École Dansereau Meadows School - **School Council Meeting Minutes**
October 17, 2024 6:30pm

Attendees: Lauren Olson (Vice Chair Person), Jenny Takenaka, Chelsey Corea,Kaytlin Bailey, Lesley Demers, Janine Woronuk (Principal), Carolyn Thompson (Teacher Rep)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.
2. Introductions: Round Table
3. Agenda approved.
4. Minutes of last meeting approved.

* 1. **Principal’s Report- Janine Woronuk**
1. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant ($500 mentioned last meeting). Suggestion to use Saffon Center Digital Literacy for parents to learn about phones and apps for kids. Attendees to look into.
2. Jarrod Lieb was hired, started this week. Science and other supports. Reina Perzak, Grade 2 teacher, back from mat leave.
3. EDMS is a Leader in Me school, since opening, which is very expensive to maintain. EDMS is the only school in Black Gold following this guide. It was decided this will be the last year to use Leader in Me (American Based). Starting next year EDMS will switch to 7 Grandfathers Teachings (Canadian Based). Many schools in BlackGold and Edmonton follow this guide.
4. Sports:
- Vollyball: Jr Boys won gold! Jr Girlsplaced 2nd! Sr Girls placed 2nd in Spook and Spike!
- Basketball: There will be a Grade 5/6 girls, 5/6 boys, Jr Boys, Sr boys, Sr Girls teams. No Jr Girls team due to lack of coaches. A call was put in one the weekly updates.
5. Remembrance Day Ceremony went very well*.* Students behaved amazingly. A veteran Captain surprise showed up to EDMS with lots of memorabilia including a *JEEP*. This was well received.
6. Christmas Concerts will be Dec 11 – Grade 1-6 French Immersion and half Grade 1-6 English;
 Dec 12 remaining Grade 1-6.
7. Parent Teacher conferences went well, there were 405 bookings with over 200 families. In the spring there will be a “Celebration of Learning.” More show and tell, less sit down and talk.
8. CTF Q2 options started; Standard ones like Arts, Foods, Woods, Leadership. New ones like: Creative Writing, Dance, Strategy Game, Game of Life (teach kids how to be grownups!), \*Brand New\* Skilled Trade Exploration (partnership with NAIT) where electricians, welders, etc will come in and talk to students.
9. $1,438 was raised for Make a Wish from the student market (!!!)
10. Game Changer Leadership Students conference on April 29. For grades 4-9 students. Recommendations by peers to school admin for final recommendations. Conference for many schools to recommend/attend.
11. Two of the Highschool VP came to talk to grade 9 students about the importance of their grades today. How come April it can be too late to make significant changes.
	1. **Trustee’s Report –**
12. Janine summarized report. Beau Meadows new modular classroom. Champ Valle to Ottawa/Montreal in June. See report for full details.
	1. **Teacher’s Report (Carolyn Thompson)**
		* 1. Leadership students have been amazing. The Halloween Activities in the flex space was phenomenal
			2. Spook and Spike was well attended
			3. There are 3 student teachers at EDMS
			4. Lots of In-School field trips have happened
			5. Book fair was a great success ($8700 sold, just over $4000 for the library to spend on new books!)
			6. Teachers in full Christmas Concert prep mode.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**6. Open Forum to bring forward any topics needing discussion**
-Numeracy and literacy nights happened in the past, will they happen again? JW: Something that could be looked into.
-Staff mental health update: JW: November break was needed. EDMS is a busy school, but has an amazing staff. Breaks on if dinner could be provided to staff on the nights of the Christmas Concert for example would be amazing.
-Is there budget for School Council to do that? JW: No. Previous experience is that is done by a call out to parents, with donations only. Buble, Crackers, dropped off at schools.

**7. Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday **January 16, 2025** at 6:30pm.