

Evergreen School Council

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Location: Evergreen School

Attendance: Kate, Charmaine, Laura, Nicole, Ashley, Angela (principal) Gillian (Grade 1), Amna, Danielle, Carmen, Catherine, Sam, Hrishikesh, Kaitlyn, Celia, Ena (Nicole's mom), Becky

1. Call to Order: 6:01 pm
2. Introductions: Went around the room and introduced ourselves
3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Charmaine Seconded: Carmen Status: Carried

4. Approval of the minutes of the September meeting

Moved by: Charmaine Seconded: Amna Status: Carried

5. Reports

a. Teacher Reports

- i. Music: preparing for the winter concert for grades 1 and 2 (Dec 18th), Grade 1-5 has been learning the story of the Wizard of Oz and will have the opportunity to see it live
- ii. Gym: Grade 3-5 are working on their volleyball skills, including learning the game Newcomb Ball. K-2 is learning modified skills with balloons, beach balls and foam balls
- iii. EES: are focused on practicing social interactions (sharing, taking turns in small groups), they are forming new friendships
- iv. Grade 5: Learning place value, number systems and operations using 'Exploding Dots' learning to work with larger numbers (up to 10-millions)
- v. Grade 4: Are learning about the first explorers that came to Canada. Some students used Canva to create info graphics to display their learning. They also used loose parts to create some of the first settlements in New France. They took pictures of their buildings and told stories
- vi. Grade 3: Took a field trip to the Sam Center, during pre-learning at the school they had the opportunity to learn about the history of the pancake breakfast and got to taste pancakes. During the field trip they answered the question "who are Albertans?"

- vii. Grade 2: Were focused on Remembrance Day in November through story reading and building with loose parts to demonstrate how peace feels to them and coupled it with writing activities.
- viii. Grade 1: Are building a writer's workshop routine and are working on the three ways to write a story using pictures, letters and words. They learned that writers write about what they know and love. They are learning about 'all-star' work and expected criteria in their work. In math they are working on sorting and patterns in our world. They are learning to identify working rules and create extended patterns with a core of up to 4 parts (with support from their grade 5 buddies)
- ix. Kindergarten: are working on building foundational skills such as learning their letter shapes and sounds, proper letter formation and learning to write their names. In math they are learning numbers 1-10 through counting, writing and creating math pictures. They are also working on their social skills such as getting along with others and sharing

b. Principal's Report

- i. Thanked Parents for boosting moral as teachers returned after the strike
- ii. November Updates
 - 1. Fall RAM
 - a. Loss of international student allocations
 - i. IDT (identify for transfer) 15-hour EA, 2 EAs at 25 hours, 1 EA at 20 hours
 - b. Restructured Grade 1 due to numbers and complexity (from 3 to 4 classes; brought Mrs. McLarty into the team. 4 classes of 20 now)
 - c. Mrs. White is supporting grades 2 and 3, allowing both grades to break out into 4 groups for math and literacy (grade 2 classes; 27, 27 and 28, Grade 3 classes; 27, 28, and 28)
 - d. CBRF Request in to increase our 3 EAs to 30 hours each and hire an additional 30-hour EA
 - 2. Conferences
 - a. Teachers will share what they know about your child's strengths and next steps and provide an opportunity to ask any questions you may have
 - 3. Flexible Groupings

- a. A way to be strategic in the absence of a lot of human resources; teachers do assessments and then group students based on targeted skills. Students are grouped in the most advantageous way for delivering instruction to meet their individual needs.
- 4. Winter Concert Adjustments
 - a. Grades 1 and 2 will perform (1s at 10:00 am, 2s at 11:00 am)
 - b. Spring Concert: May 7th, 2026
- 5. Asks:
 - a. Dinner for teacher conference
 - i. Sign Up Genius for potluck
 - b. Unpaid Field Trip Fees 2024-2025 school year

Motion: To pay \$2681.00 to cover the unpaid costs of field trips from last school year

Moved by: Laura Seconded: Danielle

Status: Carried

- c. Winter Wonder Week
- c. Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Have not spend much money since our last meeting
 - 1. \$1350 to teachers for World Teacher Day (\$50 Amazon gift card to each teacher)
 - 2. \$400 in Superstore gift cards (family hardship fund)
 - 3. 4 more personalized stickers for teacher laptops
 - a. Total of \$1777
 - ii. Full Report after the Nightmare Before Christmas Dance
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Apple Fundraiser raised around \$500
 - b. Open House – School Swag was sold for a profit of around \$300
 - c. Office Snack Refurbishment – still good
 - d. Custodial appreciation Day (Oct 2) – were given chocolates and student-made cards
 - e. World Teachers Day (Oct 5) – see above
 - f. Halloween Howl – was cancelled; Nightmare Before Christmas dance instead.
 - g. Quest Theater Residency was supposed to be in October and has been moved to May
- 7. New Business
 - a. Nightmare Before Christmas Dance: numbers are lower than last year. Still looking for volunteers

- b. Battle of the Breakfast Cereals – Swapping out to support Veterans Food Bank. **Carmen** will be the key organizing contact
 - i. No “winning class” this year, no pizza party. Focus on citizenship and giving back rather than winning
 - ii. School will look into a fun culminating activity
 - iii. Run time; December 1st-16th (ish)
- c. Parent Teacher Conference Meal
 - i. Potluck through Sign-Up genius
 - ii. Grab and Go style food
- d. Growing Smiles
 - i. Wrapped up last night. \$521.28 in profit
 - ii. 28 orders were placed
 - iii. 4 extra red poinsettias
 - 1. Kate, Angela Becky and Charmaine will purchase
- e. Winter Wonder Week
 - i. Looking for volunteers to distribute hot chocolate - December 17th (weather depending)
 - 1. Danielle’s church has a hot coffee carafe we can borrow; Kate will check Bridlewood School
 - ii. Distributed Candy Canes
 - iii. Individual popcorn bags for the Friday movie day (current numbers are 526) – will get class counts closer to the date
 - 1. 1-2 volunteers per grade (1 per homeroom??) to pop and bag popcorn
 - 2. Does it better follow Food Safety to purchase pre-made and have them bagged at the school by volunteers

Motion: To spend up to \$500 on items for Winter Wonder Week

Moved by: Nicole Seconded: Celia Status: Carried

- f. Winter Staff Appreciation
 - i. Last year we did cookies, two years ago we did a classroom games white elephant gift exchange
 - ii. Will happen Thursday the 18th
 - iii. This year? Leaning towards baking again

Motion: to spend 285.06 on school opening work planning session (Costco)

Moved by: Kate Seconded by: Charmaine Status: Carried

8. Adjournment: 7:36

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14