete. All grades 4-9 parents should have got 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. Closes March 1.
2. **EA Hiring**
 - o 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. Accepted by Robin Weins Monday, Tues, Wed and Thur morning.
 - o Advertising for Full-time EA for Junior High. Jordan's Principal grant got by Ms. Smith.
3. **4 day school week continuation vote.** Ballots handed out to parents who attended meeting. Count done by Grant Turner and Celia Lahd. Need 65% support to continue with 4 day school week. To be clear, the school and School Council are both in full support of our 4-day week schedule. This schedule is a long-standing part of our community that we are proud of, dating back to 1993. We are undergoing this process to ensure the 4-day schedule approved follows proper procedures expected by Palliser School Division and Alberta Education. Ballots are due March 14.

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. Cash calendar draw starts March 1.
- b) Ski Trip – Thursday March 7 Grades 4-9. School is paying for ski lessons, students to pay for rentals and day pass. Palliser Insurance company will not allow Grades 1-3 to be covered for downhill skiing. Families are welcome to join at the hill but arrange own transportation and ski passes.

New business

- a) Next Lions supper March 20 (Cindy Monner convenor).

Next School Council meeting **Monday March 25, 2024 at 4:30 pm Milo School**

Maria adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

Milo Community School Foundation – Minutes:

- Treasurer report. Lions Interclub Supper Feb 7 (Jana convenor) made \$678.73. Casino account paid 25% of Evergreen Theatre \$1,911.00 and Archery Equipment \$219. Casino 2 GIC's Interest Income December = \$607.50. General 3 GIC's Interest Income January \$1,499.04. Total General accounts \$56,441.08, Casino Accounts \$16,047.14 less o/s funding requests = \$14,579.64.

- Next Casino July 23-24, 2024. Chad Monner chair person. Please let him know if you can work a shift.
- Cash calendar money should be coming in soon and will be deposited into the casino account. We have 3 years to spend raffle money. Jana will need to file final raffle report when draw is done at the end of March.
- Outstanding Funding requests:
 - o App # 264 - Science Center Field Trip in May 21 (all grades) \$762.50
 - o App # 265 - Scientists in Schools (K-9)- \$705
- New Funding requests:
 - o App # 266 – Speech Jaw stability tool - \$46.67
- Karlee makes motion to approve casino funding application, Jackie seconded. Carried

ACTION LIST

Marine Biology 2026 Trip Fundraising