

Present (6): Quincy Smith, Karlee Thompson, Jackie Heather, Chad Monner, Bernie Kirk, Maria Oldfield

Agenda. Adopted.

Chad called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

Maria read the minutes from the March 25, 2023 meeting. No errors or omissions, adopted as read.

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) – LA Grade 1-3 have been working on their research projects and will have their Presentation and Popcorn day on Thursday at 9:00. They'll be moving into their final unit Poetry. Math Grade 1-2 just have their fun units on shapes left. Math Grade 3 are working on multiplication and division. Science Grade 1-3 is on their final unit on Living Systems and will be hatching out caterpillars which the class is excited about. Social Grade 1 is looking at the history of Milo and Siksika while the Grade 2-3 are focusing on the natural resources in their three comparative communities. Science Grade 4-5 is working on their final unit on plants and Science Grade 6 is learning about trees and forests.

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. Currently reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and recently had five students find golden tickets! Their next writing focuses on picture prompt story writing and newspaper article writing. LA Gr 7-9 words their way each day as well as grammar and sentence editing work. Currently learning how to write business emails and are practicing prompt writing for the upcoming PAT. Their last novel of the year will be *Brian's Winter*. Grade 4-5 Social – recently finished building their fur rate dioramas and will be learning about Early Settlement in Alberta next Grade 6 Social – just finished learning about provincial government and are now looking at how our rights are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and are preparing for the PAT Grade 7-8 Social – currently learning about the Great Migration and the push for democracy in pre-Confederation Canada Gr 9 social – recently learned about social programs and are currently learning about how the Canadian government responds to political and economic issues. 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) – None

Mr. Dakota Mattson (Principal, Jr. high sciences, Options) - None

Hailey Stewart (Milo Alphabets Kindergarten) - None

Mrs. Katie Walker (Music/Art/Drama) - None

Palliser Report: Lorelei Bexte See attached for full report

April 9 Board Meeting. The Division has seen remarkable growth in literacy which is credited to the dedication and skills of the teachers. There also were significant advancements in numeracy.

The Division will also be introducing longer breaks during the school day due to the increasing stress and anxiety among both students and staff.

Principal's Report: Mr. Dakota Mattson

1. Conference Information

- Dakota was unable to attend the meeting tonight as he was invited to attend the College of Alberta School Superintendents Indigenous Gathering in Edmonton where he will be learning from Elders, Knowledge keepers and researchers on supporting all students through Indigenous understandings.

2. School Calendar

- The draft calendar was submitted to Palliser and is awaiting feedback and confirmation

3. Assessment Learning

- April 12 PD Session with a presenter from the Alberta Assessment Consortium as well as the November PD Session
- Staff is looking to evolve their assessment practices and get a head start to give themselves more time to learn and experiment before Palliser policies are adapted/updated to align with current research
- Plan to continue with this next year and hope to attend an assessment focused weekend conference together in Canmore in October

4. Provincial Achievement Tests

- Grade 6 PATS for Math and ELA have been cancelled
- Grade 9 exams and Grade 6 Social and Science will continue as scheduled

5. Grade 9 Hoodies

- Tammy placed the order for our Grade 9 hoodies yesterday (4 total). She does not know the total cost yet but was wondering if the school council would be willing to pay for this again.
 - o It was decided that yes the school council would pay for the hoodies

6. Garden Tilling

- Bernie mentioned that we are looking for a volunteer to till the gardens sometime around May 14-16. Quincy suggested seeing if Sheldon would do it again.

7. Edsby Digital Permission Forms

- Tammy is able to start sending digital permission forms on Edsby so parents need to keep an eye out for these coming through to them

8. Upcoming Events

- May 6-23: Celia Lahd library practicum
- May 13: Grade 9 ELA Part A PAT
- May 21: Science Center Field Trip
- May 22: Junior High Track Meet
- June 4: Tyrrell Museum
- June 5: Elementary Track Meet
- June 10 & 11: Swimming in Vulcan

- June 12: ELA 9 Part B PAT
- June 13: Math 9 Part A PAT
- June 17: BCHP
- June 18: Math 9 Part B PAT
- June 19: Social 6/9 PAT
- June 20: Science 6/9 PAT
- June 24 or 25: Lake Day/Canoe & Kayak (to be determined)
- June 26: Last Student Day, BBQ lunch provided by Canadian Natural, Staff BBQ/Kayaking
 - o Discussion was had about doing the Achievement Awards different this year. Instead of awarding kids for each individual class that achieved excellence in all four of their core subjects it was suggested that they only be recognized once for the achievement of all 4. We would still continue to recognize those kids as well who achieved excellence in 1-3 classes.

Old business

- a) Fundraising for 2026 Marine Biology Trip spring 2026– Current Grade 5, 6 & 7
 - Spring Market Concession May 4
 - o Only 2-3 kids are required for this to help collect money. We aren't making the food for it. Quincy has talked to a few of the kids about this already
- b) Lions Supper May 1 – Amy is convening

New business

- a) Casino July 23-24 – Please let Chad Monner know if you can volunteer to work at the Ace Casino in Calgary on those dates. He hasn't started looking to hard yet so there's lots of shift availability at this point.

Next School Council meeting **Monday June 3, 2024 at 4:30 pm Milo School**

Chad adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm.

Milo Community School Foundation – Meeting Minutes:

Chad called the meeting to order

School Foundation Treasurer Report

General Account:

- Chequing \$9,216.69
- GIC's \$47,924.41

Lions Supper profit March 20 (Cindy convenor) \$350

Received \$350 in cash donations from cash calendar winners to go towards the 2026 Marine Biology trip.

Casino Account:

- Chequing \$2,868.14
- GIC's \$15,000.00

- Cash Calendar Profit = \$4,520. Jana will file raffle report.
- Paid \$1994 to Frances Thompson for early literacy Jan – March
- Paid Scientists in Schools \$705
- Outstanding Funding requests:
 - App # 264 - Science Center Field Trip in May 21 (all grades) \$762.50
 - App # 266 – Speech Jaw stability tool - \$46.67 – school paid with school supply money per Tammy Lahd
 - Casino funds available after outstanding requests less Early Literacy Budget = \$9,640.54
- New Funding requests:
 - Typically donate \$1500 to the Kindergarten Society but it was suggested to wait until closer to the end of the year to see where our casino funds are sitting following field trip, etc. expenses and may look at possibly donating a larger amount to them
 - Assessments as Communication Conference October 3-5 \$450 x 5 Teachers - \$2250.00
 - Jana is looking into whether Casino funds can be used for this, but if not we could use funds from the General Account to cover this.
 - Karlee makes motion to approve this funding application whether funds come from the casino or the general account if necessary. Jackie seconded.

Next meeting date – same as school council meeting.

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