

Ecole St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting
March 23rd, 2021
Google Meet

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

Attendance: Fee McLean, Dan Monaghan, Kiera Bouchard, Wendy Hurley, Roisin Gibb, Keith McDonald, Rena Walker

Regrets: Mike Pirot, Anthony Rodzinyak, Erika Yee, Laurie Catonio

Opening Prayer: Kiera Bouchard

1. Approval of Agenda: All in Favour

- Treasure report added to agenda.

2. Approval of minutes from the January 2021 meeting. These can be accessed via the ESM website:

https://esm.holyspirit.ab.ca/school/school_council You will have to go to the second page to find the minutes from our meeting.

All in favour

3. Business Arising:

a. School clothing:

Options: Fully Promoted and Public Image company

- Public Image is a good company.
- Items: Slides (Sandals) popular items among teens, Water bottles, beanies, Hoodies
- Can run grade six gifts and school clothing together.
- If the school takes this on not a fundraiser, use cash online or order through the company

b. Grade six year-end activities:

- Only use some funds from last year's fundraising.
- Have a three-day activity with grade 5.
- Hoodies did great last year.
- Running out of time need to figure out a fundraiser, a decision needs to be made before Easter break.
- Bottle drive was a great success. Can we just reactive that as the fundraiser?
- Beef Jerky sales do a blitz after Easter.
- It has been decided that the grade six will do a bottle drive for the grade six activities and future endeavours. Wendy will contact Anthony and get information on how everything works.
- An email will get sent out to grade six parents and a posting on ESM social media platforms.

Playground resurfacing was brought up don't like the wood chips. The cost to resurface is \$300,000.00, not on the top of the list.

4. Principal's Report (has been forwarded to all members). Is also included at the bottom of these minutes.

5. Samaritan Stars:

- Parent Council for turkey dinner, helping with CCHS Secret Santa, being actively involved in the community.
- ESM grade six for the cards to Health care

6. Closing Prayer: Kiera Bouchard

Adjourned: 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting May 18th, 2021.

**School Report – School Council Meeting
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1. Board Report – Keith

2. Staffing:

- We have three PS II students assigned to our school – Jami Daniels (working with Breanne Stevenson), Aquinna Brokenshire (working with Heidee Meszaros), and Amy Brazzale (paired with Katie Rosen).

3. Students:

- Re-registration and new registrations have begun for next year.
- This process is incredibly important as the numbers we project directly impact our teaching staff (programs).
- Promotional Video – can access via our homepage and this has also been shared on Facebook.

4. Transportation:

- As long as health measures allow for it, our Division is confident that we will be able to reinstate our previous busing services for those students residing within the 1.2 - 2.4 km from their designated schools.

5. DREC Update – Mme Bouchard

- Year of St. Joseph (Novena)
- Spiritual Development Day (was March 22)
- Student Retreat (Friday, March 26)
- Final Week before Easter, the grade 5s will be presenting the Stations of the Cross (as an alternate to the Passion Play).

6. Volunteer Appreciation – thank you to School Council...

7. GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) - At our last meeting, we were asked to investigate ways in which Council could be more actively engaged with GrACE. Two suggestions were to watch a presentation once a month on each of the 5 marks via a PowerPoint presentation developed by GrACE (link was given at the last meeting, and the realization was that there were not enough scheduled meetings to meet this suggestion) and share with Council a pamphlet developed locally by our Religious Education department (also given at the last meeting).

For those who would like to investigate further, additional information can be found on the Holy Spirit's website: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/faith/grace>

8. Other: