

École St. Mary School
School Council Monthly Meeting
March 16, 2022 – 6:30 pm
Google Meet

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

1. Opening Prayer - Lead by Kiera 6:33pm.
2. Welcome, Introduction and Attendance
Dan Monaghan, Gerriane Timmerman, Camille Rose, Rena Walker, Trisha Perverseff, Kiera Bouchard, Heather Wirzba, Wendy Blasetti-Hurley, Roisin Gibb, Carmen Mombourquette (joined at 7:15pm)

Sent Regrets: Brody Prete, Anthony Rodzinyak
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion Wendy, Second Trisha, All in favour
4. Approval of Minutes from January meeting - Motion Wendy, Second Camille, All in favour.
5. Board Report: Carmen Mombourquette (Moved this agenda item in between item 8 and 9)
 - a) Congratulating Kiera on her new role as principal
 - b) Curriculum K-6 discussion update.
 - c) Holy Spirit Staffing changes
 - d) Advocate for the French immersion program and the English as well.
6. Business Arising:
 - a) Heidi is arranging the next hot lunch with Boston Pizza this month. Discuss possibility of another hot lunch. Still waiting on revenue from Edo sales.
 - b) Update on bottle drive - \$280 raised so far.
 - c) Update on fridge – Kiera to make a post

- d) Update on social media blitz for increasing enrollment – We don't have all the results for registrations yet to know the full impact.

7. New Business:

- a) Discuss meeting in person for our next meeting – Meeting in person. Garage will be available if people want to bring their kids.
 - b) Teacher appreciation/retirement gifts – a meal together maybe (45 staff), possibly June 13th.
 - c) Discussion about a contingent contribution for the grade 6 class depending what has been organized by our next meeting.
 - d) Discussion about extra fundraising to tackle more items on the wish list, we will also request an updated
 - e) Rena, Wendy, and Heather to organize a beef jerky fundraiser – after Easter until first week of May.
- Motion to allocate funds for a staff appreciation meal on June 13th for up to \$800 made by Trisha, second Roisin, all in favour.

8. Treasurer's Report

9. Principal's Report

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1. Congratulations to Kiera Bouchard...

2. Process has begun for finding a new AP

3. Alberta Education Assurance Survey

- Grade 4 parents/guardians should have already received
- All of our grade 4 students will also be provided the opportunity to provide their feedback.
- Deadline for completion of survey has been extended until April 1, 2022

4. Education Practicum Students

- We were to welcome 2 PS II students, but this has been interrupted due to the strike...

5. New Curriculum (update)

- There has been yet another change in regards to implementation – Div. II (grades 4-6) will only introduce the new Physical Education and Wellness; Div. I (grades 1-3) will still be required to introduce the new Mathematics, English Language Arts and Literature, and Physical Education and Wellness:
<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=82087996223FB-DE64-2A33-2FD6CD7CBA1F7122>
- We have three of our staff sitting on a committee to investigate and bring back information to the rest of the staff.

6. Field Trips

- With many of the restrictions lifted, our Division is now allowing field trips, even out of the divisional boundaries. However, overnight field trips are still not permitted.

7. SFJH Production

- This year's production is "Beauty and the Beast", running from March 25 – 29.
- Our school, grades 1-6 have been invited to a Friday performance, March 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our kindergarten students will also be viewing performances on Monday, March 28.

8. Grade 6 Farewell

- A committee has begun raising funds for the grade 6 Farewell. Staff is also meeting to discuss options to make this occasion as memorable as possible.

9. Gr. 6 Basketball Program

- We have begun an after-school basketball program for any grade 6 students interested in participating. While we won't be able to play against other schools, we are hoping to instill within the students the necessary skills to make them successful at the next level.

10. Report Cards and Interviews

- The next report cards are scheduled to go out on Friday, April 1.
- We have also scheduled two nights for interviews – Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7. Currently, we are hoping to offer both in-person or virtual interviews.

- We have not yet been told what the Division may wish to use for next year's reporting of student achievement...

11. DREC Update – Kiera

12. Other

- a. Proposed calendar for next year has not been approved but points that have been approved to share are as follows:
 - i. Aug 31st, 2022 - 1st day for students.
 - ii. Christmas break starts Dec 24th – Jan 8th. Return to classes Jan 9th, 2023.
 - iii. Last day for students is June 27th, 2023.

10. Samaritan Stars

- ★ Heather awards to the Wellness challenge
- ★ Kiera awards to volunteers for the Edo lunch
- ★ Kiera awards to the fridge team
- ★ Kiera awards to grandmothers who care

11. Closing Prayer - Lead by Kiera
Meeting adjourned 8:12pm

Next meeting: May 18th, 2022