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School Council Meeting Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00pm

**Daysland School Learning Commons
Everyone Welcome!**

2021-2022 School Fees

School fees are now past due. You can pay your fees on-line by visiting the school website. If you do not have access to on-line payments, the school does accept cash or cheque. For any questions or to arrange payment options, please contact the school office.

Badminton

Badminton practices are in full motion for Jr. & Sr. High students. Jr. High players will travel to Forestburg on April 7th for playoffs. Registration forms have been sent home with players.

Mini Dunkers

Thank you to our Mini Dunkers coaches Mrs. Breitzkreuz and Mrs. Weiss, and our students helpers Kasey and Hannah! We appreciate all of your time and effort coaching this year!

Ski Trip

Our Jr. High students enjoyed a wonderful day on the Alliance Ski Hill. Thank you to our supervisors and parent volunteers, Mrs. Breitzkreuz, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Pastachak!

Principal's Corner

It is the final week before Spring Break. Our high school classes are winding down their quartered classes. When we return from holidays, our Grade 12s will write their English 30 diploma exam. There will also be exams in our math and science classes as these courses hit the midway point. We encourage our high school students to take some time to relax over the break but also take advantage of the time off to review and catch up on any missing assignments.

We welcome our elementary families for Student-Led Conferences this evening. The students will be excited to share their learning in the different core subjects. It will be great to have our elementary families back in the building once again after two years.

We had a recent staffing change to make everyone aware of. Mrs. Buchholtz has been an EA in our building since last year. She has most recently been working in our Gr. 2 room. She recently moved to Camrose and accepted a position there. We very much appreciated Mrs. Buchholtz during her time at Daysland School and we wish her well in her new endeavors. In her place, we would like to welcome Mrs. Cristin Zimmer as a member of our team. Welcome aboard, Mrs. C Zimmer.

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a fantastic Spring Break. Please take time to re-energize for the last quarter of the school year. It will be over before you know it.



Remembrance Day Winners

Elementary



Elena – 1st Primary Colour Poster



Cohen – 2nd Primary Colour Poster



Wells – 3rd Primary Colour Poster



Boyd – 1st Primary B & W Poster



Jaxen – 2nd Primary B & W Poster



Denver – 3rd Primary B & W Poster



Keelor – 2nd Junior B & W Poster
2nd Junior Poem



Madison – 3rd Junior B & W Poster



Olivia – 3rd Junior Poem



Parker – 2nd Junior Essay

Junior/Senior High



Abigail – 1st Intermediate Essay



Emma – 2nd Intermediate Essay



Bailey – 3rd Intermediate Essay



Bailey – 1st Intermediate Poem
2nd Intermediate B & W Poster



Paige – 2nd Intermediate Poem



Madison – 3rd Intermediate Poem



Ingrid – 1st Intermediate B & W Poster



Arianna – 1st Inter. Colour Poster



Jasmine – 2nd Senior Colour Poster

Not Pictured:
Simone – 1st Junior Colour Poster
Amyra – 1st Junior B & W Poster
Sierra – 2nd Senior Essay

Daysland School Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2022

I. Call to order:

Kirby Schmidt–Teigen called to order the regular meeting of the Daysland School Council at 7:05pm.

II. In attendance:

Wes Wilson (Principal)	Jenni Thomas (Vice Principal)	Kirby Schmidt-Teigen
Brenda McKay	Laura Zwack	Candice Guhle
Teena Kasha	Cristin Zimmer	Jeannie Hoermann

III. Shout Outs: none

IV. Review of Agenda: no additions or deletions. Candice accepted the agenda, seconded by Laura. All in favour. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

Minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting were circulated prior to meeting. Cristin moved the minutes adopted as circulated. Brenda seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

VI. Correspondence: none

VII. Reports:

a) Administrators:

1. Thank you

- a. Basketball coaches – our b-ball seasons wrapping up. We want to extend a huge thank you to our coaches:
 - i. Mrs. Zimmer: Jr. High Girls
 - ii. Mr. Gratrix: Jr. High Boys
 - iii. Tim Guhle: Sr. High Boys
 - iv. Dan & Alarie Guhle: Sr. High Girls
 - v. Wendy Weiss and Mrs. Teigen: Grades 6
 - vi. Karla Breitkruez: Grade 4-5

2. Parent Teacher Interviews

- a. Hosted in-person/virtual for secondary classes on March 2nd. We had just over 50% select in-person.
- b. The scheduling response from staff was really positive. Limited the amount of traffic in the building and the wait time.
- c. Our elementary student-led conferences will be held on March 23rd. The link has been sent to parents to schedule their time.

