

Ranchlands School Council (RSC)

Tuesday Feb 11 2025

In Person & Virtual

Directors present

Chair, Anita R
Vice Chair,
Secretary, Christina B

Treasurer, Claire J
Casino Chair, Christina B
Volunteer Coordinator,

Also, present.

Principal Steven W, Teachers: Tania Wong, Mr Hippe, Mr Hefler **Parents in person** Anita, Christina, Claire, Emily, Emanuel, Raduan, Laura Parents **online** none

1. Called to order.

Anita called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm.

2. Introductions of staff, parents & council members.

3. Approval of agenda Moved by Anita Seconded by Christina motion passes by vote

4. Approval of minutes

Approval of January 14, 2024 meeting minutes to review moved by Anita Seconded by Laura motion passes by vote

5. Teacher Reports

Open mic and table demo's thanks so much Mr Hefler and Mr Hippe

Music

In Grade 1 and 2, we hear a tune,
A lion's roar, a swan's soft swoon.
The Carnival of Animals plays,
Bringing creatures to life in musical ways!
PLP and Bridges join the fun,
Listening, learning—one by one.
Through notes and rhythms, high and low,
Each animal begins to show!
Grade 3 drums with hands so free,
Beating rhythms on the djembe.
Boom and tap, fast and slow,
Feel the heartbeat, hear it grow!
Grade 4 tapped and shook with delight,
Creating sounds both fun and bright.
Raindrops fell and doors would creak,
As their nonsense tale would speak!
5 & 6 press on silver strings,
As each chord and melody rings.
Strumming strong, they play with might,
Through sore hands, they find their light.

Drama

Young ones tell tales bright,
Acting start, middle, and end,
Frozen scenes take flight.

Theatre unfolds,
Bringing old stories to life,
Voices shape the past.

Sixth grade myths retold,
Gods and heroes find their voice,
Legends live again.

This is really good! In case you need context, grades 1-5 are exploring fairy tales through tableaux and reader's theatre and Grade 6's are doing the same with ancient Greek mythology.

Kindergarten

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Kinders are learning about greater and less than too.

Patterns, geometry, and number lines are fun.
We know the whole alphabet now. We've learned a ton.

Sight words and measurements are next on our list.
Our excitement to go swimming in March can't be missed.

We are halfway through our kindergarten year,
And so we'd like to give a great big cheer!

Garde 1

Building Knowledge, Growing Strong
We're learning sounds, both soft and bright,
Digraphs, blends—a reading delight!
The bossy e stands tall and proud,
Making vowels speak clear and loud.
In math, we count and find our way,
Adding, subtracting every day.
With numbers dancing in our mind,
New strategies help us to find.
The turtle's shell, a sacred guide,
Thirteen moons in stories wide.
Through elder words, we start to see,
The wisdom shared in history.
With hands and hearts, our art takes flight,
Honoring voices, bold and bright.
Through stories told and colors true,
We weave the past in something new.
We learn, we grow, in all we do,
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Respectfully submitted by Christina Bain Secretary.

With open minds and spirits, too!

Here is Grade 1/2 blurb:

In Ms. Besant's class, so bright and keen,
Grade 1 and 2 have learned what landmarks mean.
They studied what makes each one stand tall,
A symbol of history for one and all.
Each student chose a landmark to explore,
From Calgary's streets to its city's core.
They researched with care, both drawing and writing,
Their work came together, shining and exciting.
To see where they are, the class did a plan,
Attaching each landmark on Calgary's map span.
A journey of knowledge, each spot came to life,
A lesson in landmarks, cutting through strife.

Grade 2

In Grade 2, we love to grow,
So many new things we now know!
With numbers up to one hundred high,
We add and solve—give it a try!
Base ten blocks help us see,
How numbers break down easily.
We stack them up and regroup with care,
Trading ones and tens with flair!
In Social Studies, far we roam,
Exploring places not our home.
Meteghan's land, so vast and free,
With forests, shores, and the deep blue Atlantic sea.
Its climate cool, with winds that blow,
And animals that thrive in snow.
Rivers, oceans, lakes so wide,
Flowing with the changing tide.
In Science, sound is all around,
Soft and sharp, each different sound.
Vibrations travel, fast and slow,
Changing how the noises go!
Our writing takes a nonfiction turn,
Researching facts and what we learn.
We write and share with great delight,
Teaching others as we write!
Grade 2 is busy, bright, and fun,
So much learning—we're not done!

