

Ecole St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting

October 1, 2020

Google Meet

Mission Statement: To support and enhance student learning in our school community.

1. Approval of Agenda: Accepted
2. Approval of minutes from January meeting (January 21 – on web site)
Motion to accept: Mike Pivot
Seconded: Anthony Rodzinyak,
All in favor
3. Business Arising:
 - a. School Council monies: \$ 7200.00
School need laminator \$2000-\$3000.00 plus roll use instructional supplies for additional rolls get pricing for council
Motion by Rena Walker: Council use 3000.00 max for a laminator
Seconded by Erika Yee,
All in favor
Motion by Rena Walker: 17 classrooms receive \$150.00 for student engagement like Health and wellness. (not to be used on essential products, i.e., PPE)
Seconded by Trisha Perverseff,
All in Favor
(\$2550 to be distributed between 17 classrooms.)
 - b. Hot lunches: Due to COVID School Division does not want to support it right now.
4. New Business:
Sacrament gift: Last years gift deferred
Kiera can reach out to the Parrish they would have a list
Deliver to St Francis, and mail out.

Motion: make every attempt to get last years gifts out to the students.

Seconded by Rena walker

All in favor

5. Principal's Report

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1. Staffing:

- 20 Teaching Staff (equates to 19 FTE – a reduction of 0.25 from last year as we were not able to retain the ELL grades 4-6: Jorin Gaudet), K-6 (this includes the principal and associate principal); our kindergarten teachers have been chosen to offer the 'At-home learning' to all kindergarten students in the Division.
- 23 Support Staff: 8 EAs 1-6; 5 EAs in the EL program (including kindergarten); 2 EL program leaders; 3 office staff – 1 administrative assistant and 2 administrative supports; 0.5 library clerk; First Nations, Metis & Inuit (FNMI) worker – is at OLA full days, Thursdays; FSLC (counselor) – Daphne Kramer (is also shared with St. Joe's, Coaldale); 2 caretakers.
- New this year:
 - Brigitte Paquette-Smith – 2/3 French Immersion
 - Cayla Nelson – grade 4 English (returning from a maternity leave)
- We will be welcoming a number of students from the University of Lethbridge who are completing various practices on their journey to becoming teachers (Ed. 2500, PS I, PS II, PS III).
- Family First Facilitator (FFF) – The position was only until the end of September. Unfortunately, we were not able to fill the temporary position, but are looking at other sources.

2. Students:

- Enrollment: grades 1-6 = 313 (190 FI, 123 English); Kindergarten = 38 (36 FI, 2 English); Early Learning = 19 (13 FI, 6 English). Grand total of all students, including Early Learning Program = 370. Our grades 1-6 is up 1 from last year, while our Early Learning (including kindergarten) is down by 31...
- We also have 31 students enrolled in the At Home learning (AHL): K-4, gr.1 – 7, gr. 2 – 3, gr. 3 – 7, gr. 4 – 5, gr. 5 – 2, gr. 6 - 4

3. Leader in Me: Ecole Saint Mary is no longer recognized as a *Leader in Me* school. However, we are still encouraging our students and staff to adhere to the guiding principles: we all need to seek out our personal victory, and then ensure we extend this to the public, all the while being cognisant of the need to take care of ourselves.

4. ESM Samaritan Star. Kiera, Ashley and I were able to visit all the grade 1-6 classes to speak about being a Samaritan Star and/or leadership.

5. **Fundraising:** The school will not be participating in a school-wide fundraiser this year... During the last school council meeting (January) there was an opportunity to discuss new opportunities for fundraisers. We may wish to look at this at future meetings, contingent upon the guise of school.
6. **Purchases from last year:** Special thanks to School Council for all they have done!
7. **DREC / Faith Plan:** Mme Bouchard to present
8. **CIP – Continuous Improvement Plan –** Our school is in the process of developing its plan. The plan must reflect the Division’s priorities:
 1. *Staff and students will grow in their faith and experience the richness of Catholic education.*
 2. *High quality instruction rooted in sound research and effective assessment practices to support growth for all learners*
 3. *FNMI education for all. (This is a competency in all the Quality Standards and AB Education’s priorities/outcomes)*
 4. *Foster a culture of wellness that is foundational to support learning. (This is very relevant given our current COVID reality)*
9. **Breakfast Program:** Information went out last Friday in regards to how we are going to run this year’s program. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather in a central area, but all students will be welcome to participate as they enter their zone door.
10. **Mindful Munchies:** We have been able to continue our partnership that allows pre-made sandwiches as well as a variety of additional snacks to be delivered to the school twice a week.
11. **Other:**

-Roisin brought up Leader in Me and asked if we wanted a presentation to School Council. Dan to investigate and get back to Council for their input.

-Shout out to support staff. They asked how can they support them?

-Could Remind be turned back on? Yes.

6. Samaritan Stars

Dan: Thank you to the executive for all you do in stepping up.

7. Closing Prayer – Mike lead council in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.