

ACADIA PARENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday Nov 20th, 2024

Location: Acadia School/Virtual

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Present:

- **Land Acknowledgment by: Jen P**
- *We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika (See-see-gah), The Pikani(Bee-gah-nee) and the Kainai(guy-nah). We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina(Soot-tenna), the Stoney Nakoda(Na-ko-da) First Nations, the battle river territory and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.*
- **Meeting called to order by: Jen P**
- **Welcome and introductions by chair: Jen P**
- **Approval of the Nov 2024 agenda: Jen P**
 Motioned: Jen P
 Seconded: Cole
- **Approval of Oct 2024 minutes:**
 Motioned: Jen P
 Seconded: Cole
- **Teacher Report: Grade 4**
- 3 classes all having around 20 students each
- Literacy: Science of Reading Approach / Decodable Texts / Content
Area Reading,Literacy resources that focus on decoding aspects of reading,explicit phonics and vocabulary instruction, Still strong emphasis on language comprehension and vocabulary.
- Word study and Literacy centers: Explicit & multi-sensory to learn sounds,syllables, vocabulary, and to learn morphology.
- Writing:Structured writing routines/lessons - with a focus on making our writing clear, easy-to-read and interesting and within content areas. Using the Writing Revolution book with Intentional teaching on how to use assistive technology to support writing and reading process - speech-to-text, text-to-speech, Google Apps for Education and Read Write Software.
- Numeracy: Math Talks / Math Routines/Spaced Practice/Recycling of content and vocabulary. Fact Fluency / Mental Math – increasing number flexibility, Math Games, Problem Solving, Representing learning in various ways - Visual journaling, Show Me App, Personal Anchor Charts, Manipulatives and Small group support.
- Content areas: Science and Social: Science ~ new curriculum -Investigate the management of waste materials and describe environmental impacts. Investigate the non-contact forces of gravity and magnetism. • Analyze the interconnections between Earth's systems (land, air, water, and organisms) and explore conservation activities. • Relate the external structures and sensory organs of organisms to their functions. • Investigate how objects in space are connected to daily life. • Examine design processes and their application in solving problems. • Investigate the role of data and evidence in science. • Representing our learning in multiple ways - Adobe Creative Cloud, Slide shows, Visual journals, art integration,

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- Art Integration: We create detailed dioramas that represent the regions and landmarks of Alberta - Explore the landscapes, animals, and culture of Alberta through visual art, connecting what we study in geography and social studies with hands-on projects like painting or sculpture.
- Design robots using repurposed materials, which helps us learn about engineering and the importance of sustainability.
- Incorporate art by creating illustrations of the characters or scenes, allowing us to deepen our understanding of the story while expressing our interpretations visually.
- Health and Wellness: Tools for self-regulation, Mindfulness Moments, Movement Breaks, Focus TOOLS not toys, Using the program "Friendology"

Administrators Reports:

- Thanks to Loretta for organizing the winter art fundraiser. \$1829.00 was made making it successful. First round of art purchases made it home on Wed. Nov. 20.
- Fun Lunches: are organized twice a month and are going well- thank you again

Updates:

- PT conference booking system opened on Monday, November 18. Conferences are in person November 28/29th.
- Concert ticket requests have gone out Monday, November 18th. 2 tickets/family for 2 shows.
- We don't think we need any volunteers for PT conferences or concert tickets. Additional ticket requests so far approved.
- **Fees report:** We were short in collecting \$4534 in fees for field trips and in school experiences last school year. The school will absorb this loss.
- Camp Chief Hector fundraising goes to cover the cost of the deposit each year in addition to lowering the cost of the experience for each class.

FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR: Grade 5 Open Minds Science School at Telus Spark - Please email if you are able to help. **2 volunteers** needed every day.

- Ms Prigotzke attends January 13-17; caprigotzke@cbe.ab.ca
- Ms Lunnin attends January 20-24; ljlunnin@cbe.ab.ca
- Ms Croft attends January 24, 27-30; secroft@cbe.ab.ca

The grade 5's and Ms Epp's class are also doing bottle drives to help fund their trips. Can you post dates on the facebook page, please?

- Thursday, November 28th from 2:30pm - 8:00pm
- Friday, November 29th from 8:00am - 1:00pm
- Wednesday, December 4th from 2:30- 7:00 pm
- Thursday, December 5th from 2:30 - 7:00 pm

- **Action Steps from last meeting:**
- **New Business:**
- **Next meeting Date:** Wednesday Jan 8th, 2025 6:30pm

- **Adjourned: 7:00pm**

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Time: 7:00pm – 7:18pm

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4. Approval of the Nov 2024 agenda: Jen P

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Seconded: Cole

5. Approval of Oct 2024 minutes:

Motioned: Jen P

Seconded: Cole

6. Business arising from last meeting:

7. New Business

- o **President:** Math Night with Connie Goodwin \$498.75 total owing. Motioned by Jen P to be paid out of our general account and seconded by Mike.
- o **Carpets:** Decided to order rugs for all 20 classrooms. Lesleyanne found a website that said the total price with shipping would be \$7810.74. She will look into if they accept cheque and if they do then the board will pay via cheque using the casino funds. Board has budgeted for \$8000.00 already to cover. Motioned by Jen P. seconded by Mike
- **Additional sensory items** to be purchased for the sensory room. Total cost \$4930.58. Jen P motioned and Mike Seconded to pay out of our casino account.
- o **Secretary:**
- o **Treasurer:Mike**
 - General Account: \$ 16,549.06
 - Casino Account: \$97,341.64
 - GIC: \$
- o **Fundraising Coordinator:** Lauryn to look into creating a survey to gauge parent interest with a few different options for a fundraiser. Considering "Hive

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Hero" honey fundraiser that gives 30% earnings. Purdy's fundraiser confirmed for Easter.

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- o **Volunteer coordinator:**
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- o **Casino:** Cole will look into getting volunteers once we know the date (projected to be in Aug/September 2025).

8. **Next meeting**

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9. **Adjourned: 7:18pm**