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Description automatically generated**Milo Community School Council**

**Meeting**

**Monday, September 8th, 2025**

**Location: Milo School Library**

Present (17): Chad Monner, Amy Monner, Robin Wiens, Sara Woofenden, Quincy Smith, Bernie Kirk, Marilyn Newberry, Betty-Lou Whaley, Sarah Lagenoff, Tamara Toporowski, Jessy Vooys, Joel Lucas, Jackie Heather, Colin Monner, Cindy Monner, Jennifer Gregoire, and Maria Oldfield

Agenda. Adopted.

Chad called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Robin read the minutes from the meeting. No errors or omissions adopted as read. Maria motioned to accept minutes as read, Jackie seconded. Carried.

**Classroom Learning Reports:**

* **Bernie Kirk (Grades 1-3, 4-6 Science) Kirk’s Korner:** 
  + Physical Education Grades 4-9
    - In PE, students will be playing tag and other running games to help build stamina and prepare for our upcoming Cross Country Run and the Terry Fox Run.
* Science Grade 1
  + Our class is learning about the four seasons, with a special focus on summer. Students will explore what makes summer unique, from weather and activities to how plants and animals adapt during the season.
* Science Grades 2-3
  + Our class is exploring sound energy as part of our Energy unit. We’ve been investigating vibrations, decibels, and the many ways sound travels. Be sure to ask your child about the ‘Silly Salt’ experiment—they had a blast watching sound in action!
* Science Grade 4-5
  + We are learning about the scientific method, with a special focus on collecting data. Students are practicing how to gather information carefully and use it to understand the results of their experiments.
* Science Grade 6
  + We are continuing to learn about the scientific method, with a focus on analysis and drawing conclusions. Students are practicing how to look closely at their results and explain what their data is telling them.
* Science 7-9
  + Our class is exploring ecosystems and adaptations—discovering how plants and animals survive and thrive in different environments. Students are also expanding their science vocabulary with words such as *biotic* and *niche*.
* **Quincy Smith (Grades 4-6 LA and Social, Grades 7-9 LA and Social, Learning Support Teacher)**
  + **4-6 Language Arts:** Like last year, we are continuing to do daily work with Write It Right, Words Their Way, and literacy stations. The literacy stations will center around journal writing, typing, phonics, and independent reading. We are starting the year with a poetry unit where students will learn different types of figurative language and will experiment with writing different kinds of poems. Our first novel of the year will be *Wonder*.
  + **4-6 Social:**
    - **Grades 4/5 –** We are learning the Grade 4 curriculum this year focusing on the regions and history of Alberta. We are currently learning about the Rocky Mountain region.
    - **Grade 6 –** We are learning the new Grade 6 curriculum. Currently, we are learning about what democracy is - what the four pillars of democracy are and the difference between representative and direct democracy. We will also start reading *The Breadwinner.*
  + **7-9 Language Arts:** The JHs are also using Write It Right to become better writers and have a daily grammar booklet that they are working through. They are also starting the year with a poetry unit and will be learning about different types of figurative language and poems. Their first novel of the year will be *Daniel’s Story*.
  + **7-9 Social:**
    - **Grades 7/8** – Grade 7 curriculum - starting with a unit learning about the Mi’kmaq, Anishinable, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. We are learning about how their societies and governments were structured, and how they were affected when the Europeans came to North America.
    - **9** – Students are currently learning about the Federal political system. Currently we are looking at the three branches of this government - executive, legislative and judicial.
* **Marilyn Newbury – Gr. 1-3**
  + Strong believer in the foundation of education in gr. 1-3 towards success. Implementing routines and organization with the students.
  + Monthly booklet that will have a variety of subjects in each booklet.
  + They work on the Calendar, days of the week, month, and year.
  + Math place value box is in the classroom.
  + She enjoys using manipulatives and white boards prior to written assignments to increase success and confidence in the written work.
  + Currently working on poetry; especially using the senses.
  + Journal entries, reading and phonics.
  + Social – Canada- continents glued onto a balloon to make their own globe
  + Working closely with the Communications worker to instill a positive attitude and relationships.
* **Sara Woofenden (Gr. 4-9 Physical Education, Gr. 1-9 Classroom Economy)**
  + **Math 4-6** is working on Probability and Statistics. They have started creating bar graphs from their own questions and will analyze conclusions from these. Then we will move on to statistical analysis. Started the Daily Math program again in both classes by assessing where student’s independent level is.
  + **Math 7-9** is also working on Probability and Statistics. The junior high’s focus more on calculations and ethics of charts, graphs, and probability.

