

1. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Welcome to Dr. Cheryl Gilmore – District 51 School Intendent
 - No additions to the agenda
 - Wendy made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019. Phi seconded. Carried.
 - Sign ups – committees and hot lunch (help for Tina). Sign up before you leave.
2. Old Business:
 - Thank you to all who helped with the Staff Appreciation Brunch Tuesday May 21, the Sports Day events June 21, and the Back To School events this month (First Day and Meet the Teacher).
3. Elections 2019-2020 School Year
 - Chair – Marylou Williams
 - Vice Chair- Phi Jang/ Wendy Tuchscherer
 - Secretary- Sharon Rempel
 - Treasurer – Shane Mann
 - District School Council Representative(s) –1. Holly Debnam
 - 2. Linda McKee
4. Administrators Report:
 - Mark – Read Aloud – Stella, Star of the Sea by Marie-Louise Gay
 - Jackie & Mark – Philosophy of Education and Leadership
 - Curriculum – Current & Draft – review at new.learnalberta.ca
 - Looking for parents to engage in discussion around involvement and engagement with the school and learning into the future. Jackie to send out a survey looking for widespread feedback. Contact Jackie if you are interested.
5. School Staff Reports:
 - **Past Events:**
 - **June 21st – Sports Day** – Thanks so much for the freezies and helpers.
 - **August 26 – 30:** Teacher PL Week – Teachers were engaged a variety of Professional Learning (PL) activities throughout this week leading up to the first day of school. We reviewed literacy and numeracy instructional best practices as well as had time to prepare the classrooms, meet with Educational Assistants and attending the District Welcome Back Breakfast on Friday, August 30 at LCI. Here we learned heard from a motivational speaker named Darci Lang.
 - **September 3 – 6:** First week for students. We had a good start on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd where all Gr. 2 – 5 students had their first day. Grade 1, Kindergarten, and EEP had staggered entry throughout the week. For the first time in Park Meadows history, Grade 1's were involved in the staggered entry.
 - **We have a school bus!** For the first time in Park Meadows history, there is now bus service for students that live beyond the 2.4 km threshold (as mandated by the Alberta Government) but still within our school boundaries. We have a number of families now accessing this free service to and from school each day.
 - **Meet the Teacher and Staff Night** – this was held on Wednesday, Sept. 4th from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. We had a relaxed “bring-your-own-picnic” time (530-600pm) and

then a brief formal presentation to introduce the staff. Then from 615-700pm parents and students were invited to go to their classrooms and meet the teacher. This was a fantastic evening with great weather, yummy Dilly Bars from Dairy Queen, and a good opportunity for parents to connect with teachers.

- **Terry Fox** – Friday, Sept. 13 – all students walked around Chinook Lake in Uplands. We even got a police escort to help students cross 26 Avenue north (just before entering Uplands). Thanks for all the help to our parent volunteers and for helping to raise money for cancer research.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- **Lockdown Drill** – Students will participate in a Lockdown Drill on Thursday, Sept. 19th in partnership with members from the Lethbridge Police Force. Teachers will review the protocol regarding this drill. There are two lockdown drills each school year.
- **Picture Day** – Monday, September 23rd (for all Grade 1 – 5 students, EEP students and M/W Kindergarten students. Retakes will happen on Thursday, November 7. T/Th Kindergarten students will get their photos taken for the first time on “Re-take day” (Nov. 7th).
- **Northern Lights Festival** – Friday, Oct. 4th. This event is happening at Winston Churchill from 12noon – 5pm. More information will come. Many northside school are collaborating to put on a festival involving the schools and our north side community. Students may be presenting from each school at this festival.
- **NO School:** Monday, Oct. 14 (Thanksgiving) AND Tuesday, Oct. 15 (PL Day)
- **“Diversity and Inclusion Parent Café”** – Oct. 22nd 6:30 – 8pm at Winston Churchill. The purposes of this meeting are the following: gather information and listen to our parent voice, provide opportunities for learning, and build connection and understanding others perspectives. Cheryl shared more information regarding the intent of this event. Sharon will attend this event on behalf of Parent Council. **Parent Council meeting will move to October 29, 2019 to accommodate this meeting.**
- **Call for Committee Members:** Year End Field Trip Committee (parent reps) We need your help. We would like to start planning our “Year-end-school-wide” field trip in May/June of 2020. Are you interested in helping out? Our school committee (consisting of a host of teachers and School Leaders) are looking for parent input and involvement. Sign up via the sign up sheet at tonight’s meeting.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Shane Mann

- Balance - \$19845.18
- Field trip invoice to be tabled to next meeting.
- Payments. Holly made a motion to pay the following invoices. Lillian seconded. Carried :
 - Scooter Racks based on invoice
 - Babysitting based on last year
 - Hot Lunch September (M&M Meats and Tina Skidmore) based on invoice
 - Society Application Fee

7. New Business:

- Babysitting for School Council nights- Kealee and Bailey will babysit for the year
- Jody Carrington evening – November 12th – trauma, grief & loss, relationships – Northside schools and families have been invited to join in this event and attend- our school cost is \$400. Do we help cover this cost for/with our school? Decision tabled to next meeting – Jeff made a notice of motion to commit \$200 toward this initiative to be voted on for the next meeting.

- Breakfast Club Volunteers needed to help Julie and Lisa prepare a simple breakfast snack for students who need a nutritional supplement in the mornings. Volunteer time is from 8:20-8:50 am in the mornings. Responsibilities: preparing items such as toast or cereal with the students, handing out juice or yogurt or fruit as needed, etc. Please keep in mind that the students who use this program are to be kept CONFIDENTIAL. Thursday and Friday mornings are most important days to lend a hand to Julie as she is doing this alone on top of her office work. If you can lend a hand, please sign up on the calendar in the office for days you will help. Thank you. You can sign up with Julie and Lisa in the office if you are interested.
- Park Meadows School Foundation – Name approved, need 6 reps to sign bylaw forms to submit to become a Society -time to meet to go over bylaws one more time and sign the forms? Holly, Wendy, Sharon, Shane, Marylou. Phi as out witness.
- Fundraisers for this Year – **Goal** to raise \$12,000 for next years field trips if we go with past years amounts and give a little room. We also discussed giving our teachers spending money for the teacher convention week as a way to show teacher appreciation. \$50 each or \$100 for our 19 ATA members/teachers including our admin (principal and vice) equaling an additional \$1000-\$2000
- As discussed in May, we will move forward with:
 - **Christmas Market Day.** Staff asked for this to happen Friday Dec. 13. We need parents to commit to help make this day happen. Interested Committee members to help? Any interest in extending this to a community craft sale that afternoon/evening? Parents will need to pull that part together if we do. Considerations:
 - Parent council to send a memo re. Halloween carnival being replaced by Christmas carnival
 - Link fundraiser to cause so that children and parent understand what they are fundraising for.
 - **Spring/Easter Dance-a- Thon** –Thursday April 9 (Prizes, Sponsor, DJ, etc to be discussed at future meetings) -Any parents wishing to be on this committee?
 - Other ideas for Fundraisers for this year?
 - Looking for someone to sponsor DJ for the dance-a-thon
 - **Family Gala (potential).** To be reviewed closer to the end of the year.
 - **Rotary Golf Ball Drop.** Sharon to look at partnership by next meeting.

8. Next meeting: October 29, 2019 – Bring a friend!

9. Sharon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Park Meadows School Council Dates for 2019-2020 School Year

Dates: September 17, 2019

October 29 *

November 19

December 17 – Christmas Social

January 21, 2020

February 25 *

March 17

April 21

May 26 *

June 16 – Year end Social

*Note: Meetings will be held on the Third Tuesday of each month unless there is a holiday or Professional Development day that falls on that day.

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Park Meadows School Learning Commons