

Parent council meeting

November 15, 2024

1. On June 12 we went over the accountability pillars for 23/24 and said that this year we are focusing on activities that promote community either at school and/or in the community. So far we have had our welcome back pancake breakfast, whole school field trip to Police Point Park, invitation to view German open and attend Remembrance day ceremony. Thanks for those parents who came, and we look forward to you and others participating in the many activities coming soon. To improve academic we are focusing on improving reading comprehension, vocabulary, and differentiating our programming so students can read the same content text at their reading level.
2. Prairie Rose Strategic plan, for the next 3 years, will focus on Igniting minds, forging futures, and kindling hearts. The staff thought about what each of these terms meant, and proposed goals for each category. Tonight, we want parent input on if the meaning, goals and direction reflect the Mennonite culture, values, and beliefs. We will look at if any words/sentences need to be added/changed in each category to incorporate trust, Mennonite core values, and Indigenous perspectives to best reflect what our students, parents, and staff believe about PMAS.

1.

Ignite minds meaning - Ignite a passion for learning that motivates students to explore, create, and take risks, inspiring them to achieve and prepare for future possibilities.

Goal: Inspire a Lifelong Love of Learning

Cultivate a learning environment that honors Indigenous knowledge systems and perspectives, fostering trust and a passion for lifelong learning that encourages students to pursue education and success beyond the classroom.

What are we going to do to reach this goal?

Project based learning through an exhibition of learning

Modelling

Make connections with students and their entire family to keep them in school.

Goal setting with kids where the student develops a realistic SMART goal for themselves as a focus for academic growth.

Need to incorporate exposure to other cultures (Truth and reconciliation) as well as recognize our own

2. Kindle hearts meaning

Build a caring and connected school community by fostering meaningful relationships with students, families, and staff through shared activities, community projects, and opportunities that encourage compassion, involvement, and mental wellness for all.

Goal: We will kindle hearts by creating an environment of caring and wellness through personal, parent and community engagement and participation through activities.

What are we going to do to reach this goal?

We will do this by making connections with students and parents through school cups, inviting on field trips and sports events, and inviting parents in to attend German open and stay for the first block once per term. Little siblings can sit with their siblings in class when this happens.

3. Forge futures – meaning

For Prairie Mennonite, forging futures means empowering students with the education, guidance, and vision to stay engaged in school and confidently pursue a path in developing skills to make each students successful whether they pursue further education or enter the workforce.

What is our Goal? Our goal is to support all students in completing grade 9, while respecting family decisions, by building essential skills and a strong work ethic to ensure both short- and long-term success.

What are we going to do to reach this goal?

We need to educate parents on the benefits of education and the consequences of doors closing for those who don't have certain levels of education.

We need to communicate career choices, connect to community workers, and have past students coming in to talk to current students about their education experiences and programs such as the trades program and the fire fighter programs.

2 pieces that will become part of our handbook and will take effect after January 1, 2025.

1. Cellphones- no cellphones at school or on bus. Students who need to phone home can use the office phone and parents who need to get in contact with their kiddo can call the office to talk with their student.
2. All fees are encouraged to be paid before students go on fieldtrips so the school can budget and plan activities.
3. Grade 9 fundraiser – Grade 9 farewell.
4. If you are going away please let the office know and we will inform all teachers so that all teachers will know. If you want work sent, please request ahead of time.

The parent council had a vote and our new Schultz is Jacob Friesien. So for the remainder of this year Schultz 1 is Heinrich Hamm and Schultz 2 is Jacob Friesien.