

Nov 9th, 2021 Vulcan Prairieview Parent Council Meeting

Present – Shane Cranston, Tom Hamer, Brent Friesen, Heather Bianchini, Lorraine Kirk, Tiffany Wyatt, Ashley Warren, Tiara Krystalowich, Erika Scobie, Jody Le Maitre, Shantelle Welsh, Mary Ann Fath, Christine Marciszyn, Tina Reimer, Nancy Nolan, Marla Lovya, Lorelei Bexte, Louise Schmidt

Online - Amy Montgomery, Dani Godkin, Dawna-Rae Frisen, Denise Endicott, Diane Smith, Felipe Flores, Heather Dawson, Lowell Krystalowich, Lucy Jarrett, Marianne Armstrong, Meghan Desjardins, Toby Clarke, Shila Provost, Julia Charko, Karen Williams, Amanda Gauthier

Regrets – Tracy Inaba, Katie Wade

Meeting called to order at 6.37

Tina Reimer called the meeting to order.

She explained that last month's meeting was not a normal meeting. It was not how council is normally run and tonight's meeting would stick to the agenda and reports as presented

Nancy Nolan read minutes – Tiara Krystalowich motioned to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed

Introduction of Palliser School Division representatives

Tom Hamer– Deputy Superintendent, Shane Cranston – Director of Learning, Lorelei Bexte – School Board Trustee, Louise Schmidt – New – School Board Trustee, Heather Bianchini – Acting Principal

Principal report – Heather Bianchini – Please see attached

- Parent teacher interviews went well
- Book fair was well attended – made \$4000 for the school library
- Halloween Parade – Mrs Dawson's Grade 6 class ran the show and did a great job
- Behavior Plans – specific plans for students.

EA's at Vulcan Prairieview school –4000 hours of EA time allocated to school – resulting in approx. 5 staff

Shane Cranston explained that every spring the school would go through each class and student – using a rubric system to gauge level of need and support – use a scale between 3-5 5 being highest

They would receive the budget from province – allocated across the school division –

There are ongoing learning opportunities for EA's. It is occasionally a challenge to keep and recruit EA's. Palliser does their utmost to make sure the EA's are prepared for the job.

There has been 45 million allocated by the Provincial Government to address specific learning gaps in k-3. This will be an intensive program and the specifics for Vulcan Prairieview should be known next month.

- Staffing – Hired a making connections staff member starting in December - She is in charge of the entire Vulcan county, but would likely be spending approximately two days a week at Vulcan Prairieview.

She works on two main areas - Promotion of mental health – working with students – presentation in class, working with school. Working with fcss to bring in supports. And she Connects family to school and community services – She can assist families in accessing supports and removing barriers. She can help to access govt grants etc..

Student teachers will be starting soon

- Remembrance Day – virtual ceremony – Grade 6 students will be leading the ceremony with contributions from every class
- Report cards Nov 26
- Volunteer Vaccination will be enforced in January – criminal record checks do need to be done before volunteering in school if you plan on volunteering with a class or group of students
- Lining up on dot has been modified to putting your bag on dot and go play. So far so good
- Intramurals – grades 4-6 participating at lunch

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#### Lorelei Bexte – Trustee Report

Had board meeting today, will report back on today's meeting at the next parent council meeting. They did have a meeting on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

Organization meeting - 3 new trustees, 3 returning trustees

Lorelei Bexte will be Chair of the Board

#### Tom Hamer – Palliser School Report

Returning to the role of division office. Taking a behind the scenes role with school and school admin team. Working with the school to make sure they are the center point for communication.

At the sight there has been quite a bit of change, responsive intervention plans in place for students.

Teacher and parents have addressed concerns, they are working to rebuild trust, and access to school. Working to get some outside programs up and running.

Apologized for the school wide unsigned letter. Now working very closely with Heather Bianchini and having clear information coming from school

What has changed – what has improved? More unified and stream lined approach school wide. Bringing together a team and addressing issues in a more collaborative way, including more follow through.

Cstag team at school – Heather Bianchini, Tracy Inaba, Shane Cranston

Internal – Principal, learning support assistant, classroom teacher, counselor

Palliser School Division – Erica - team lead, Shane Cranston

School would decide seriousness – then escalate to outside team. For serious issues, police will be included

Accountability will be key to success – the parent council and parents are an advocate for the school... when the school demonstrates that positive changes are happening – can we please also advocate this in the community

Council did have valid concerns that needed to be addressed

Staff have felt a bit trapped in this. Heather Bianchini has heard so many good things from so many parents about teachers - it would be nice for the staff to hear some of the great things. Write a positive note in the agenda, send good stories, need to hear good things

If there is a situation between parents and it involves the school – please address it with your teacher and Principal. Follow the correct approach, contact the police if necessary.

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Shila treasure report – Balance main account: \$28,759.80

Paid market street for fruit in classroom

Hot Lunch program – subs next week

Hot dog – really nice to be back in school –

Comment that it was nice to have the smell of - warm wiener water – in the school again

Tina and Donna Ray volunteering – hoping for hot dog day twice a month

New business

- Pizza parties – the cleaning staff has started an incentive to keep classrooms clean. The class room kept the cleanest all month receives a pizza party. Results are posted on the custodian door for friendly competition.

Motion made by Jody to purchase pizza for the winning class for up to \$100 per month

Tiara seconded, All in favor, motion passed

- Ashely Warren - ½ class teacher, works at rainbow literacy

Mentorship program starting to organize – high school students take modules-four – can start working with elementary students. Councillor/teacher helps to pair up high school kids with elementary kids. Parent would be involved.

If you know of any high school or grade 9 students who would be a great role model, please let Ashely know. Just starting out the program.

Program looks like lots of games, facilitator present, making connection worker present. Usually outside of school hours. Done together in a group. Please put a bug in the ear of students, more info coming

- Christmas store – asking for donations from community. New and gently used.

Tuesday Wednesday December 7/8 – shopping for mom dad and siblings. All items \$2 all items wrapped. All money raised go to the foodbank or gifts for seniors.

Emphasis on donating dad gifts!!

More info to come. Volunteers needed to sort, wrap, (criminal record check not required)

- Virtual Christmas concert – everyone wants a Christmas concert. Limited capacity at crc makes it very hard to do in person

It will look something like a pre-recorded event. Link sent out. Need FOIP forms signed or arrangements will be made to keep those with privacy concerns off camera.

Looking to purchase better live streaming equipment for the school or hire a videographer or just use what is available

- Christmas Dinner – Tiara makes motion to purchase turkeys for Christmas dinner. Motion Passed

Will ask the Lions club if they can cook this year and then a motion will be made on **Whats App / email to reflect the amount \$\$**

- Headphones – approx. 18 were purchased last year and are currently in a classroom beside the music room. Can we purchase 6 sets of headphones / or noise cancelling ear buds for 9 class rooms = 54. Tina will get back with quotes

**Whats app / email vote**

One Book One School -

130 books for one school one book. \$1391.14 + gst

Lemonade wars -

Tiara and Erica and Mary Ann will try to arrange the program.

Approximate launch - Mid Jan to Feb break – 21st ish

Milk Program – No milk cards! Looking at a push cart down the hallway, have kids come with their money, parent volunteers are being recruited

Meeting adjourned at 8.25

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## **VULCAN PRAIRIEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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### **School Council Principal's Report - November 9, 2021**

#### **Updates:**

- **Parent Teacher Interviews:** We had a combination of in-person and online meetings and that seemed to accommodate the comfort level of many.
- **Book Fair:** A successful book fair with almost \$4000 being raised to support our library and classrooms.
- **Halloween Parade:** Students loved parading on the catwalk (lined with lots of food for the foodbank - 300 pounds donated!). The grade 6's (and Mrs. Dawson) did a fantastic job of running the show!
- **Behaviour Plans:** behaviour plans for specific students have been put in place and EA time has been allocated for both behaviour and academic support.
- **Staffing Update:** Lora-lee Maisey has been hired as an EA (replacing Mrs. Ulricksen) and we have hired a Making Connections worker, Auburn Phillips, starting on December 1.
- **Student teachers:** We will have 2 student teachers from the University of Lethbridge joining us on November 15 for 5 week. One will be with Mrs. Dawson and the other split between Mrs. Beagle and Mrs. Helland.
- **Remembrance Day:** We will have a virtual ceremony on November 10 at 10:45.
- **Report Cards:** Will be coming home on November 26.
- **Locked doors:** Security issue - for lockdown security.
- **Volunteer Vaccination update:** Volunteers have until January 4, 2021 to provide proof of vaccination and/or provide a negative test.
- **Lining up in the morning:** Students can place their backpack on a dot and go play in the morning. Supervisors will be out at 8:25 but the bell doesn't ring until 8:35. Please don't send your children too early!
- **Intramurals:** Grades 4-6 are participating in intramurals at lunch.

Casino meeting Called to Order at 8.26

Taira Krystalowich moves the minutes as read, motion passed

Heather – no report

Shila Provost – Treasure Report

Balance Casino account: \$15,627.35

Balance foundation account: \$79.59

Society annual return has been mailed

Headphones / ear buds – 6 x 9 classrooms = 54 headphones from above would come out of the casino fund

Outdoor classroom – Mary Ann – Looking at a location right outside of the ½ class wing

Palliser is already working to extend the concrete sidewalk.

Going to now get approval to continue on with concrete to get a u shaped, two tier, concrete step. Palliser would pay for that concrete.

We need to make it pretty. Pergola, platform stage, covered building.. when not being used as classroom possible tables, community use setting. Add shrubs, make it look nice.

Waiting on photos.

Mary Ann needs from school council – people to come up with ideas of what the platform area would look like. Plans need to be in place. \$\$ makes it easier to work casinos when purpose is laid out.

Looking for possible donations from solar projects, especially to incorporate some sort of lighting

Next meeting – jan 11 6.30 Meeting adjourned 8.39