

## **OLA Parent School Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date: February 23, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

### **Attendance:**

Mrs. Yuzdepski

Mrs. Bennett

Mrs. Perry

Andrea Turenne

Jennifer Maldonado

Candace Dealy

Amy Miskolzie

- 1. Call to Order at 6:01pm**
- 2. Prayer** - Mrs. Bennett
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Approval of Agenda** - Approved
- 5. Teacher Report** - OLA Faculty *Ms. Andrea Perry - Grade 1 / 2 teacher*

### **School Council Teacher Report for February 2023**

#### [Celebrations:](#)

Apple Ally School

Fitset Ninja obstacle course

Youth Run Club and Year End Fun-Run

Arctic Winter Games

Shrove Tuesday

Early Learning info night: pre-k and k, possible nature kindergarten (numbers dependent)

Reconciliation and First Communion classes for many of our Grade 2 and some

Grade 3 students are underway at the parish. Celebrations of these sacraments will be on March 11 and 12.

#### [Classroom Updates:](#)

ECS- Kindergarten has been busy learning lots! We have spent February learning about love, friendship, and showing kindness to others. We have been working lots with our hands and bodies in our literacy/numeracy centres, as well as continuing to work on our letters/sounds of the week. We are looking forward to learning more about St. Patrick's day, Lent, and colours in the next few weeks!

Grade 1S - The Grade 1's had a blast with the Winter Arctic Games at the beginning of the month, they enjoyed spending time outside and learning new skills. We have had a focus of kindness this month. The Grade 1's enjoyed handing out Valentine's Day cards to their friends and celebrating 100 days of school. Our classroom won the Classroom of the Month award from Mix 107.9. It was a very special day for our class, they received pizza and a variety of prizes! It filled our buckets!

Grade 1&2P - The grade 1s experimented with their 5 senses during our in school field trip with Hands on Science. The grade 2s had the opportunity to learn about and experiment with magnets in their Hands on Science program. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered and made the opportunity possible!

Grade 2SK/D - We had a fantastic in-class field trip with Hands on Science. We learned so much about magnetism and are excited to use this information in our upcoming science unit. Thank you to our parent volunteers! Before we move onto Magnetism, we will be finishing up our Exploring Liquids unit. We are having fun predicting and observing results through the experiments we are conducting. In Math, we are working on 2 digit by 2 digit addition with and without regrouping.

2TK- Thank you to the Parent Council who donated their time to come cook pancakes and sausages for Shrove Tuesday for our school; 2TK LOVED them. We enjoyed a beautiful Mass in the gym with Father Tomacz for the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. In Social, we are starting our new unit to learn about Iqaluit now that we have finished up with Meteghan. In Science, we had a fantastic in school field trip to learn about Magnetism with our other grade 2 friends. Thank you again for the parent volunteers who assisted. We are looking forward to learning about Liquids as well in science for this new unit we have started. In Math, we are also working on addition of 2 digit by 2 digit numbers with and without regrouping. In Language Arts,

we are continuing with Heggerty lessons and have been writing about our Lenten journey, as well as learning about plurals, homonyms, and editing sentences for grammar.

Grade 3T- We are wrapping up our Addition and subtraction unit in Math and are getting excited to multiply and divide. In Science we are investigating Rocks and Minerals and are planning a lab with pudding, graham crumbs and gummy worms to understand the layers of the Earth. We are almost done reading “Because of Winn-Dixie” and are looking forward to watching the movie in the gym next Thursday afternoon.

Grade 4C - We are wrapping up our Simple Machines unit in Science. The children have really enjoyed the experiments with this unit. Our next unit is Light and Shadows and an in-school T-Pet coming in March. In Social we are getting ready to present our tourism slide projects on the Regions of Alberta. We begin a new unit on the First People of Alberta. We had a fun-filled day of discovery at the Fort Heritage Precinct on Feb. 17 to kick off our learning. In Math, 4C has been working with telling-time and their multiplication and division strategies. In LA, 4C has recently written persuasive letters and are working on ways they can use punctuation, transition words and sentence variety to engage our audience. We are excited to start Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl in our reading groups next week. The grade 4’s really enjoy their weekly Friday morning time in the Chapel.

