

DRBS School Council Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:50pm

Attendees

	Karen Wotton
Jacqui Lund	Carrie Plesuk
Andrea Suarez	Nicky Palmer
Jamie-Lynn Leci	Shawna Davey
Carissa Kozelj	Lisa Talbot
Lauren Ing	Nadia Summer
Jenn Lowry	Lindsay Oliver
Nick Berdusco	Lin Cheng
Diana Lasso	
Evelyne Lamontagne	online
Kim Howden	Sadaf Burhan
Nicole Leung	Reena Sharma

Land Acknowledgement was read by Lisa Talbot.

Grade 4 Teacher's Presentation

Grade 4 Teachers presented the Campus Calgary / Open Minds program at the beginning of the School Council meeting.

This innovative program brings the classroom into vibrant community settings, involving teachers, students, and community experts. Its goal is to inspire learning activities that promote critical thinking throughout the year.

The presenting teachers, including Lisa Talbot, Lindsay Oliver, Shawna Davey, and Nadia Summer, each discussed their experiences with the program. They shared their process of applying, being assigned to different sites such as Contemporary Calgary Arts Studio, Glenmore Ranch, and Stampede School, and the various activities and learning opportunities provided at these locations.

The teachers also outlined their next steps, which include designing concepts for social studies, documenting their journey on Instagram, working on thinking routines, and engaging in ongoing professional development.

Motion to approve the previous meeting School Council Minutes made by Diana Lasso and seconded by Karen Wotton. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting made by Jacqui Lund, seconded by Lauren Ing. Motion carried.

Principal's Update

Student Learning Conferences will be held on the evening of October 24 and the day on October 25.

Volunteers are needed for the ROAR literacy program. Training for volunteers will be held the week of October 21.

Various residency programs have been booked for all classes with different residencies for different grade levels, such as storytelling, visual arts, puppetry, robotics, and cross-cultural music.

The budget is about \$19,000 from the Development Association to support all levels of residency.

New playground is a hit! Fewer soccer issues as kids have more activities to choose from.

Motion to appoint Reena Sharma as Special Events Coordinator was made by Jacqui Lund, seconded by Nicole Leung. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Nicky Palmer as Fun Lunch Co-Coordinator was made by Karen Wotton, seconded by Nicole Leung. Motion carried.

Volunteer Coordinator Update

Nicole reviewed the volunteer sign-ups including for book fair and food donation for teacher conferences, reminding volunteers to label any non-disposable items they bring.

Hug n' Go Update

The council shared some incidents of parking violations and the need for better enforcement and education. Lots of new volunteers which is appreciated!

Fundraising Coordinator Update

The "Jacket Racket" program is scheduled to run from October 29 to November 21. Coat drop off on Nov 22. Sadaf proposed launching a campaign to encourage staff and students to wear school apparel regularly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.