

**Racette Parent Advisory**  
**Meeting Date: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023**  
**Time: 7:00 pm**

**1. Call to order**

**a. Welcome - Prayer and Land Acknowledgement:**

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done,  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen*

*I wish to also respectfully  
acknowledge that we gather today  
on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional  
gathering place for many Indigenous  
Peoples both past and present.*

- b. Attendance - Emilie L, Cindy L, Alma N, Pennie Z, Trustee Lorette Anderson, Trustee Sylvie Smyl, Principal Andrea Andrea, Admin Corinne Pashko**
- c. Teacher Representative - n/a**
- d. Additions to the agenda - New business - Focus Group invitation**
- e. Approval of agenda -**
- f. Review and approval of minutes -**

**2. Old Business:**

**a. Fundraising**

- **\$1251.50 total profit from the fundraiser**
  - **\$389 profit from Owlseye flowers**
  - **\$862.50 profit from Co-op gift cards**
- **parents are volunteering to coordinate distribution of flowers/gift cards in early December**
- **may look at running another fundraiser in the spring**

**3. Trustee Report -**

**[meeting highlights](#)**

- **Student enrollment is down this year. The Division is looking for \$300 00 in the budget to make up for the shortfall.**
- **Cornerstone Co-op made a donation to the Division for \$18,420 from their 'Bags for Breakfast' program**
- **School leaders had a presentation on Restorative Justice. When addressing student behavior, Restorative Justice focuses on making amends as opposed to punitive consequences.**
  - **Principal Austin shared that Racette is looking at ways to make discipline follow a more natural order (focussing on making amends). One change that has already been made is referring to an in-school suspension to 'in-school support.'**

- **Post secondary Night is being held at Regional High School on Oct 24 at 7:00pm**
- **PATs & diploma exams will be moving to a digital format in 2024. Schools can choose to pilot the digital format this year.**
- **Lieutenant Governor Salma Lakhani visited the New Myrnam School on Sept 28.**
- **A Council of School Councils meeting is planned for Nov 7.**
- **School Messenger welcome texts were initiated today.**

#### **4. Principal's Report -**

Since the Sept. 21, 2023 meeting: SPAA Cross Country , Lifetouch (school photos), Thanksgiving- Liturgy of the Word, Volleyball well under way (attended 2 tournaments and 1 upcoming), Curling will be starting soon, School Messenger launching on Monday

- **Thank you to Emilie L for assisting with photo day**
- **Alberta Education has announced that gr 6 PATs in Language Arts and Math will be written this spring. This is a change from what had been announced earlier this year. Racette teachers have opted to use the standard format this year rather than piloting the new digital format.**
- **A STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) lab is being developed in the school with the help of Mrs. Poirier. The art room is being converted to incorporate more technology, robotics, and activities. A used 3D printer has been purchased and grants are being applied for to help support other purchases.**
- **Parents shared that students enjoyed the visit to the local fitness center that used to be a part of the Sports Performance option and asked if it could be incorporated into another class.**

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. Focus Group invitation**

- **Parents are invited to participate in a focus group facilitated by Alberta Education. The purpose of the group is to collect insight from a parent perspective as an update to "My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource" is being planned.**
  - **Parents have until Oct 23 to express their interest.**
  - **The focus group meeting will meet via Zoom on Oct 30 from 7:00-8:30pm.**
  - **Interested parents should email Principal Austin.**

#### **6. 2023/24 Executive positions available -Chair and Secretary**

- **Volunteers for these positions are asked to express their interest via letter submitted to the principal.**

#### **7. Next Meeting: November 15, 2023 @ 7:00pm**

#### **8. Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm**