

# **École Our Lady of the Rosary School**

## **School Council Meeting**

**January 12, 2022**

Attendance: Quorum achieved

Staff: Rob Coumont, Tamara Neiley

Parents: Megan, Nanci Lyn, Christie, Francine, Matilda, Darcy, Stephanie, Easton

Trustee: Dorraine Lonsdale

**9:02** Meeting called to Order

**9:03** Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer

**9:04** Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, carried and passed

**9:05** Principal's Report:

-Review of ongoing Covid protocols re: school sanitation, student daily symptom check, contingency plan for shift to online learning if needed.

-AHS will no longer provide tracing notification of positive cases. School requests families share notification to allow monitoring of absenteeism. School expects to receive masks and rapid tests later this week for distribution.

-last PD December 10:

- FORMED resource training intentional permeation. Students can watch classroom videos
- Mental Health sessions made available to help staff "choose joy" (breathing, snowman craft, making perogies)
- Retirement function for Miriam Hick
- EA's attended session on Autism Spectrum
- Hats off for Mental Health staff decorated elf hats and wore for final week of school. Staff performance recorded and posted to school YouTube page.

-Welcome to: Mila Rakos who will be replacing Ms. Hick as grade 4 teacher

Nicole Dorie who will be replacing Ms. Hebert in her assorted roles

Shona White who will be providing Learning Disruption Education as per grant received

-Blessings and prayers for: Miriam Hick in her retirement

Stephanie Hebert on her maternity leave

-Learning Disruption Grant Ms. White will be at our school for the next few months working in small groups with Grade 2 and 3 English/French students. Focus in small groups will be in English on Phonics and Phenomes. Will also provide Universal Support with teachers to whole class in French Grades 2 and 3 for an hour each week.

-E-Tutoring Hub Alberta Education has placed this resource online as additional support designed for students in Grades 4-9. Supports available in English and French and available on LearnAlberta website.

-Train of Hope Thanks for council for arranging annual holiday food collection and thanks for the many donations. School was able to support 5 families this year (each received 4 boxes of food). Staff donated \$20 on Jeans Day and this collected enough to provide each of the 5 supported families with a \$100 gift card to purchase gifts. One family received \$150 as they have more children, and thus more gifts needed. The idea to collect family games and books this year was well received and would like to continue in future.

-Mitten Tree Also great success this year.

**9:26** Trustee Report:

-Review daily Covid symptom checklist for students and staff

-Division recently hosted Paul Davis online presentation, "The Internet Never Forgets" provided by Smiles for Lindsey Foundation to champion mental health. This presentation may be available again in person in Red Deer in Fall. Intended for Grade 7 and up. Paul Davis has written book \$12 for Grades 3-6 regarding online activity and safety. Presentation is designed for students, parents also welcome to attend. Several council members who viewed presentation highly recommend it.

**9:36** Treasurer Report will be emailed by end of week

**9:37** Hot Lunch/Milk Milk program not started yet. Hoping to offer more than 1 Hot Lunch each month as year progresses. More volunteers needed on day of Hot Lunch to help check food orders and hand out. Several council members will follow up with coordinator Stephanie to assist as needed. Council currently supports 5 children for Hot Lunch once each month. If multiple Hot Lunch's provided each month, then the \$ fund for these families is expected to run out. Discussion on possible solutions ensued. Plan is to continue to offer option for those wishing to donate extra \$ when placing their Hot Lunch order. Plan is also to slightly raise Hot Lunch meal prices.

**9:54** Fundraising selling Nexsource Centre pass booklets raised around \$1650. Seemed to be well received with quick turnaround for orders. Noted that not all school families could participate in this fundraiser as Nexsource Centre operates under the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP).

-? plan for DFS Spring fundraiser. Discussion of possibly using local greenhouses for bulbs/seeds/etc. Several council members will follow up to see if profits from local suppliers are equivalent to what we receive from DFS.

-Discussion on Bottle Drive as potential fundraiser. Will discuss further at next meeting

**10:05** Grade 4 Hoodie Fundraiser update. Expect to need hoodies for 90 students. Several council members have investigated possible suppliers. Current cost per hoodie is projected to be \$30-35. Planning ongoing.

**10:09** Alberta School Council Engagement Fund of \$500 to be awarded to eligible school council in province. Examples given of specific school council and/or parent engagement activities that funds can/cannot be used for. Call for suggestions from council members of possible uses for this fund.

-Members expressed desire to attend training workshops to build capacity for school council and recruit new members. Desire for school council fundraising education sessions. Desire for education on ways to engage parents with council and school. Chair Megan will send email info on several potential training sessions.

**10:18** Covid-19 Administrative Procedure. Division has put out draft and is looking for feedback on document. Does it seem functional? Question raised if staff happy with document. General feedback from staff satisfaction survey indicates that yes staff is happy with document.

**10:26** Closing Prayer

**10:27** Meeting Adjourned. Next School Council meeting scheduled for February 8, 2022 at 09:00am