

Ecole St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting
May 18th, 2021
Google Meet

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

Fee and Rena send their regrets - unable to attend

Roisin Gibb taking minutes in Fee's absence.

Prayer - Hail Mary

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance

Anthony R, Dan Monaghan (Principal), Erika Y, Heather W, Keith McDonald (trustee), Kiera Bouchard (Associate Principal), Mike P (co-chair), Laurie C, M Moffit, Trisha P, Wendy H (treasurer), Roisin G

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of minutes from March 2021 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. - Approved Erika, 2nd Anthony - All passed

3. Business Arising:

- a. School clothing - Dan reviewed the clothing options, school clothing store, discussion re options... Patti Pilsner released previous design - Thank you. Dan will see what company will be able to get up and running by year end. Admin will make decisions to commence asap. Council in agreement and supports admin decisions.
- b. Grade 6 year end activities - postponed until after official school board meeting. Grade 6 parents stayed after meeting to discuss.

4. New Business:

- a. Announcement from Roisin - will be running for Holy Spirit School Board Trustee. Discussion re: role of trustee and encouragement for others to run in fall election

5. Treasurer's Report: see attached report \$2519.00 (available funds) ACCEPTED

- a. MOTION re: classroom money allocated to individual classrooms in Sept 2020. Motion by Wendy- If classroom funds are not used by May 31st they will not be

forfeited and returned to council. 2nd by Roisin - ALL PASSED (Dan to inform staff of this decision)

6. Principal's Report - see attached

Keith - Trustee division report. Bussing and school time changes

See attached Principal Report - school calendar reviewed, tentative

Bussing update

Gifts as previously stated, for staff that have exceeded 10 years, picture and prayer. Dan will investigate to find out where these are. Erika and/or Anthony will be present to present a card/gift on behalf of council.

Discussion of start times with ELP

Discussion re: e-learning

Fundraising info

Kiera - update Associate Report - liturgy and faith update: Year 2 of the faith theme update, Gospel time, Marian Mass date to be postponed and grade 5 mass in slow motion still proceeding with Fr. Kevin, sacrament gifts Kiera has list from parishes. GRACE - Advocates for catholic public education, Catholic Education link - see report. Parish support - limited numbers and resources available, collections down, think about what we can individually do to help. ESM final mass June 22/21 - more info to follow. MARCH 22, 2022 - Shrove Tuesday - early planning for next year - to be revisited at first council meeting in Sept.

Link to new curriculum - be active as a parent group, parts are good and some are not.

End of year - talent show, national indigenous day, age appropriate activity - more info to follow depending on restrictions.

Last day of school Friday June 25 - 12:30pm

Report ACCEPTED by all

7. Samaritan Stars

Mike - Dan with clothing Thank You

Kiera - Parents and school council - thanks for home learning and commending for working and supporting school and learning

Kiera - Students - for all their home learning - thank you

Laurie - all the staff at the school - much appreciation for all that you have done this year, communication, etc.

ERIKA - crosswalk monitors - perhaps a question for next year, flag people to help people cross the street. Revisit for next year - Laurie will talk with Dan about previous info. 4way stop influenced the previous decision. Should be investigated in Sept 2022

8. Closing Prayer - Keira

This was the last scheduled meeting for the school year.

Next council meeting to follow Sept 2021

Grade 6 parents remained for class fundraising info

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED REPORTS - TREASURER, PRINCIPAL REPORT, DREC REPORT

Ecole St Mary School Council Financial Report as of May 18 2021

Bank Reconciliation

<u>Bank balance according to BMO</u>	\$4,183.79
<u>Less uncleared cheques</u> will clear May 18 2021	3,000.00
<u>Add uncleared deposits</u>	1,336.00
<u>Bank Balance</u> May 18 2021	<u><u>\$2,519.79</u></u>

Income and Expense Activity

Opening Bank Balance	\$7,196.29
Add: Student Fees	\$1,336.00
Fundraising profits	\$0.00
Less:	
Class Wellness	(\$2,550.00)
Gift Certificates for teachers	(\$450.00)
Laminator	(\$3,000.00)
Bank fees	(\$12.50)
<u>Book balance = School Council available funds</u>	<u><u>\$2,519.79</u></u>

Commitments

Possible unspent class wellness funds will be returned

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School Report – School Council Meeting May 18, 2021

1. Board Report – Keith

2. Staffing:

- We have three staff who have announced that they will be retiring at the end of this school year: Lise Switzer, Tracey Evers and Rhonda Kupsch.

