
In Attendance

Travis R. (Principal), Jackie C. (Vice Principal), Ossie L. (teacher), Tyler D., Melanie D., Reidun T., Cathy B., Lisa A., Alison W., Rob L., Sabina A., Jenny S., Katie R., Hilary S., Julie M., David H., Maryanne M., Jen G., Aletha B., Heather B., Kirsta T., Ellen K., Anastasia P., Ellen S., Ian S.

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Meeting opened by Tyler at 7:00pm

Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Ossie Long (created in collaboration with the students from Grade 8)

Classroom Updates – Ossie Long

Gaga ball pits assembled and installed with the assistance of the students

- Thank you to the Parent Association for funding

K to 2:

- Routines and relationships
- School expectations
- Math – focus on patterns
- Literacy - printing practice, reviewing some letters
- Science/Social/Art – seasonal changes/fall

Grade 3s and 4s:

- Instructional writing, mapping skills, data analysis, intro to matter

Grades 5s and 6s:

- Building positive work habits & relationships.
- Grammar review
- Math operations
- Social - rights vs. responsibilities
- Science - states of matter
- Letter writing

Gr. 7:

- Science - ecosystems
Math - integers addition and subtraction
ELA - grammar review + short stories
Social - history of Canada and indigenous knowledge

Gr. 8:

- Science - living things, characteristics of cells, microscopes
- Social - worldviews and Land Acknowledgements
- Math - square Numbers and square roots
- ELA - outsiders novel study

Grad 9:

- ELA - grammar and journal writing, learning 5 paragraph essays
- Social - structure of Canada's Federal Government
- Science - models of the universe, astronomical tools
- Math - exponents and simplifying expressions

Band:

- K-6 : Exploring high, low or mid sounds; taking care of instruments
- Band 7-9: Getting comfortable with their instruments and learning new songs. Focus on O'Canada for the November concert.

Principal's Report – Travis/Jackie

- Thank you to Parent Association for gaga ball pits and soccer field grass
- 32 staff at this point: ~22 teaching staff, 2 facilities staff, remainder: support staff
- Coaches found for all current sport seasons with the exception of volleyball - still in need of 1 coach, role could be filled with a parent volunteer
- In order to ensure ongoing safety, front and back entrance doors are now secured with key cards
- Still waiting to get doors installed on the open area basement classrooms
- School development planning:
 - Emphasizing culture of belonging, authentic personalization and differentiation, mathematics, literacy and well-being
- School arrival process:
 - Continues to be an issue, reminders re safe drop offs continue to be in the weekly newsletter
 - We have a school resource officer this year
 - Parent suggestion – Elbow Park School put out pylons to slow down traffic, principal is present during drop-off; Response: admin currently supervise indoor hallways, support staff available out front (bus attendance/supervision); pylons have been tried as has a CPS (Calgary Police Service) response (we are fortunate to have a School Resource Officer SRO, assigned to us from CPS).

- School configuration
 - Class sizes addressed during System Leadership meeting today
 - Applications for additional funding based on current student numbers due at the end of September
 - Applications will be submitted for KD, grade 6, and grade 8
 - All students who have been overflowed have been in grades 6 & 8
 - If funding not successful, one contingency plan being considered is multi-aging (i.e., split) classes for grades 5 & 6
 - Travis has signaled to our director that we do need to hire more staff than we can currently afford
- New Staff
 - Mr. Doherty – new band/music teacher
 - Ms. Schmidlin – Grade 9
 - Rebecca McDonald – K & Grades 1-2
 - Taryn Cameron Grades 3-4
 - Consistent guest teacher: Joanne Nielsen (familiar face from last year)
- Fewer options available for Jr high (4 vs 6)
 - There may be an opportunity for students to re-apply/prioritize for 2nd semester
- Fall Events
 - Terry Fox Run
 - Special assembly with guest speaker, an Oncologist, speaking about cancer and cancer research
 - Halloween Dance
- Quebec Trip – will know more about NCLB (Oct-Nov meeting)
- New cell phone policy has gone well (province-side with a standard CBE approach)

Financial Requests:

- Learning Commons physical divider ~\$3000
- Printing/copying ~\$4000-\$5000
- Quebec Trip NCLB
- First Aid ~\$100 ea (currently none, continue as arise)
- IXL Renewal ~\$1700
- Jolly Classroom (*new) ~\$400
- Elder/Knowledge Keeper – none currently, ~\$500 if possible
- Math Contests - \$200
- Tech Transition (dongles, etc.) \$500
- Div 1 supplies beyond new curriculum district funding ~1185
- Div 2 crib boards, etc. ~400
- Smart board & stand – new classroom in learning commons ~\$6160-\$7430
- Volleyball uniforms ~\$3500
- Classroom paint matching – Council 1/Board 1
- Gift cards ~\$300 (\$50 GCs)

Chair report - Tyler

- Paul Davis Guest Speaker – Social Media Safety (Nov 14th)
- Reminder for teachers re Teacher Classroom Supplies stipend
- Parent social fundraiser

- Nothing planned yet. Mairead had offered at AGM to possibly host at one of their family-owned venues but that needs to be confirmed
- Are 2024/2025 field trips back to normal?
 - Travis – yes, except for band camp

New Business

Halloween Dance – Tuesday Oct 29th

- Junior high student volunteers will assist again this yet
- No raffle baskets this year, will auction items instead. A letter will be sent out to families soliciting donations.
- Parent council owns the credit card payment square
- A reminder re parent volunteer sign up will be included in weekly newsletter
- Pumpkin contest approved by Travis. Parent association will be responsible for all aspects, including clean up. To be held on day of the dance.
- Photo booth as possible fundraiser. Polaroid camera as an option.
- Reminder re costumes - student faces need to be visible, no weapons

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Next Meeting of the Parent Council Association is Oct. 16th @ 1:45 pm (virtual)