

Ecole St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2021
Google Meet

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

Attendance: Fee McLean, Dan Monaghan, Heather Wirzba, Kiera Bouchard, Anthony Rodzinyak, Nya Akorkawg, Erika Yee, Mike Pirot, Rena Walker, Keith Mc Donald, Roisin Gibb, Wendy Hurley, Laurie Catonio

Called to order 7:05 p.m.

Short meeting tonight we have a presentation at 7:45 p.m. with Anthea Boras.

Opening Prayer: Mike Pirot

1. Approval of Agenda: **All approved**
2. Approval of minutes from November 2020 meeting. These can be accessed via the ESM website: https://esm.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/school_council You will have to go the second page to find the minutes from our meeting.
Motion: Anthony. Seconded by: Fee, All approved
3. Business Arising:
 - a. Gift cards to teachers> Great response very thankful
 - b. Fundraising options:
 - Bens Beef Jerky (225g)
 - \$15 to \$22 purchase price, \$7 selling price
 - Two weeks blitz
 - All cash online
 - Need a purpose to fundraise (grade six graduating class)
 - c. Bobcat Clothing Due to conflict within Holy spirit school division the Black Rock Clothing company can no longer provide to ESM.
Sarah in administration knows a company.
Dan to check out different companies.
Table discussion until next meeting until we have more information.
All in favor

4. New Business: Grade six leaving classes.

Lost out on all the activities this year due to COVID.

- Would like something done for them in some type of recognition.
- Understand those getting conformation gifts but you have some students that are not Catholic and have been in the school since pre-k.
- It would be nice to see all student be recognized.
- Look into last years fundraising.
- Get grade six parents involved.
- Teachers to message parents to participate in the year end event.
- Last year grade six received Hoodies.
- Check with Kristen Shade on any recognition for FMNI students.

Suggestions: Council or grade six parent s plan something.

**Motion: by Wendy: to create a planning committee, Second by Fee
All in Favor**

Committee members: Wendy, Nya, and Mike

**Table Grade six gift and activity until next meeting
All in favor**

5. Trustee Report (Keith McDonald)

- More parents to run in school Trustee in the fall.
- Post information school newsletter and Facebook
- No new information

6. Principal's Report (has been forwarded to all members).

7. Samaritan Stars:

- rainbow day,
- Teachers for smooth transition for online in being of the month for the week.
- Trisha Perverseff

Closing Prayer

Adjourned: 7:41 p.m.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021.

School Report is attached.

**School Report – School Council Meeting
January 19, 2021**

1. Staffing:

- FFF – Kristine Savage (was mentioned at last meeting)
- Administrative Support – Tara Erdos
- Temporary Head Caretaker – Ewa Pilat

2. Students:

- Registration – on-line - for the kindergarten and pre-K, as well as re-registrations begins on February 1. Registration will be open to the public (those that are not currently within our Division) on February 22, 2021.

3. Report Cards and Interviews

- Report Cards – Jan. 28
- Parent Teacher Meetings – Feb. 10 & 11

4. DREC Update – Mme Bouchard

5. Accountability Survey

- Usually at this time we are sharing with our community that they will have the opportunity to ‘weigh in’ on how the school is doing. When Central Office personnel inquired as to when the survey might be available, they were given the following reply: “The group responsible for the accountability pillar survey is still in approval process as they make adjustments that will be reflective of the new assurance model. We haven’t had any firm date issued but will communicate that to the field as soon as the survey is finalized and the roll-out is ready to go.”

6. Upcoming PD Day

- January 29, 2021 – Health and Wellness

7. Change in date for Spiritual Development Day

- Has been changed from Tuesday, March 16 to Monday, March 22

8. Thank you to School Council for your support

- The purchase of the laminator and extra rolls was greatly appreciated.
- Staff was also very grateful to receive their gift card and note (special thanks to Trisha Perverseff).

9. Other: Message from Senior Administration

“After our Regional GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) meeting before Christmas, we felt that another starting point to advocate for Catholic education would be with and through our School Councils.”

Action – We have been asked to investigate ways in which Council can be more actively engaged with Grace. Two suggestions have been to watch a presentation once a month on each of the 5 marks via a PowerPoint presentation developed by GrACE (attached to the agenda) and share with Council a pamphlet developed locally by our Religious Education department (also attached to the agenda)

Recognizing that we only have 2 meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year will not allow us to examine one mark per month... Suggestions?