3. 2021 – 2022 Calendar:

- See attached (still is a draft)
- Important Dates:
 - School begins for students Wednesday, September 1, 2021
 - Christmas Break runs from December 18, 2021 – January 3, 2022. Students return on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
 - Family Day break runs from February 19 – 27, 2022. Students return on the Monday, February 28, 2022.
 - Easter Break is from Friday, April 15, 2022 – April 24, 2022. Students are scheduled to return on Monday, April 25, 2022.
 - The last day of school for staff and students is Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

4. Transportation:

- Holy Spirit Schools, along with their new carrier Southland Transportation, will be renewing the option for families living 1.2 km - 2.39 km from their designated school to ride the bus for a fee for the 2021-2022 school year. The fee schedule and registration process will be shared in the coming weeks.

5. School Start Times

- As a result of our new transportation agreement, there will be some changes in the start and end times to most schools within our Division as well as Leth. 51.
- Currently, it has been proposed that ESM will have a new start time of 8:10, with the school day ending at 3:10 p.m. (M-Th) and 12:45 p.m. on Fridays.

6. E-Learning program

- The deadline for applications was Monday, May 17, 2020

7. Health and Wellness Day

- This was very well received by staff and students – may have come at the perfect time!

8. Fundraising for Next Year

- We may have to look at some options early in the year if we are wishing to continue to offer to classes the same we did this year...

9. DREC Report – Kiera to provide

10. New Curriculum

- For more information and the Divisions perspective, see the following:
https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/resources_publications/news/whats_new/division_response_to_the_draft_k-6_curriculum

11. Activities for the end of this School Year

- We are still looking at ways to safely host our Talent Shows as well as our Sports Day.
- We are also hoping to sponsor a number of activities that classes can participate in during the week of June 14 – 18, leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is Monday, June 21.
- Last day for staff and students is Friday, June 25, 2021.

12. GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education)

- 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>

13. Other:

DREC Report for School Council May 2021

-The student Retreat was a big success. The focus was our Faith Theme, Transformed by the Journey, and the calls to action: be grateful, be gracious. The students have learned and know all about the Fruits of the Spirit. It was a great day filled with faith, love and learning!

-We had many great liturgies and religious celebrations through Lent and the Easter season. This year we added a 'Resurrection Liturgy' in April hosted by the grade 1KI class. It was very well done. We continue to share our prayer services virtually and this has been very successful.

-We are wrapping up the learning of year two of our Faith Theme: Transformed by the Journey, with the calls to action of 'be grateful' and 'be gracious.' We will now begin

reviewing the year, how the faith theme impacted our catholic identity as a school community.

-Sharing Gospel Time with both staff and students this year has been impactful as we get to learn about the gospel together, and have a shared experience of journeying together.

-Our Marian Mass had to be cancelled due to current restrictions. Our grade 5's have been working with Father Kevin and using other resources for their Mass in Slow Motion' experience.

-Sacraments: We now have a list of students that have received or will receive their sacraments this year. Yet again, some of the sacraments planned for May have been postponed due to new restrictions due to Covid.

-GrACE Summit: Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education had their summit. It is great to see the support province wide for the choice in Catholic Education.

-May 10-14th was Catholic Education Week. Holy Spirit Catholic School District created a wonderful newsletter. ESM was featured on day three. Take a look:

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20670192/File/Faith/eNewsletters/Mark-3_Catholic-Education-Week.pdf

-Parish Support (To be discussed.)

-The ESM Final Mass will be on Tuesday, June 22 @ 9:00 am. Our grade 6RE will be hosting if all goes as planned. We look forward to celebrating with all students and especially our grade 6 students who are moving on to new schools and new experiences.

-Looking to next year: School Council agreed that hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake breakfast is something you would like to do. Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022. Planning forward, is this an event that School Council will organize and host for students next year?

-Thank you for your support.