

**Ecole Our Lady of The Rosary  
School Council Minutes  
December 2, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Quorum achieved

**Parents:** Judy, Wanda, Carlyn, Stephanie, Fran, Matilda

**Staff:** Rob Coumont

**Other:** Sharla

**Call to Order:** 8:50 Am

**Acknowledgement of the land:** Rob Coumont

**Opening Prayer:** Rob Coumont

**Review of agenda:** Agenda was reviewed

**Approval of the minutes:** Nov. 4, 2019

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes. *Carlyn, Wanda Carried*

**Reports:**

**Principals Report: Rob Coumont**

- A copy of the Principals report was provided to each member of council.
- PD day: Edsby and best Practices were discussed.
- PD day: Staff attended a presentation on Trauma and student success.
- An Info session about utilizing Edsby for Parents was discussed.
- Family dance feedback was positive.
- Les Bucheron booked for 24<sup>th</sup>. The GR 1-3 classes will attend in 4 groups of 65.
- School council asked to provide runners for Advent concert as well as decorate the gym.

**Trustee Report: Sharla**

- Report (please see attachment)
- \$350,000 will be retrieved from school budgets.
- School board has decided to make cuts to software and materials rather than losing staff.
- Portables are currently under review.

**Treasurer Report: Carlyn/Wanda**

- A report was provided to members of council.
- **School Council Account: \$ 23 557.22**
- **Hot lunch account: \$ 744.18**

- Milk income: \$220.00

Milk cost : \$ 74.78

Revenue: \$145.22

- **Hot lunch:**

- **Booster Juice**

Income: **\$622.25**

Cost: **\$623.25**

Revenue: **\$-1.45**

- **El Amor**

Income: **\$437.50**

Cost: **\$416.32**

Revenue: **\$21.18**

- School Dance Cost: **\$ 261.72**
  - The Dance came in underbudget.
- Purdy's Profit: **\$831.73**

#### **Hot lunch Report: Stephanie:**

- Jan. and Feb. Hot lunch scheduled and available on the website.
- 5 students are currently sponsored for hot lunch.

#### **Fundraising: Stephanie:**

***DSF: \$3586.54***

- School will be participating in DSF spring fundraiser instead of mixing spoon. DSF has a higher profit margin to the school.

**Purdy's: \$ 831.73**

- No Purdy's in the Spring.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Swimming Lessons:**

- Booked starting in January and running until March. The lessons run 3 days a week.
- Bussing cost may need to be added to price.
- **Action:** Judy to ask Loretta about Bussing cost and see if it was included in the invoice.

**Summer Reading Bags:**

- Walmart/Shoppers: Council has not heard back yet.

**New Business:**

**White Elephant Sale: Dec. 5**

- To be held in the library.
- Volunteers are scheduled.

**Advent Concert: Path to Bethlehem**

- Each grade will perform 2 songs.
- Council will decorate gym with student artwork and provide runners to get the classes.
- Chairs will be provided from Camille/ St. Frances
- Cornerstone is donating the use of their stage.
- Tara to be asked to create a Google.Doc to ask for parent volunteers to decorate.

**Action:** Judy to ask Tara to create a Google.Doc to ask parents to help decorate the gym on Dec.16

**Family movie Night:**

- To be held in Feb. Details to be discussed at a later date.

**Closing Prayer:** Rob Coumont

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:45 am

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 10 @ 8:45 Am

# Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools

## November 2019

### New Middle School Announcement

- We are grateful for this announcement, as our school division is in desperate need for this school. Currently, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds and our middle schools in Red Deer are over capacity.
- Our current utilization rate is approximately 95% with St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School being the highest at 137%.
- The division is seeing continued growth each school year. We are now at 10,483 students as of October 2019. This is an increase of 162 students, which equates to 1.7% growth.
- We are working with the City of Red Deer on a school site and hope to start working on the design process soon.
- Once the construction starts on the new middle school, the division will be looking at changing the catchment areas and boundaries.
- The naming process for this new school will be announced in the new year.

### 2019-2020 Division Budget Update

- In spring 2019, the division anticipated a reduction in funding of approximately \$2 million. To prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools implemented proactive measures to address this, including changing the professional development LIFT model, reducing staff at Montfort Centre, etc.
- Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools and Red Deer Public Schools put out a joint media release shortly after the budget was announced to express the impact the reduction of funding will have on both school divisions:  
<https://www.rdcrs.ca/download/216538>
- After further analysis of Budget 2019, the division's reduction in funding was more extensive than we originally anticipated.
  - This school year, the Classroom Improvement Fund (\$1.8 million), Class Size Initiative (\$4.5 million) and the School Fees Grants (\$600,000) was eliminated and bundled into a one time transition grant of \$1.8 million.
  - Due to continued new student enrolment, the division needed to hire more staff to achieve manageable classroom sizes and subsidize the areas of maintenance and transportation.
  - Even with the new student enrolment revenue, the division will see a shortfall of \$2.75 million.
- The division will address the \$2.75 million in unanticipated shortfall by:
  - \$2 million in reserves will be utilized
  - \$350,000 will be retrieved from school budgets
  - \$100,000 reduction in transportation's budget
  - Inclusive Learning Department will reduce services and purchases of \$150,000
  - Other miscellaneous reductions of \$150,000, including software and materials
- The following are the divisions' guiding principles caused by mid-year reduction in funding:

- o The least impact to students and the classroom as possible
- o We are reviewing our division expenses to find more efficiencies
- o Cutting “things,” such as software and materials instead of people
- o We will continue to fund our priorities