

École Our Lady of the Rosary School

School Council Meeting

March 15, 2022

In Attendance: Quorum achieved

Staff: Rob Coumont

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

Trustee: Dorrairie Lonsdale

9:05 Meeting called to order

9:05 Land acknowledgement and opening prayer

9:06 Motion made for minutes from previous meetings (February 8) to be approved. Motion carried.

9:06 Principal Report

COVID-19 restrictions mostly lifted (masking, cohorts no longer required). Masks are supported for individuals who wish to use. Large gatherings and assemblies may occur. April awards will be in person. First assembly scheduled for March 30. More info to come on Holy Week activities. Parent volunteers welcome in school.

Book Fair to occur in person. Parent Teacher Interviews can occur in person. Both schedule for later in March.

Jan 31 was last PD – Permeate through tradition (will start to study Saints). Will have “saint of the week” during morning announcements. Staff had time for PGP plans. Review of Assurance surveys. Data entry afternoon.

Swimming lessons currently running.

EMTS Play: Fiddler on the Roof (grade 3&4 attending) at Mother Theresa. School Council has a \$300 budget for bussing to this event, though actual cost projected to be lower. Will update later once final number is in.

New reporting system to replace EDSBY with be Schology. Has Google integration so may be more user friendly. Will have implementation for Grade 1-12 for 2023-2024 year. More info to come.

Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled for March 23+24. Parent survey feedback that 54% would like in person interview, 16% online, 32% hybrid. Based on this feedback will have March 23 all in person. March 24 in person for 1 hour, then 2 hours worth of time slots available for online interviews.

Council will not be receiving funds from Gulls Foundation to cover costs of swimming lessons as their focus is more geared toward mental health programs. Will keep this in mind when applying for grants next year.

9:20 Trustee Report

St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Red Deer is selling perogies on Saturday March 19 as a fundraiser to send monetary aid to Ukraine. Can purchase 5 dozen for \$80. More info on website.

9:24 Treasurer Report

Balance being updated every time there is an expense

9:24 Hot Lunch/Milk Report

With recent increase in Hot Lunch fees, and increased number of Hot Lunch each month we will now raise approximately \$3000 each year. These funds can be transferred from Hot Lunch fund into General fund at end of year.

April 6 – Taco Time, April 14 – Burger King breakfast sandwich, April 29 – Pizza Hut. Only having 3 Hot Lunch in April due to 1 week off school. Should be able to get remaining Hot Lunch offerings up on website shortly.

9:26 Fundraising

Bottle Drive scheduled for April 10,11,12. Will send another email reminder that parents can drop off at school (2-4pm) or have home pick up.

Plan to do another fundraiser in early June. Some ideas include Go-Cart passes, Nexsource Center passes, Gulls game tickets. More on this later.

9:27 Grade 4 Hoodies

\$2250 total raised from 7 business sponsors within community. School Council also has budget of \$1000 to go toward project. Subcommittee will go ahead with placing order. Back of hoodie will be printed with business logos. Front will have design and name of school. Will seek input from Grade 4's.

9:30 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Workshops

First session today March 15, next workshop March 23. Contact School Council Chair to sign up for future workshops.

9:38 New Business

Family Dance proposed for Friday May 13. Several council members volunteered for planning and implementing. More details at next meeting.

General discussion on implementing School Council Fee of \$10. This would be used as fundraiser to cover field trip costs. Proposed to be implemented for Fall 2022 at same time annual School Agenda Fee \$7.50 due. School has approximately 390 students this year and numbers for next year are projected to be down by about 40 students.

9:40 Motion to initiate proposal for implementation of annual School Council Fee of \$10

All in Favour, carried, passed. School Principal will submit proposal to School Board. Board will need to approve before fee can be implemented.

9:51 Closing Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Next School Council meeting set for Thursday April 28, 2022