3. Report Card Date

- a. Quarter 3 ends on April 12th
- b. Report Cards go home on April 14th

4. Quarter vs. Semesters

- a. We will be making decisions about our programming for high school in the coming weeks. This year we went with a semester/quarter hybrid. Math and Science were semestered and the humanities were quartered.
- b. We are going to seek feedback to determine our plan for next year. We will send out surveys before Spring break. We will also use other data like teacher feedback and exam results to help inform our decision.

5. Curriculum Implementation

On Thursday the government announced the following plans for curriculum implementation:

- K-3 Mathematics
- K-3 Language Arts and Literature
- K-6 Physical Education and Wellness

In Addition, the new Mathematics, English Language Arts and Literature curriculum will be implemented in grades 4-6 in September 2023.

6. Graduation – Friday, May 6th

7. Staffing – Mrs. M. Zimmer is going to be starting her maternity leave in the coming weeks. We currently have her position posted. Our hope is to have her replacement hired prior to Spring Break....just in case☺

Mrs. Buchholz and her family are relocating to Camrose in the near future and she has accepted an EA position there.

8. Grad Picture Wall Options: running out of space on the grad walls, considering moving Provincial Basketball collages to gym to make space.

b) Room Reps:

Kindergarten (Brenda): Mrs. Tanton

The Kinder Kids have been busy building leprechaun traps in the Makerspace room. We all learned something new about leprechauns this year and that is that they love marshmallows! So our classroom is littered with multicoloured mini sized marshmallows. They are determined to catch Lenny and have devised a plan to leave out a pan of green paint at the entrance of our washroom in the hopes that Lenny will need to use The Loo and hop into our green paint and leave evidence of his visit, fingers crossed. We also have some new sensory bins, Fairy Garden themed which consist of fresh soil and gnomes etc. This is bound to be a hit come Tuesday morning! We went skating this month and last month a few times, and every Kinder Kid had a fabulous time. We have a guest speaker, Ivy Lazaro, from the Philippines coming in to teach us about life in the Philippines on March 22. She will be bringing in fruits and treats that are indigenous to her country and the Kinder Kids will be invited to taste test if they so choose. She will also be teaching us some games from her culture. We are continuing to find fun ways to learn our letters and numbers, I have a hunch that Lenny is going to be delivering some green pudding that we can print our letters and numbers in tomorrow as well as some Lucky Charms for us to sort and graph. We're just living our best life in kindergarten and learning along the way. Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone 🍀

Grade 1 (April): Miss Pasychnyk

The learning continues in Grade 1! Students have been busy reading to reach their book goals! In ELA, we are working on our journal writing, students just finished up writing about their leprechaun traps! In Math, we are exploring different patterns. Students made a repeating or growing pattern snake to demonstrate their learning. We plan to take advantage of the warm weather and make some patterns in the snow outside this week. The 5 senses have been our focus in science. We have enjoyed the many experiments this unit has brought. The Gr.1's are learning to explore and predict by guessing the smells of different items. We had a blast predicting if food items would be sweet, salty, sour, or bitter. Students have also enjoyed the makerspace room, where we constructed traps to catch the leprechaun tomorrow!

Grade 2 (Kirby): Mrs. Schlaut –

Grade 2s are going skating on Wednesday and Thursday. They have also been working on reading thermometers in Science as well as conducting a popcorn experiment. In Math, we are working on adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers to 100 and playing lots of math games to help us learn our basic facts. In Language Arts, we have learned how to read graphic novels. Dog Man is all the buzz in the classroom. We are also beginning to focus on our writing. We are working on writing complete sentences that make sense and are printed neatly. In Social Studies, we are learning about Meteghan and using our chromebooks to create a slideshow.

