


OLA Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00pm

Attendance: Mrs. Yuzdepski, Mrs. Bennett, Andrea Turenne, Amy Miskolzie, Amber Eastman



Item	Topic	Action
1	Call to Order	
2	Prayer	
3	Land Acknowledgement	
4	Approval of Agenda - Approved	
5	<p>Teacher Report - OLA Faculty</p> <p>School Council Teacher Report for March 2023</p> 	

Celebrations: Lenten Pretzel Making, 1 & 2 Telus Field Trip, Evidence of Learning

Classroom Updates:

ECS- Kindergarten has been busy this month! We have worked on our direction following/sequencing while making pretzels for lent and enjoyed using creative thinking to build leprechaun traps. We would like to say a big thank you to our parent council for choosing our door, and supplying us with a pizza party! Our students loved getting to eat pizza at school while we celebrated St. Patrick's day. We are continuing to use play based learning to help practice our numeracy and literacy skills, and can't wait for our weather to start getting warmer so that we can take that exploring outside. After we come back from spring break we will be focusing our monthly themes on Easter, Spring, and eggs (yes eggs! Eggs as symbols of Easter, animals that come from eggs, and the different ways we may use eggs for food).

Grade 1S -

Looking forward to pretzel making this week. We had fun on our school-wide leprechaun scavenger hunt planned by student leadership!

Grade 1&2P - The students enjoyed their field trip to the Telus World of Science where the grade 1s learned about senses and the grade 2s learned about magnets. We also finished our novel study, Charlotte's Web, and watched the movie to celebrate!

Grade 2SK/D - Students enjoyed making pretzels and they were excited to go to the Space and Science Center. They worked hard at writing all about their leprechaun traps and were eager to build them with their kindergarten buddies.

2TK- It has been another very busy month in 2TK. We are preparing our hearts and minds for our Lenten journey. We are planning to make Lenten pretzels soon. We have visited our school chapel and had Father Tomacz visit our classroom. In Language Arts, we continued word work with at St. Patrick's Day theme and finished our Leprechaun writing/art activity. In Math we are finishing up with our

addition and subtraction unit. In Social Studies, we are still learning about Iqaluit. In Science, we have completed some labs as we learn about Liquids.

Grade 3T- We practiced our building skills by planning and building leprechaun traps last week. The students loved the activity and were very engaged. We are working through multiplication and division in Math and starting Hearing and Sound in Science after Spring break.

Grade 4C -

Had a great T-Pet in-school field trip on Friday about Light and Shadows. In Social we have been learning about Alberta's Past. After the break we will continue our learning about Sacred Places to the Indigenous in Alberta like, the Head-Smashed In Buffalo Jump, the Medicine Wheel and Writing on Stone Provincial Park. We are now experts at telling time in many different ways and are finishing our fractions unit in math. We will be moving onto decimals and money after spring break. We also started our novel study, "Fantastic Mr. Fox" and have been writing Limericks. In French, Gr. 4 are learning about "Ma Famille" and describing adjectives to tell about their families. Pretzel making happened last week with parent volunteers, and students loved it!

Grade 3&4B

The Alberta Musical Theatre Production of Jack and the Beanstalk was amazing! Students in 3/4B are busy writing out their own retelling of this classic story. We continue to enjoy the classic story, "Stone Fox", as our Novel study. This week we are halfway through the book and students are hooked! It is an exciting tale about a boy and his dog, Searchlight, who together try to win a race to save their farm for their sick Grandfather. In math, our multiplication and division unit is underway. Students are learning that practicing skip counting facts up to 12s supports their ability to multiply and divide. We have started to learn a series of songs that helps with this skill!

["Notes" from the Music room](#)

[Library/Learning Commons Update:](#)

Upcoming Events:

Mon. March 20:

- School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Tues. March 21:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- 3T Lenten Pretzel Making

Weds. March 22:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
- Hot Lunch - Freson Bros
- Gr. 1 & ½ Lenten Pretzel Making

Fri. March 24 - April 2:

- Spring Break

Mon. April 3: Welcome Back - Classes resume

Tues. April 4: Gr. 4 In-School Field Trip 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Weds. April 5:

- Early Dismissal @2:19
- Pysanky Decorating 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the S.T.E.A.M. room