Grade 3

Here in grade three, we're learning a lot,
Exploring new topics, connecting each dot!
In science, disasters both big and small,
We research and study—we cover them all!
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Tunisia's culture, its goods going far,
Imports and exports—how great they are!
Stories we craft with words that flow,
Bringing ideas to life as we let them grow.
Reading for meaning, making a link,
Text features help us—what do you think?
Multiplication and division, too,
Solving equations, like pros, we do!
Each day's an adventure, there's so much to see,
That's what we're learning in grade three!

Grade 5

The Earth spins round, a tilted dance,
Bringing seasons—sun's warm glance.
Summer blazes, winter chills,
Springtime blooms, and autumn spills.

In math, we break things into parts,
Fractions shaping equal arts.
Halves and thirds, a fair divide,
Sharing pieces side by side.

A hero's tale begins today,
A call to step and find the way.
Through trials faced and lessons learned,
The journey twists, the story turns.

With minds so bright and hearts so wide,
We seek, we dream, we learn with pride!

PLP

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day prompts powerful plays,
Practicing peace in purposeful ways.
Thoughtful thinking, tender talks,
Turning troubles into triumphs we walk.

Language Arts

Letter love, let's learn loud,
Lower and uppercase, a literary crowd.
Sentences sparkle, structured strong,
Storytelling skills soaring along.

Math

Shapes shimmer, sharp and sleek,
Circles, cubes, and cones we seek.
Measuring, marking, making sense,
Ordering objects, confidence immense.

Social Studies

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Communities change, cultures grow,
Comparing past with what we know.
History helps, hearts embrace,
Honoring roots in every place.

Science

Seasons shifting, springtime sings,
Snowflakes melt as sunshine clings.
Plants push petals, animals play,
Living, thriving, in nature's way.

Bridges

Yo, what's up Parent Council, let me tell you the scoop,
We're teaching emotions, kids are learning the loop!
Social stories daily, we got the tools,
Helping kids feel their feels, keep it cool in school.
We're building emotional strength, it's all part of the plan,
Teaching 'em to handle feelings, like a true grown-up man!
No more bottled-up anger, no more tears on the floor,
We're talking through it all, that's what SEL's for!

Now let's talk science, we're hands-on and deep,
Building Earth systems diagrams, no time for sleep!
Climate change, agriculture, it's all on the table,
We're studying the planet, we're keeping it stable!
And in Social, we're getting real creative,
Each kid's making a country, it's so innovative!
We've got governments, geography, laws that we make,
Who knows? Maybe we'll create the next Earthquake!

And when we connect these projects by the end of March,
We'll have evidence that'll leave you amazed, a true spark!
From Earth systems to new countries we create,
Bridges is the place where minds innovate!

So, here's to our students, big thinkers they'll be,
Thanks to all the parents for helping us see,
Together, we're building a bright future ahead,
Through emotions, science, and countries we've led!

Bridges, we're working every day,
Learning about emotions in a super healthy way,
From science to social, we're on a roll,
Building brains and hearts, reaching every goal!

(End with a spin and snap for extra flair please!)

6. Principal Report

1. Teachers' Convention February 13 & 14, Great opportunity for teachers to do PD
2. PD Day on February 28, 2025
3. Swimming lessons KG-Gr. 2 March 10-13, 2025, we are looking for volunteers
4. Lacrosse residency February 24-27, 2025
5. Possible labour action

7. Old business

None

8. New Business

Meeting dates for next year does Tuesdays still work? Will decide at next meeting

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Anita to adjourn at 7:37 pm, seconded by Claire motion approved

Dates to Remember

Busy Feb and March ahead!

February 24-27 Lacrosse, grades 1-6

March 10-14, swimming for grades K-2
volunteer slips Feb 10th

March 12-14, Outdoor school grade 6

March 20 & 21, 2025 Parent teacher
interviews

March 22-30, 2025 Spring break

April 17, 2025 Parent Council Movie night