**Principal’s Report:**

* **New staff:**
  + **Marilyn Newbury** - teaching grades 1-3. She is an experienced teacher that has worked contracts in our school a few years ago and subs often.
  + **Welcome back to Quincy, Bernie, Sami, and Elaine/Robin.**
  + **Megan Brown** - Making Connections worker. We are honored to have her for a full day every week on Wednesdays.
  + **Sandra Scalplock** - Siksika Liaison is coming back again this year.
  + **Principal** - Currently me, Bernie will take over when I go on leave (hopefully 2 more weeks), replacement for Bernie who is currently covering JH.
  + **No JH teacher as of yet**
* **Our goals for the school year**
  + Greater communication with families and students
  + Milo Memos sent to families the weekend prior to the week with important info and updates
  + **Volunteer schedule is already in there for parent sign up for Cross Country, please sign up, link is in an email from Sara Woofenden.**
  + Build a positive teaching team
* **Personal Communication Device Policies** -Same as last year.
* **Assurance Framework**
  + Goal #1: Literacy Across Curricula
  + Goal #2: Supporting Mental Health and Wellness
  + Goal #3: Numeracy Skills for Daily Living
* **No Microwave and Kettles in Lunchroom**
  + Our electrical cannot handle the wattage of the microwaves and kettles in our lunchroom. They have blown fuses multiple times over the years. We also had 2 fires last year alone in the microwave. One by student error, one from poor food packaging.
  + Time in our lunch period for students to microwave food and found students weren’t eating all their lunch. This caused multiple parent complaints about not being able to finish lunches.
  + Finally, as a staff we noticed lunches were healthier during COVID when microwaves were not allowed. This led to better learning and healthier students overall.

**Palliser Report – Lorelie Bexte, Trustee**

* Absent today, No report.
* Any questions or concerns, please contact me at [lorelie.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:lorelie.bexte@pallisersd.ab.ca), (403) 485-0823

**Old Business –**

* Foundation Bylaws/next Casino (Oct/Nov/Dec 2028)
* Marine Biology Trip (Junior High Class)
* Zoom meeting Mon, Sept 15 @4:15pm for Marine Biology Parents
  + March 19th-24th, 2026 – Boat is booked, it’s called: Solitude

**New Business**

* Fall Fair Supper – October 18th, 2025
* Lions Supper Serving Dates
  + Oct 1, Nov 19, Jan 21, March 4, April 15, June 3
* Merry Market – Marine Bio will do the concession. November 22nd, 2025
* Bells between classes
  + There are currently no bells between classes. This is difficult to change as the grades 1-3 do not always run on the same time schedule and bells can be quite distracting for them.
* Executive elections:
  + Chair – Chad Monner
  + Vice Chair – Maria Oldfield
  + Secretary/Treasurer – Robin Wiens
    - Carried; all in favour.
* Soccer Field
  + There was some damage to the soccer corner post flag markers this summer when there was camping in the soccer field.
  + These will be replaced, and the school will remove and bring in to the school for the summer months with the other equipment.
* Fundraising plan for more EA hours
  + Due to Jordan’s principle and the funding cuts that have been implemented, our school has lost some of their support staff. The school sees the needs in the classrooms for full time EAs and are asking the foundation to help top up one EA’s hours to become full time instead of part time.
  + The school for sees this as an ongoing issue and would love to hear any fundraising ideas that the parents/community may have to help the students out in the future.
* Annual summary of School Council activities due Sept. 30

**The Milo School Foundation Minutes**

**Financial Reports:**

* **Bank Balances as of August 31, 2025:**
* General Account - $4,917.52
* General GIC’s - $54,841.66 Total General = $59,759.18
* Casino Account - $7,459.18
* Casino GIC’s - $ 70,000.00 Total Casino = $77,459.18
* **Total = $137,218.36**
* **Recent Transactions:**
  + **General Account**:
* March 17 Grade 9 Grad Hoodies (Impact Impressions) $258.30
* April 2 Lions Supper Profit (Amy) $345.01
* Donations from cash calendar winners $300
* $450 cash for Frank slide field trip (some cash returned, $135.65 deposited May)
* Spring Market Concession Apr 12 (Marine Biol) Profit $796.38 + ATB donation = $1,296.38
* May 21 Lions supper Profit (Jessy) $246.51
  + **Casino Account**:
* Frank Slide Caterer June 9 $360.68
* Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump $102.01
* Frank Slide field trip Mileage June 9 $770.55
* 5 Chrome Books June 9 $1239.00
* Milo Alphabets Kindergarten Donation $1500.00
* Bills To Come in:
* Frances Thompson Early Literacy April – June 2025 $785.00
* Yearend awards from school council (will check with Tammy)

**Notes:**

2026 Marine Biology Trip fundraising to date = $17,849.99

Estimated Trip cost $38,300.

Wedding midnight lunch Saturday Aug 30th, 2025 – $500 profit

* **Casino Funds Available:**
  + $66,794.18
* **Outstanding Applications: ($10,665 total)** 
  + $9,880 Marine Biology Trip (Raffle $)
  + 2024/2025 Early Literacy/Speech Professional $785

* **New Applications:** 
  + Amy Monner made a motion to fund the 300 hours ($12,000) to increase the current part time EA to full time (1000 hours is full time). Jackie Heather seconded. Carried.
  + 2025/2026 Early Literacy/Speech Professional Budget (can wait until October) (2024/25 225 hrs)

Next meeting is October 6th, 2025, at 4:15pm at the Milo Community School Library

* Meetings will be set for the first Monday of every month (except January). We will contact the parent group if changes need to be made.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23pm