#### Grade 3&4B

As with 3T, we are wrapping up the addition and subtraction unit and getting ready to multiply and divide as well! We have begun our new novel study, “Stone Fox” and are already very interested in this exciting story! The students were so excited to choose a new book from our enhanced classroom library. Thank you School Council for supporting our classroom with \$150.00 towards new independent reading books! Every Friday we enjoy a STEAM activity where we bring together literacy, numeracy, and steam (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). In January we built catapults, animal shelters, snowflake poems, and chemical reactions. The students love their “Fun Friday’s”!

#### [“Notes” from the Music room:](#)

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra field trip was fantastic! We were able to sit very close to the orchestra and it enabled us to see so much. One student was so blown away by the first sounds of the orchestra playing together that he jumped and then came to ask me how they

made “that sound”. One student thought only 15 minutes had passed when it was time to leave (it was a 60min concert). They recognized the music we learned in class and heard Fur Elise played live. It was a successful field trip!

[Library/Learning Commons Update:](#) We are grateful to Mr. Walter Long for his generous cash donation to our Library Learning Commons - he seemed pleased when it was suggested that we use the funds to expand our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) collections. Mr Long was the Junior High Science teacher at OLA for many, many years.

Thanks to the funds provided by the OLA School Council, and book rewards for hosting our book fair last fall, the Library Learning Commons will have over 200 new books on the shelf this month - with more the follow in March! Many thanks to Mrs. Van Ulden for her volunteer time, she has spend many hours helping prep the new materials for circulation.

#### [Upcoming Events:](#)

**Lenten Pretzel-Making:** Throughout Lent

**Mon. Feb. 27:** Tololwa Mollel Writer in Residence (This event has been cancelled due to a glitch in the funding. When funding has been secured, we will be rescheduling.)

**Weds. March 1:** Early Dismissal at 2:19 - **Wear Green**

**Fri. March 3:** No school - PD Day

**Tues. March 7:** Saffron Presentation - Personal Boundaries / Online Safety

**Fri. March 10:** Alberta Musical Theatre Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk

**Fri. March 17:**

- Gr. 4 In-School Field Trip
- Gr. 1&2 Edmonton Space and Science Centre
- Evidence of Learning shared home

**Tues. March 21:** Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Weds. March 22:**

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Hot Lunch - Freson Bros

**Fri. March 24 - April 2:** Spring Break (classes resume April 3)

**Weds. April 5:** Early Dismissal @2:19

**Fri. April 7:** Good Friday - No School

**Mon. April 10:** Easter Monday - No School

**Tues. April 18:** Easter Mass at OLA Parish @10:00 am - Parents are invited!

Thank-you...

- for making pancakes and sausage for Shrove Tuesday! The students loved them!!
- For encouraging and judging the Valentines door decorating contest! Much fun was had by all and students enjoyed seeing all the fun doorways.

6. **Leadership Report** - Mrs. Yuzdepski

- School council supports align with school education assurance plan pillars
- See charts below

**OLA School Council Support  
2022-2023**

<b>School Education Assurance Plan</b>	<b>Faith Integration</b>	<b>Learners &amp; Learning</b>	<b>Systemic Wellness</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<b>Budgetary decisions based on: (School Strategies)</b>	<p>Actively engage all students and staff in daily prayer, liturgies and assemblies and incorporate the Division faith theme.</p> <p>Engage students in relevant Religious education and curriculum faith integration which promotes hope and engagement in students.</p>	<p>Continued PL to support best practices in literacy and numeracy/math.</p> <p>Refinement of our CTM to provide more opportunities for collaboration, peer mentoring and coaching to best support ALL students.</p>	<p>Improve understanding and develop a common language in the areas of physical literacy, and weight neutral well-being (PD, PEPY, staff meetings, student leadership, committee work, community communications and social media)</p> <p>Establish school-wide best practices to support wellness at school ("peaceful" kids resources and strategies, apple program, movement breaks, PD linked to staff wellness, FWW support, ILS strategies support) and share home with parents.</p>	<p>Create more opportunities for parents to be engaged in school so that they can provide meaningful feedback by encouraging more involvement with the School Council and other activities.</p>
<b>School Council Supports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shrove Tuesday pancakes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$500</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grade 4 Farewell gift &amp; lunch               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$400</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Math Night -\$ for supper for families               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resources to support classroom learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Saffron presentation - \$230</li> <li>● Recess equipment - \$200</li> <li>● Staff Appreciation lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dances</li> <li>● BBQ</li> <li>● New playground</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$150/teacher</li> <li>● Musical (\$900)</li> <li>● Mathletics - \$</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$500</li> <li>● Student Wellness activity (Fitninja)</li> <li>○ \$1840</li> <li>● Dinner for teachers for conferences</li> <li>○ \$200 X 2 = \$400</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Support :</b>				

### What are some upcoming events?

#### Registration started - We are looking at Nature Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten

- February 27 - Adoration for 3 days
  - March 7 - Saffron Presentations - all day
  - March 10 - Alberta Musical Theatre
  - March 13 - Evidence of Learning will be sent home this week
  - March 17 - Grade 1 & 2 Science Center field trip
  - March 17 - Grade 4 in school field trip
  - March 21 & 22 - Parent/Teacher/Student conferences
  - March 22 - Hot Lunch
  - March 24 - Spring Break
- Discussion re: leadership report
    - Grade 4 farewell
      - Discussion of previous years farewell event. Farewell ceremony, fabric banner.
      - Potential for a sub committee of grade 4 parents for planning farewell. Grade 4 teacher to put call out for parent volunteers - Michelle will request
      - Action item - to discuss farewell plans next month

## 7. Follow up Business

### 7.1. Valentine's Door contest - winner was Kindergarten classes

- Both kindergarten classes get a pizza party as a prize!

### 7.2. Shrove Tuesday

- Pancake breakfast was a success
- Lots of extra, kids got to have second helpings

### 7.3. Read-a-thon, need volunteers

- Week long event - planned for March 13 to 17th, 2023

- In past years a thermometer graphic was used for tracking reading minutes per class
  - School council to create the thermometer chart and update the minutes every day. Jennifer and Amy will create and update.
- Class with the most minutes read, wins with a pizza party

## 8. **New Business**

### 8.1. **Break the Rules**

- Very fun and successful in previous years
- Planning for the week of April 24 to 28, 2023
- More information to come....

### 8.2. **Spring Dance** - April 21, 2023

- Call out for volunteers for planning and filling roles at the dance

### 8.3. **Saffron Presentation** - March 7th

- Request by leadership for cost (\$230) to be covered by school council. School council approved expense to be covered.
- Family wellness worker Mrs. Heesing has organized this event for students
- Topics include:

> Kindergarten/Grade 1 - *how to tell when others might be scared or uncomfortable*

> *Grade 2/3 - A presentation on boundaries and healthy relationships for young students*

> *Grade 4 - Internet Safety and Healthy Relationships*

### 8.4. **Math Games Night Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00pm at OLA**

- Request for school council to cover the cost of food/beverages for families that attend
- Mrs. Yuzdepski to estimate number of attendees, school council to estimate costs and decide if school council can support funds
- Possible sponsorship/donation from local business? (i.e. Little Caesars)

- Potential dress up theme for event?

#### **8.5. Fitset Ninja obstacle course**

- Event for the whole school in May. Cost is \$1800.00. Request for school council to help fund this?
- Indoor gym, mobile obstacle course brought to school site, qualified instructors to run the event. All grades. Indoor event, so no issues with rain out. Classes would come with their teacher during their gym class to attend.
- Booked for May 18th. School council is able to offer \$300 toward this event at this time, and possibly more as more fundraising monies are raised.

#### **8.6 Kids grant**

- Program offered through PC Children's charity. Power Full kids grant, for funding for breakfast items/snack items. Applications now open. Different programs available (eat well, equipment fund, grow and cook). School administration must put in the request. School leadership to discuss and submit application.

#### **8.7 Purdy's**

- Easter chocolate fundraiser
- If we make > \$500 in sales profit goes up to 25%
- Pick up will be after Spring break and before Easter.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.**

**Next OLA school council meeting: Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm.**