



Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting
November 22, 2021

PRESENT: Dale Friedel, Chair
Wendy Cunningham, Trustee
Cindy Paul, Trustee
Terry Regamey, Trustee
Emil Durocher, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Wittchen, Superintendent
Erin Danforth, Principal
Anita LeMoignan, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT:

GUEST:

Chair Friedel called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Trustee Durocher said prayer.

AGENDA APPROVAL

#904-21/22 "To approve the agenda as circulated."
PAUL **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#905-21/22 "To approve the minutes of October 18, 2021 Board Meeting as presented."
CUNNINGHAM **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE COMPLETION

ST LeMoignan - The playground improvements and repairs have been completed much to the pleasure of the children.

SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Danforth - Things are moving along quite well.

Maxine and Cindy's mom and aunt came for a dried meat presentation. Erin's dad did an outdoor presentation on how to make fire.

Spirit North has been out a couple of times doing different activities with the students. They will be back next week as they won't be out in December.

We are in the process of purchasing outdoor clothing and boots for students. It is particularly important for the older students who frequently come to school not properly outfitted in a manner that is necessary for the outdoor activities planned for Culture Camp and Spirit North. The clothing will remain at school. Erin's mom knits toques and will be dropping some off as well.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, WINTER FEAST AND TRANSALTA CHRISTMAS

Superintendent Wittchen - The Culture Camp meets with Covid-safe requirements, so a small concert and Christmas Feast will be held out there on December 17th. The lower grades will be singing carols, and Maxine and Erin's students will be doing the Aboriginal Carol. A less traditional feast is planned to allow for hand-held foods, making it easier for students to eat outdoors.

It is our hope to have the Culture Camp Grand Opening on December 10th, weather permitting. Various people have been invited, including the Minister of Education and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs. We haven't had a response yet but, if they are unable to attend in December, we will reschedule the Grand Opening for the spring.

TransAlta will send the Christmas presents again this year; they won't attend. A ceremony will be held on December 22nd, out at the Culture Camp, and students will receive their presents outdoors as well; again, weather permitting.

2020-2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Chris Cholak, MNP, presented the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended August 31, 2021.

#906-21/22 "To approve the Audited Financial Statement as presented."

CUNNINGHAM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PHASE TWO OF CULTURE CAMP - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Superintendent Wittchen - The allotted \$27,000 has now be fully utilized and we have planned for Phase 2 at an additional cost of \$15,000. We are hopeful, given the huge potential of the Culture Camp, that there will be a Phase 3. The Culture Camp newsletter has been very well received; lots of positive comments from newsletter recipients.

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT

Superintendent Wittchen - The 2021-2022 Annual Education report, due to Alberta Education November 30, 2021, was presented to the Board.

#907-21/22 “To approve the Annual Education Results Report as presented.”

DUROCHER

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.



CHAIR



SECRETARY-TREASURER