

École Our Lady of the Rosary School

School Council Meeting

February 8, 2022

Attendance: Quorum achieved

Staff: Rob Coumont, Tamara Neiley

Parents: Megan, Nanci Lyn, Christie, Matilda, Darcy, James

Trustee: Dorraine Lonsdale

9:03 call to order, land acknowledgement, opening prayer

9:04 motion to approve minutes from last meeting, carried, passed

9:05 Principal Report: latest Covid update

-Division exploring possibility of mixing cohorts if operationally required due to staff illness/shortage. Cohorts would still be socially distant (possibly held in Learning Commons or other large space), and classes would not exceed 25 students.

-Presenters and speakers will now be able to attend school. All safety policies may remain in place.

-Local field trips may resume (Sylvan Lake and Red Deer). Currently no field trips planned to Discovery Center in Red Deer.

-Swimming lessons may take place (set to run March 8-24 Tues/Thurs). Grade 4's will have 1 hour sessions and will rotate positions in 9am-2pm timeslot. Still looking into whether Gulls Foundation will be able to provide funding for the program. General comment that swim instructors have noted many children have backtracked in swimming skills during pandemic. Something for parents to consider when they are indicating which level their child should be in.

-In person meetings may resume (still need to provide evidence of vaccine or negative rapid test as per guidelines)

Last PD: First Nation presentation. Know/Understand/Respond (KUR) > Math presentation. EA's had KUR session on working with students with Down's Syndrome. Data afternoon (staff given time for data entry > updating Edsby and IEP's)

Upcoming school improvements:

-First Nations/Inuit/Metis mural will be created on wall above chapel. Grade 4's championed this project. Artist is planning on using 7 Sacred Teachings to create animal and nature theme mural. Will likely feature and Eagle (Love), Lake, Rosary, "Faith". Hopefully completed by end of school year.

-Plan to repurpose Boys/Girls changerooms (currently used only for storage) into Classroom and Breakout Room. Hopefully most work completed over summer break and completed by end of calendar year.

Lent season upcoming. Volunteers are needed for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast (March 1). Multiple volunteers from council put name in, and will be contacted outside of this meeting to make solid arrangements. Volunteers will cook pancakes and teachers will deliver to their own classroom.

Assurance Survey (sent to Grade 4 parents and Staff), sent via email. Will gauge how faith and learning is promoted within school.

9:23 Trustee Report see attached

-update K-6 curriculum

-covid update

-boundary process changes (new middle school Red Deer)

9:24 Treasurer Update – Hot Lunch Balance \$2,113. General Account Balance \$23,942.

Request to have more in-depth Budget review soon and discuss possible fundraising ideas for next year.

9:28 Hot Lunch Update – will increase price of Hot Lunch by 15% (approximately \$0.75 minus GST).

Will start doing “treat days”, families can order Valentine’s Day treats this month.

-Input from division nutritionist on need for healthy treats. Will offer healthy smoothie for St. Patrick’s Day. Will look at offering ‘milk and cookie day’ in future.

-Two hot lunches scheduled this month. Will look into offering meal from same provider on Wed + Fri (4x each month).

-Suggest that each class be assigned to a day and time to enlist more parent volunteers. This suggestion generally well received by council as good idea to get parent volunteers involved in school activities and hot lunch program as well as possibility to recruit more council members.

9:37 Fundraising Update – Are we doing DFS fundraiser this spring? Discussion ensued on whether to support local greenhouse but will not make as much money for school. Council decided to host Bottle Drive this Spring, assorted volunteers have formed sub-committee and will follow up outside of this meeting. Council may host another fundraiser in June (Gulls game tickets, Go Cart passes, Mini-Golf)

9:49 Grade 4 Hoodies – Showdown Merchandise local company in town can produce for under \$30 per hoodie with sponsorship. Plan to have local business sponsor the hoodie and have business Logo printed on back. Hope to have some business ongoing for several years to provide continuity for future grades. Need to draft letter to send out to select businesses. Discussion ensued, subcommittee will follow up.

10:00 Chair Item – Alberta School Council engagement grant of \$500 available to all school councils in province for training. Must be used this year. Suggest that it be used for training on Tools for Effective School Council Culture. \$700 for all 3 courses/workshops, so would have to utilize some funds from budget earmarked for council training. Other suggestion to pool \$ with another school for Jody Carrington presentation. Discussion ensued, decision to move forward with Tools for Effective School Council Culture.

10:09 Next Meeting - Plan for Budget update review meeting February 17, 2022 at 9:00am, can be held in person in school. Will arrange for members to attend virtually if required. Next school council meeting March 15, 2022 at 9:00am, in person.

10:16 – closing prayer, meeting adjourned.