Grade 3 (Heather): Mrs. Teigen

We have written several unit tests the past 2 weeks and have moved on to some new learning in math (multiplication) and science (Hearing & Sound). Thank you for your help in reviewing material at home leading up to the tests. In ELA we are finishing up our Fantastic Mr. Fox slides and are looking forward to sharing them at our Student Led Conferences next week. We are excited to leave the school and head to the arena for skating this week. Our year end field trip has been booked for July 16 at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre. --

Grade 4/5 (Alison) -Mr. Gratix

LA - We are writing winter weather stories and have started reading the novel "Wonder"

Math - Grade 4 is working on a Time unit and Grade 5 is working on calculating area, volume, and perimeter.

Social - we made tourism posters about a place we have visited to encourage others to come visit, too.

Science - We're making posters to review key terms from the last unit, such as mixtures, soluble and insoluble, and surface tension.

PE - We are playing a badminton tournament and it's very fun!

Art - we are using "stippling" technique with ink.

Music - we are making a routine to the song "Thunder" using basketballs!

Everyone is really excited about bringing their parents/caregivers in for student-led conferences next week.

Grade 6 (Wendy): Mrs. McKay-

Everything is going well in grade 6.

In Language Arts, we've started our news articles unit. Students have been having fun finding the 5W's and H of a fairy tale and turning it into a news article. We will be compiling them into a newspaper and sharing them with our parents at student-led conferences next week.

In Social Studies, we are making interactive notebooks while learning about Ancient Athens, the birthplace of democracy.

We've recently started a program with our MHCB coordinator, Sarah Squires. The program is called "Recognizing Bullying & Harassment" and it continues our conversation from Pink Shirt Day and brings awareness to cyberbullying. We hope to learn a lot and have some good take-aways from this program.

Grade 7 (Cristin): Mrs. V. Zimmer

In ELA we finished a movie study on a movie called McFarland and will be working on a report and then adding it to a bulletin board. In science we are building bridges in groups and will test them to see who has the ultimate bridge. Mr P has a store called the pasta mart and we buy our supplies with fake money to build our bridges. In math we are finding the area in triangles and circles and will be doing a quiz on it soon. In social we are learning how to graph history and we have been playing a badminton doubles tournament for PE.

Grade 8 (Adrian): all is well

The grade 8 class is ready for spring!! In English we are still working on the Hunger Games doing novels studies and projects. In Math we are learning about square and square roots, and in Science - learning about refraction of light. Social Studies we are finishing up learning about the Aztecs. Phys. Ed. we doing badminton and basketball is now over. Excited to go skiing on the 18th and had fun skating.

Grade 9 (Jeannie):

Mrs. M. Zimmer, Math - We have finished two units, and now are moving on to perfect squares, and surface area. This unit will take us up to spring break!

Miss. J, Social Studies - The Grade 9s have started a Mars Project in Social Studies, where they are planning the structure and function of a colony on Mars using the Canadian Federal Government system as a model. They will be working on this through to the end of the year

Grade 10 (Candice):

Our grad 10 Options are going well. We have student in a variety of different courses that are getting close to wrapping up. These courses include, Photography, Forensic Science, Psychology and Recreation classes. All of the students will come out with at least 5-10 credits this quarter.

Mrs. Walker – In Math 10C, we are working through the last unit. The final exam will be on Monday, April 11th.

Grade 11 (Pauline):

Mrs. M. Zimmer - We have finished two units in math 20. Students and parents are encouraged to check powerschool if they haven't already. I would like students that are on the fence to transition from 20-1 to 20-2 by spring break, if they can. If you want to relay that information that would be great. Other than that things are going pretty well.

Grade 12 (Teena):

Engilsh 30 - We are almost done! We are wrapping up classes in a week and a half, and the diploma exams are right after Spring Break. I will miss this group, they're all fantastic people.

VIII. Old Business:

none

IX. New Business:

- a) Pauline – Looking for new Hot Lunch Coordinator, also leaders for hot dogs, soup, Panago and taco in a bag. Wes will advertise in the next newsletter.

X. Adjournment:

Kirby adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Next Meeting will be held in the Learning Commons on April 20 2022 at 7:00pm

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