

Ranchlands School Council (RSC)

Tuesday September 10, 2024

In Person & Virtual

Directors present

Chair, Taysha B
Vice Chair, Nadine B
Secretary, Christina B
Treasurer,
Casino Chair, Christina B
Volunteer Coordinator,

Also, present.

Principal Steven W, Assistant Principal Tanya W, Teachers Aleesha L Parents in person, Anita R, Mairia C, Kala M, Claire J, Kamila K. **Parents online,** Tuga Y, Calvin M, Olashope E, Ayesha M, Mark Petersen, Shukri A, Angela, Rachelle D, Mehdaui R, Adrian M

1. Called to order.

Taysha B called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

2. Introductions of staff, parents & council members.

3. Approval of agenda Moved by Taysha B. Seconded by Nadine B.

4. Approval of minutes

No minutes to review Tabled until October 8th 2024 meeting

Teacher Reports

KG

Being new to school, in our short time together, we have been focussing on establishing and practising routines as well as learning about classroom expectations. Highlights have included meeting friends and learning their names; visiting the library to take out books as well as enjoying singing new songs in music class.

Grade 1 we have been having a wonderful time getting to know each other and are beginning to build community in our classes.

We are practicing fine motor skills and learning classroom routines. We have started our literacy program this week and have learned a few sounds already.

In math, we are working on numbers to 10 (sometimes 12 when we use dice!). We are playing games and learning to work and play together.

In Grade ½, have also been working on learning everyone's name in their class and learning about the 3 pillars of care, respect for our self, each other and this place. We are reviewing letters and their sounds and have been working on our printing skills. In math, they have been learning about shapes and practicing our counting.

Grade 2, we have begun exploring data collection through surveys, using tally marks, and answering questions based on our findings. The students are also practicing their writing skills by responding to funny stories about their likes and dislikes. The grade 2's are participating in learning outdoors every Tuesday afternoon. We have chosen our sit spots for the year this week and observed with our five senses. In social

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Respectfully submitted by Christina Bain Secretary.

studies, we are learning about communities. Recently, we took a community walk to explore our community and observe the different things inside a community.

Grade 3s are gearing up to participate in their first its A Crime Not to Read program, which is only available to grade three. A program that collaborates with the Calgary Police and Crowfoot Public Library. This program visits our grade 3s once a month to bring new books, share stories, and allow children exposure with police officers. In math grade, three are working on patterning. In Science, they are distinguishing between manmade and natural objects. We went on a nature scavenger hunt in Science to find and collect various items found in nature. In Social Studies, we are looking at global citizenship and quality of life. In literacy, we are working on pattern writing.

Grade 4 classes have been working on creative writing stories where we take the voice of our two classroom mascots, Selfie the selfless Cephalopod and Scrappy the Squirrel. We are working on place value in math and playing with numbers to compare and represent in different ways. In science and social studies, we are exploring earth systems and the natural landscape of Alberta.

Grade 5

We have started the year learning about teamwork and community. In Socials we are discussing what is identity and how our own experiences, where we come from and what we celebrate or enjoy helps shape who we are but also how we fit into and influence our community around us. This will lead to how different people and groups shape Canada as a whole.

We are examining how vocabulary can help increase the effectiveness of our writing. So far, we have found 97 different words we can use instead of saying, "said" in our stories and have been acting out our emotions to find ways to describe them.

Grade 6 has started the year by working to build their community feelings. We have created expectations, optimizations and regulations that students can follow along all year. As well, we have looked at the meaning of names and are working to build a class dictionary with all of the letters in our space. Math and science we have started to look at the connection of numbers and inferences. This will help students to understand their real world applications.

In PLP so far, we have been doing number sense in Math, through math centers and task cards. In Language Arts some students are learning their letter sound and learning to print upper and lower case, another group is working on word families, and my third group is writing in their writing journal. In social, we are learning about 'My World' - home, school, community and country. We are also learning about the weather and seasonal changes and how to dress for the weather. We have also discussed Terry fox and practicing running for our race in gym.

In drama, we have been playing games such as Red light, Green light, Name zombies and Wax museum to get used to the physical space and expectations of drama.

Principal Report September 10, 2024

1. Great start to the school year.
2. Enrolment is 383 up just a few students from what was projected
3. Calgary after School program will run again this year starting on September 24. Registration will start this week.
4. Terry Fox run will be on Sept. 20

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5. Orange Shirt day will on Sept. 26
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Old business

None

New Business

Swimming Lessons: Division 1 March 10-14 2025 Division 2 October 28-31 2024

Volunteers with police clearances required (Volunteer Alberta, is paying for clearances this year use link on "MY CBE Account" to initiate.

Facebook Group: Anita moves for the creation of a secured Facebook group will create QR code to share it out for parents to join. Taysha seconds. All in attendance in favour. Steven Wiggles worth also in approval.

Election of officers: Nadine and Taysha's children have moved to Jr High so they are done on the board. As President of past board, Taysha can stay on for the next year to assist in setting up the new board.

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Fun Lunch Parent Volunteer, Tara Macintyre (SP?)

Vice Chair, Kala Merasty
Treasurer, Claire Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator, Tuga Yousif

Adjournment

Motion made by Taysha to adjourn at 7: 27pm, seconded by Nadine B . Approved

Dates to Remember

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