

Mannville School Council

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Mannville School

Our Mission: To support the mission of Mannville School by undertaking activities that enhance student learning and foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community.

We acknowledge that your time is valuable and we appreciate everyone for taking the time to join us today. We understand evenings are hard to get away, so we ask everyone who shares a part to please be mindful of that, and we welcome anyone who is able to stay after - to join us for a visit - to share your ideas – to give us feedback.

1. Call to order: 6:33pm

1.1 Introductions: Dawn Kane, Rachel Stavely, Shantell Larson, Michelle Popp, Brandy Hess, Gisele Amero, Kim Deford, Kara Jackson, Erin Geary, Kerri Lorensen

2. Review agenda

3. Approval or amendments of minutes: Can be found online Brandy approves

4. MEFA – Next members meeting January 11/24

5. School Reports:

5.2. Admin

- Upcoming Dates and Informational Items- Nov 15/16 P/T interviews, 17th awards, Dec 19 Christmas Concert, April 22-26 Trickster Theatre, May 25th Grad
- Celebrations and Successes
- Social Media and Swift Feedback- positive feedback from those in attendance
- SEC Program: Together Tuesdays

5.3. Class Updates

-Christmas concert...kids are excited, grade 6's are excited about their year to lead!

-Classes going well all across the board it seems

-Guided reading groups going well

-Remembrance Day assembly

- Students vs Staff volleyball games
- Food Truck wars for Jr/Sr High was a hit

5.4. School Trustee

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October 18 was our last board meeting at Central office.

October 12- Alberta School Board meeting with our Superintendent. The Minister of Education attended as well as the deputy and other staff from his office.

October 16- BTPS meeting with the Minister of Education, MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk and a representative from Mr.Horner's office.

Public School Board Associate Annual Fall Meeting and Conference in Edmonton last week.

Student Engagement- Edgerton, Mannville and VES this month.

Support for the Spring Trip 2024

Staffing update: 225 FT teachers, and 203 FTE Support Staff.

Approved the Teacher Retirement Transition Strategy for the 23/24 year.

Reviewed over 10 AP, finalized our board work plan for the year as well, online to be viewed.

Alberta School Board Association- November attendance.

Provost School had a fire...community rallied and elementary is using communiplex, and junior/senior high will be online...will not be back in now until January bc of an asbestos finding, modulars are coming as well

Celebrations:

Keaton Xu from Wainwright High school- has been selected as 1 in 40 students across Alberta for the Minister's Youth Council for the 23/24 year.

Shelly Sinclair- teacher from Irma School- Recognized with the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence- certificate of achievement.

October 25- Celebration and retirement event for the Division. 5 years- 50 years Celebrated.

November 29- Next board meeting at 9:30am

6. Community – School Partnership – Current Updates

6.1. Village of Mannville

Shantelle Larson:

- Public Works Leadhand is being changed before the new year as well

-Public Works Foreman replaced and will start in December as current one retiring

-New face coming to the office as well as a current admin staff is leaving to Daysland

6.2. FCSS – look for a community calendar for current events and activities.

7. Old business

- **Kairos Blanket Exercise** - parent engagement grant/FCSS – really great evening of learning and sharing. Thank you so much FCSS (Carla and Jannette), Mrs. Deford, our community participants, and especially the John family!! We would definitely recommend a session to fellow parents and jr/sr high classes.
- **First Supervised Lunch a Success!!** Thank you Shantell for stepping up to organize this and to all our Volunteers for being there and for not hesitating to go get their criminal checks done!!
- **Debut of the Sunshine Cart** – So much fun!! Well received by the teachers- a great idea. Thank you Amanda!!
- **Walk and Talk Tuesdays** – Small group but consistent and great for the mental health. Thank you, Tara, for providing this opportunity, and for Alicia, our FRN for partnering with us. Mixing it up – next 3 will be on Nov 22, 29, and Dec 6th. All parents welcome!!
- **First School Spirit Day - Halloween** – thanks Amanda, Erin and MEFA!! The orange treats were wonderful!! Next one Christmas – December.
- **Parking – Drop off zones** – thank you to everyone using the designated areas, we can see you have been really trying to follow the recommendations, and it's appreciated. Great job for keeping the kids safe parents!!
- **Special Appreciation** goes out to **our Education Assistants** – who we took the opportunity to recognize in person on September 29th. You help to make the days go smoother, you are a steadfast support for our teachers, students and parents alike – we don't know what we'd do without you. Your patience, dedication and connection with the kids is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Thank you. **To our Custodians** who we recognized on October 2nd – you keep us smiling with your friendly hellos and sparkling hallways. We

can see the care you take in keeping our learning areas clean and safe, Thank you. **To our Teachers** – who we celebrated on October 5th for World Teacher Day – Thank you, for seeing the potential in our kids, for guiding them, and for sharing your passion for learning. For the hours you spend marking assignments, preparing for the day, mentoring, and teaching them to become more. **To our Bus Drivers** on Bus Safety Week Oct. 17-19th Thank you for getting our kids to school safely and on time. For being patient on the crazy days, and the first welcoming face they see when they head off to school.

8. New business

- Handicapped parking area.
 - Sign to put in first spot in the staff parking lot, Shantelle will look into a spot beside the No Parking Zone to have a handicapped parking zone close to the K-3 door
- Determine next Supervised lunch(s)
 - January 26th, 2023
- School Council Classroom Reps – volunteers still needed.
 - Dawn still working on REPS for K-3 (Erin), 4-6 (Shantelle), 7-9, 10-12 (Rachel)
- Upcoming School Council – MEFA events (share summary) – if you want to get involved and join a planning committee, and/or input some of your ideas – join in the discussion, let us know.
- Parent Engagement Grant: thinking about putting a post to see what they might find helpful
 - Idea: Parent/Student info night about Green Certificate, Work Experience, gearing up for high school...perhaps some colleges or universities coming in to present, Career Coordinator (CAREERS) come in and discuss possibilities for students and parents.
 - Kim going to contact CAREERS

10. Next meeting – February 8th 6:30pm

11. Adjourn the meeting: 7:46pm