Thurs. April 6: Holy Thursday & Good Friday Liturgy of the Word 9:30 am

Fri. April 7: Good Friday - No School

Mon. April 10: Easter Monday - No School

Sat. April 15: Young Authors Conference

Tues. April 18: Family Math Games Night @ 6:00 pm

Fri. April 21: School Spring Dance

Tues. April 25: Easter Mass at OLA Parish @10:00 am

Tues. May 2: Kindergarten Safety City Field Trip

Weds. May 3:

- Kindergarten Safety City Field Trip
- Early Dismissal @ 2:19 pm

Thurs. May 18: FitSet Ninja Mobile Obstacle Course (Whole School)

Fri. May 26: Grade 1&2 Ukrainian Village Field Trip

**OLA School Council Support
March 2022-2023**

School Education Assurance Plan	Faith Integration	Learners & Learning	Systemic Wellness	Community Engagement
Budgetary decisions based on: (School Strategies)	<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>
School Council Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shrove Tuesday pancakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$500 ● Grade 4 Farewell gift & lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resources to support classroom learning ● \$150/teacher ● Musical (\$900) ● Mathletics - \$720 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saffron presentation - \$230 ● Recess equipment - \$200 ● Staff Appreciation lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$500 ● Student Wellness activity (Fitninja) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1840 ● Dinner for teachers for conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$200 X 2 = \$400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dances ● BBQ ● New playground
Total Support :				

What are some upcoming events?

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

- March 21 & 22 - Parent/Teacher/Student conferences
- March 22 - Hot Lunch
- March 24 - Spring Break
- April 5 - Early Dismissal and Pysanka Decorating at 6
- Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Word at 9:30

EICS Survey Results - We are sharing our results with our Senior Admin in April. The results were positive and we have some ideas on how to continue making OLA grow and continue making OLA successful in all the pillars in our School Education Assurance Plan.

2 Highlights - Faith Infused (chapel space, staff are witnesses, students are faith leaders)

- School provides access to supports for Learners and Learning

1 Wish - Support parents in getting to know how to get help from the school

Math Games night - April 18th. We will send out a google form to see who is interested

Open House - Wednesday, April 26th

Looking at next year - We are starting to look at what the classes will look like. If you have any questions please make an appointment with me.

Fun Play Day - Wednesday, June 14th

Every week students have an opportunity to join a sing along and prayer group at recess.

7	Follow up Business	
7.1	<p>Read a Thon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gift card from local business for top reader per class - Millers Ice Cream ● Pizza party for all classes ● Winning class and individual class winners to be announced March 23,2023 ● Individual winners of each grade will be awarded a gift card after spring break. 	School council
7.2	<p>Purdy's Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently underway. Orders close on March 21, 2023. Pickup April 6, 2023 	Jennifer Maldonado
7.3	<p>Fitset Ninja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School council to cover \$900 of the cost for onsite in school activity 	
7.4	<p>Break the Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 8-12, 2023 (date changed) ● Ask students to brainstorm ideas for rules to break ● Mrs. Yuzdepski will approve the proposed rule breaks 	School council
8	New Business	
8.1	<p>Spring Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New date set for Friday April 28, 2023 ● Discussed choosing a few themes and letting the students vote on the one they liked best. 	School council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will have a canteen again and sell snacks to the kids and make sure to have a lot of mystery bags as they were a big hit at the Halloween Dance. ● We are looking at parents to be able to purchase dance tickets online through PowerSchool and still allowing cash sales for admission when students and parents come day of. ● Idea of doing a bottle drive on same day as the dance to raise funds for the new playground. 	
8.2	<p>Mother's Day flowers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School council agreed to go ahead with this fundraiser ● Working with Growing Smiles since the poinsettia fundraiser ran smoothly and great plants ● No defined date for the flowers but will be announced soon 	School council
8.3	<p>Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michelle Conley has volunteered to run the fundraiser ● More details and communication to come 	Parent volunteer Michelle Conley
8.4	<p>New Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amber Eastman (vice president of Fort Saskatchewan Catholic Schools Playground Society) Called in with an update on the funding for the playground. The Government has lowered the grant they had originally agreed upon for OLA's playground. We are now short \$15,000. School council will work to fundraise up to \$5000 to help with the playground. If all money is secured building could go ahead this summer. ● Jungle gym for playground, considering putting school council funds toward cost 	

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:00pm