

**Ecole Our Lady of The Rosary
School Council Minutes
October 16, 2020**

In Attendance: Quorum achieved

Parents: Christie, Megan, Stephanie, Wanda, Matilda

Staff: Rob Coumont, Tamera

Call to Order: 8:47 Am

Acknowledgement of the land: Rob Coumont

Opening Prayer: Rob Coumont

Review of agenda: Agenda was reviewed

Approval of the minutes: September 18, 2020

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

Reports:

Principals Report: Rob Coumont

- Council was provided with a copy of the Principals report.
- Vision and focus: Know, Understand and Respond to our Learners.
- Protocols have been updated for re-entry and can be found in the student handbook link on the school's website. Update includes:
 - Students are now allowed to use lockers. The school has divided the students into groups for locker access. These groupings promote social distancing at lockers.
 - Local classroom fieldtrips and physical distancing walking field trips are now permitted. These field trips follow Covid-19 protocols. The classroom field trips will utilize student cohorts.
 - Guest speakers are now permitted if Covid-19 protocols are followed.
- Halloween will look different this year for students. Some new changes are:
 - No treat sharing between students
 - No treat sharing of staff with students
 - No costume parade. Instead students will have a classroom dance party.
 - Students may wear costumes all day.
- Oct.20: 7 Sacred Teaching Awards. TRUTH. A slideshow of the awards will be made available to parents on Oct.22.
- PD Day: Staff focused on a Response plan model. This included how to support student's mental health for both in school and at home learners. This was Part 1 of 6. Part 1 focused on how the brain works: Learning Brain vs. Stressed Brain. Staff also shared/discussed strategies to help navigate through Covid -19 protocols. A topic discussed was how to best use centers during morning soft start.

- The portables are now complete. The classrooms have installed TVs that have a Chromebox. This allows the tv to act like a computer. TVs were chosen because they are less prone to glare from the windows, are more durable and, they have screensharing options.

Trustee Report: Sharla

- Council was provided with a copy of the Trustee Report. See attachment.

Treasurer Report: Vacant

Fundraising Report: Chrisite/Stephanie

D.F.S.

- Ready to go and will run until Nov 6. DFS will ship directly to customers houses so there is no need to have parents pick up orders at the school.

Boston Pizza:

- Receipt fundraiser is a possibility. Students bring in their BP receipts to be added and BP will donate an amount to the school.

Action: Stephanie to contact BPs about the possibility of a receipt fundraiser.

Art Auction:

- Council to add an expenditures line to the budget for the purchase of materials for the art auction. This fundraising item will be reviewed in the January budget review.
- Council discussed limiting the choices for projects and keeping them simple to complete.

Ryan Laborde Ball tournament:

- Council waiting to hear back about the possibility of working future tournaments.

Nexsource Pass:

- Christie to contact Nexsource about the possibility of selling passes as a fundraiser ASAP.

New Business:

Budget: 2020/2021

- Changes to proposed budget are as follows:
 - \$500.00 to be moved out of Pre-K as we are 1 class smaller this year.
 - Learning commons Technology changed for \$600.00 to \$300.00
 - \$100.00 added to Summer reading program for the purchase of books for grade 4 students (the school still has \$750.00 worth of books that were purchased from the previous year)

Motion: Motion to approve the 2020/21 proposed budget. *Wanda, Stephanie Carried*

Motion: Motion to pay \$3030.54 from school council account for last year's field trips. *Meghan, Christie Carried*

Playground: Stephanie

- Stephanie will contact the town about the logistics of getting a grant for new playground equipment.
- Council discussed that this may need to be a separate committee dedicated to playground fundraising.

Lights at crosswalk: Safety concern

- The playground crosswalk is a high traffic area with large blind spots behind the school bus parking. Council asked about the possibility of having large caution lights installed like other crossings around town.
- Rob committed to having a supervisor in the location to assist with the safety of students crossing the road.

Action: Rob to write a letter to the Town requesting to be included in traffic assessment study.

In Person meetings:

- Council opted for in person meetings with the option of attending online. Parents interested will need to pre-register with Loretta and confirm how they would like to attend. Parents attending in person shall bring a mask and follow the schools Covid protocols. There is a 14 person cap on in person meetings.
- Council discussed trying an evening meeting soon. This meeting shall be booked at the next school council meeting.

Closing Prayer: Rob Coumont

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 am

Next Meeting: November 24 @ 9:00 Am (In person at school or online option)

Board Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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Board of Trustees

Kim Pasula - Chair, Dorraine Lonsdale - Vice Chair, Anne Marie Watson, Cynthia Leyson, Sharla Heistad, Murray Hollman and Rob Maloughney (absent).

Orange Shirt Day

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit Support Team opened the Board Meeting by presenting to Trustees about the importance of recognizing Orange Shirt Day in our schools as a step towards reconciliation.

Division Accountability Report

The Board of Trustees reviewed the division accountability report from December 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

Acting Superintendent Report Highlights

- **At-Home Learning Update**
There are 950 students that have chosen at-home learning program for the first semester. We needed to look beyond our own staff and recruited some new hires to split some larger cohorts. Federal funds were used to support the staffing cost for this program.
- **Mental Health and Identification of Learning Progression**
Mental wellness along with identifying the progression of student learning and creation of supportive systems will be the main focus area for this school year.
- **St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School**
Alberta Infrastructure has approved the use of the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) in the building of St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. IPD is a collaborative alliance of people, systems, business structures and practices into a process that harnesses the talents and insights of all participants to optimize project results, increase value to the owner, reduce waste, and maximize efficiency through all phases of design, fabrication, and construction.

Board Chair Report Highlights

- **Meeting with the City of Red Deer**

The meeting with Red Deer City Council is a go and will be held in person on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Further information, including location, to be confirmed.

- **Superintendent Recruitment**

The Division is currently conducting recruitment for their new Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Trustees reported that it is an opportune time to reach out to key stakeholders to gather the thoughts and opinions regarding the new superintendent, as we transition into new leadership for our Division. The Board of Trustees sent out a survey on Tuesday, September 15 to staff, parents and guardians to get stakeholder feedback on which qualities they feel a Superintendent should possess. The results will be compiled into a confidential, non-attributable report for review only by the Board of Trustees.

The next board meeting is October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.



Kim Pasula, Board Chair

