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Description automatically generated**Milo Community School Council**

**Meeting**

**Monday November 4th, 2024**

**Location: Milo School Library**

Present (11): Sara Woofenden, Jana Bartsch, Chad Monner, Loralei Bexte, Quincy Smith, Robin Wiens, Tamara Toporowski, Cindy Monner (Zoom), Katie Walker, Bernie Kirk, and Jackie Heather

Agenda. Adopted.

Chad called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Robin read the minutes from the October 7th, 2024 meeting. No errors or omissions, adopted as read. Tamara motioned to accept minutes as read, Katie seconded. Carried

**Classroom Learning Reports:**

* **Bernie Kirk (Grades 1-3, 4-6 Science) Kirk’s Korner:**
  + Yeah we have a student teacher, Megan Kaiser will be spending 5 weeks with us. She will be teaching grade 2-3 social studies and we will be doing Samaritan’s Purse Shoeboxes this year. She will also teach small groups of students.
  + **In language arts** we will look at heroes by focusing on war heroes.  We will use the Veteran’s Canada resource “Animals at War”.  It will be interesting to see what kind of adventure stories the students will write.  Remember to check out our bulletin boards for all the awesome and interesting things the students are doing.
  + **In math** we are starting learning stations where the students are learning mental math strategies, fractions, place value and operations. We have students working with adults on various outcomes at their grade level.
  + **In social studies, the grade** **1s** are learning about landmarks, symbols and groups. We have walked around Milo to look at symbols in our village. **The grade 2-3** completed their rights and responsibilities unit. They are learning about global organizations.
  + **In science 4-6**, we are finishing our unit on matter. We did experiments with gases, liquids, and solids. We looked at the density of liquids and did liquid layers where they could see that more dense liquids settle on the bottom.  They measured mass and did compression experiments. Our next unit is buoyancy.
  + **In science 1** the students are learning about movement and energy.
  + **In science 2-3,** we are doing landforms and are learning about soil layers, dinosaurs, and different types of landforms.
  + To close, I am thankful for my volunteer readers. Also I am thankful for the way our Milo community members are a part of this school. A great example of this is how we all came together for the volleyball game today (staff/parents vs volleyball team). It was a ton of fun.  Lastly, thank you to the wonderful school family I work with. The staff here are awesome!  And finally, I love spending time with your children everyday.  They make me smile with their creativity and stories. There is never a dull moment in our “busy little room”.
* **Quincy Smith (Grades 4-6 LA and Social, Grades 7-9 LA and Social, Learning Support Teacher)**
  + **4-6 Language Arts:**
    - Daily Write It Right work, Words Their Way, and Handwriting.
    - Finishing up poetry and moving into postcard writing, Christmas writing, and story writing next.
    - Started Literacy stations twice a week and students are rotating between typing, journal writing, and independent reading.
    - Continued reading of *Charlotte’s Web.*
    - Continued work on the students first book report assignment.
  + **4-6 Social:**
    - **Grades 4/5 –** Focus on the regions and history of Canada. Students are almost done learning about the Atlantic Region. We will move into the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Lowlands Region next.
    - **Grade 6 –** Focusing on democracy. Currently we are learning about the birthplace of democracy – Ancient Athens
  + **7-9 Language Arts:**
    - Sentence editing and daily Words Their Way.
    - Finishing up our poetry unit and then will move into postcard writing and persuasive writing.
    - Still reading our first novel: *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas*.
    - Continued work on the students first book report assignment.
  + **7-9 Social:**
    - **Grades 7/8** – Renaissance time period. Currently learning about the rise of international trade during that time period – looking at the Silk Road, the Crusades, and increased competition for trade in the City–States of Renaissance Italy.
    - **9** – Focusing on Canada. Currently we are learning about the Youth Criminal Justice Act and what happens to youth when they break the law.
    - **7-9 –** Currently working on weekly current event assignments – Looking for who, what, where, when, and why of the articles, as well as writing a summary of the article.
* **Katie Walker – Art/Music (all grades)**
  + **Music:** 
    - Students are working on Christmas songs for the Christmas concert.
* **Amanda Burke**
  + In **Science 8**, we just finished cells and systems and did a frog dissection.  We are moving on to mix and flow of matter**. In Science 9,** just started biological diversity. In **Math 7-9,** continuing with number sense and multiplying/dividing decimals. In **Math 4-6**, multiplication and division of 2 by 3 and 3 by 3 numbers.
* **Sara Woofenden (Gr. 4-9 Physical Education, Gr. 1-9 Classroom Economy)**
  + in **4-9 PE**, students ended their volleyball unit and we began a short dodgeball unit before we begin our dance unit. **In classroom economy,** students in **4-9** got their jobs and have almost been through a full cycle of Pay, Bonuses, Bills, Fines, and Auction. We have also started our online ‘Enriched Academy’ work, which helps demonstrate more about investments and budgeting. **Students in 1-3** are getting into more routine, but will have a change coming up when our student teacher starts.

**Principal’s Report:**

* **Student Teachers**:
  + We have two PS1 students that will be teaching, observing, and assisting in our 1-6 grades
    - Marla Pasolli - mentored under Quincy and Sara
    - Megan Kaiser - mentored under Bernie
* **Remembrance Day**
  + New Wreath $57 and $5 custom ribbon - Vulcan RCMP
  + What will lunch look like? Are the guests eating first?
    - Students first, in kitchen
  + Possible Facebook Live
* **Upcoming field trips:**
  + 4-6 Volleyball tournament on Wednesday at CCHS
  + Cardboard boat races for JH leaders next Thursday
  + Dec. 16 - Siksika Elders Lodge for Caroling
  + Dec. 18 - Vulcan for caroling
  + Grade 4-6 overnight trip to Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump and Frank Slide interpretive Centre - sleep at Frank Slide
    - Merry Market fundraiser - Dec. 30
* **School extracurriculars**:
  + New options - Floor Hockey, Knitting/Crochet/Cross Stitching, and Board Games
  + Evergreen Dec. 9-12
* **Is there interest in OSC in Milo**?
  + I will send out a survey from the Vulcan Daycare Society to parents.
* **Foundation requests for money**:
  + Exploration Day

**Palliser Report – Lorelie Bexte, Trustee**

* Attached to this email. Update on Coaldale Prairie Winds School Opening Day/Guest Speakers, and wellness; there are physical activity kits available for the schools to borrow.
* Any questions or concerns, please contact me at [lorelie.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:lorelie.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca), (403) 485-0823

**Old Business**

* Merry Market Nov 30 concession – Grades 4-6 Frank Slide trip fundraiser
* 2026 Marine Biology Trip Fundraising – cash calendar, available to purchase
* Lions Supper – Maria convening

**New Business**

* Nov 7 – Remembrance Day Ceremony
  + Kindergarten serving Taco in a Bag lunch - $5.00 (Also open to the community members)
* December 2nd, 2024 – Parent Teacher Interviews
* December 7th, 2024 Milo Lions Pancake Supper / Turkey Bingo – PTA run Bake Sale
* December 12th, 2024 – Christmas Concert.

**The Milo School Foundation Minutes**

**Financial Reports:**

* **Bank balances as of October 30th, 2024:** 
  + General account - $4,626.74
  + General GIC’s - $48,142.82
    - Total - $52,769.56
  + Casino Account - $2,395.25
  + Casino GIC’s - $10,000.00
    - Total - $12,395.25
  + Grand Total - $65,164.81
* Milo Fall Fair Supper Profit = $478.42
  + Door sales - $2,105.00
  + Hall rental - $300.00
  + Food - $1,528.68 + meat/potato sales $202.10 (Not yet deposited)
* **Recent Transactions:**
  + General account:
    - Deposit - $335 Donation from Tamara Toporowski for Marine Biology Trip
    - App #273 – Canmore Conference hotel rooms + 1 meal - $1,523.52
    - App #274 – Mileage to Canmore paid to individuals - $511.28
  + Casino account:
    - None
* **Casino Funds Available:**
  + None after outstanding applications. July 2024 casino funds should be arriving later in November.
  + **Outstanding Applications: ($13,734.34 total)**
    - $4,520 for March 2024 Raffle for Marine Biology
    - App # 272 – Frank Slide Sleep Over Gr. 4-6 on April 16 & 17, 2025 - $1,639.34
    - 2024/2025 Early Literacy/Speech Professional (225 hours) - $5,625.00
    - Evergreen Theater 25% of est. $7800 (Got AFA Grant 75%) - $1,950.00
* **ASCA (Alberta School Council’s Association):**
  + Author Visit - $588 – Arrowwood joined us for a day of fun activities. Arrowwood will pay their portion for the Author visit.
    - Tamara Toporowski motioned for ASCA to pay our portion and Jackie Heather seconded.

Next meeting is on January 13th, 2025 at the Milo Community School Library

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50pm