

Vista Heights School Council Meeting

March 10, 2024

In-person meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Land Acknowledgement

In Attendance:

- Ms. Jessica
- Ms. Crone
- Heather
- Lauren
- Shane
- Rebecca
- Pam
- Sydney
- Amy

Agenda and minutes approved by Shane, seconded by Sydney.

Teachers Report:

- Mrs. Noon was the teacher of the evening. The students are continuing to work on building key skills in literacy, numeracy and all other related topics.
- They are working on phonemic awareness with games
- Reading sight words then making different sentences with those words.
- Standard and non-standard measurements (using a garden). They are also using the garden for different things like showing responsibility, is it a fruit or vegetable?
- Understanding daily routines
- Fostering self-awareness and appreciation for others, emphasizing on developing a strong sense of self belonging and being an active member of the school and society.
- The kindergarten students will be working next on journaling the changes in the garden that will be transferred outside once weather is appropriate, going on community walks with our student buddies, as well as some upcoming field trips, and visits from some more elders.

Principal Report:

- **See Website for full report**
- CUPE strict continues to affect schools, our lunchroom staff, teachers and admin are working hard to support the building
- Phones affected by the Telus Copper Theft which was resolved today (March 10)
- Ramandan supervision is currently occurring for Thurir Prayer 1:40pm - 1:50pm
- Spring Budget will be in April
- Mrs. Crone will be away next week, an Acting AP, Glna Davidoff, will be coming in a replacement until she returns after Spring break
- We are currently in our second week of swimming lessons with our older students. The schedule worked out great and many students are benefiting from this experience, due to the limitations during COVID there are many students who are experiencing swimming at a pool for the first time.
- We are excited to share that our grant has been awarded, and will cover \$5,000 of the swimming cost.
- Parent - Teacher Conferences March 20 - 21, contact Jan in the office or directly email your students' teacher if you have any questions.
- Book Fair is going on at the school from March 18-21, students are able to purchase items with parent permission and if sent with money. The book fair is also open to parents before or after office hours.
- School Development Plan (Year 1 of 3) focuses on student achievement in literacy.
- Parents and students in grades 4-6 will be asked to complete the Alberta Education Assurance Survey to gather parent voices to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement.

Old Business:

- All reports are completed and submitted
- Switching bank accounts on Wednesday March 12th.

Communication Report:

- N/A

New Business:

- Camp, swimming, alien inline skating, mathletics for next year
- Trickster Theater

Amendments:

- Approved Grade 1 & 2 Telus Spark Field Trip for a \$100, all in favour
- Southland Transportation (Telus Spark) \$283.50

Thank you council for:

- Three Left Feet Dance Residency
- Indigenous Elders & Knowledge Keepers (\$300)
- Grade 3 & 4 Field Trip (\$800)
- Grade 1&2 Field Trip to Telus Spark (\$100)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm

Next Meeting April 14th, 2025 at 6pm

Vista Heights School Enhancement Society

March 10th, 2025

In-person meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:27pm

In Attendance:

- Ms. Jessica
- Ms. Crone
- Heather
- Lauren
- Shane
- Rebecca
- Pam
- Sydney
- Amy

Agenda and minutes approved by Shane, seconded by Sydney.

Treasurer's Report:

- Enhancement - \$69,317.52 as of February 17, 2025
- Council - \$1,613.87 as of January 31, 2025
- Cheques required:
 - \$4,647.00

Fundraising Committee:

- The Pizza night fundraiser, at Friends Pizza and Pasta was a success, we as a community were able to raise \$400 for the students.

Old Business:

- Movie night in May (will need a date)
- The school received the P-card from the CBE. \$1615 in total
 - Must come up with a way to spend the money. We now have a telephone number for a person who we could contact to get some direction on what we can spend the money on.

Casino Committee:

- No Casino this year, next casino will be the first quarter of 2026

Wishlist:

- Red Reading House (Kindergarten) \$650 (\$300 + \$350)
 - All in favour, APPROVED.

New Business:

- Nothing to report

Upcoming Events:

- March 17-20 Book Fair 8:15 am - 8:45 am
- April 14 – Parent Council
- April 28 – May 1 - Police School for Grades 5&6
- May 8 – Grade ¾ Room 6 & Grade 4/5 Room 2 field trip to the Zoo
- May 8 – Kindergarten Reading House and Grade 1 and 2 students
- May 12 – Parent Council
- May 27 – Grade ½ field trip to the National Music Centre
- June 9 – Kindergarten Field trip to the Zoo
- June 17 – Tipi Raising
- June 24/25 – Grade 6 Farewell – Tentative
- Grade 6 PAT Dates:
 - May 28 – ELA Part A
 - June 13 – Math Part A
 - June 16 – ELA Part B
 - June 17 – Math Part B
 - June 18 – Social
 - There is no Science PAT this year due to the changes in the curriculum

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Next meeting April 14, 2025 at 6pm