



School Council Minutes - Paradise Elementary January 10, 2023

In attendance: Deb Smith, Sherry Gulliver, Kelly Thorne, Christopher Grimes, Krista Hoskins, Alison Noseworthy, Paula Miller, Nicole Duggan-Bartlett

Regrets:

1. Welcome - Happy New Year
2. Review of Agenda/Previous Minutes (December) - Minutes approved
 School Council Meeting Minutes- December 6

3. **School Update**

- **Christmas concert:**

A great success. Kids loved being on stage. Parents were delighted and some even cried. Gr 4 went to Sheraton and Airport to carol, on NTV. Grade 3 classes could not go over to Karwood to carol so they created a video of the carols. Grade 3s will perform in May as an assembly during the day. They will present all cultural items that are Newfoundlandia and Labradorian, and we will add some performances from our new Ukrainian choir.

- **Ukrainian Students (Immersive School):** 4 more coming tomorrow. We are at about 55/56 new EAL students. District has assigned 2 EAL teachers to our schools, a grade 1 teacher, grade 3 teacher, an additional .5 unit for IRT, .33 PE unit and .25 music unit. The SLA will be providing a hot lunch each day. School was providing recess snacks but now the children will need to bring a recess from the hotel.
- **Pre-Kindergarten Program (YMCA):** Waiting on furniture and staffing issues to be set up. Maximum of 20 kids with 3 staff. They will work around our schedules. The program is run by YMCA, operates full day 8-5:30, and Year round.
- **Kinderstart Program:** 19 kids registered in EFI so far. 41 registrants for English, plus 6 Ukrainian kids (one group for these EAL kids with a translator). Starting February 24, two afternoon sessions and two morning sessions.

- **Grade 6 ICF Program:** Applications open this month for grade 6 ICF (half year has half the day in French as a preparations for LFI, second half of the year they go back to instruction in English and 7 periods of core French)
- **Family Literacy Day January 27, 2023:** Yearly National Event, info to be posted in the Newsletter. Literacy committee will plan events for the week to promote literacy at school and home (flashlight Friday, online libraries, book activities, use a recipe, create a grocery list)
- **Pink Shirt Day February 22, 2023:** Yearly event, focus on kindness and anti-bullying, link to order shirts in the January Newsletter. We ask each person to wear pink
- **Teacher appreciation day:** February dates to be announced. School council can plan events and let Deb know what the plan is
- **Other:** Rave reviews to Ms. Thorne for the amazing performances. The basket was a big hit.

Our next meeting will be: February 7, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Minutes recorded by: Sherry Gulliver