



École St. Mary School

AGM

September 28th, 2023 – 6:00pm

ESM Library

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

1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome, Introduction and Attendance

Attendance:

Kiera Bouchard, Justin Harper, Heather Wirzba, Gerriane Timmerman, Brody Prete, Wendy Hurley, Tricia Doherty, Noreen Richter, Camille Rose, Roisin Gibb, Georgia Straat, Megan Prozniak, Chantelle Motycka, Anthony Rodzinyak

3. Approval of AGM Agenda - Motion Wendy, second Roisin, All in Favor
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report – Wendy
6. School Council Elections
 - a) Chair – Heather Wirzba – Nominated by Brody, second Chantelle, acclaimed.
 - b) Vice-Chair – Brody Prete - Nominated by Noreen, second Gerriane, acclaimed.
 - c) Secretary – Gerriane Timmerman – Nominated by Wendy, second Noreen, acclaimed.
 - d) Treasurer – Wendy Hurley – Nominated by Roisin, second Chantelle, acclaimed.
7. Schedule or Monthly Meetings for the 2023/2024 school year:
 - a) October 26, 2023
 - b) November 16, 2023
 - c) December 12, 2023
 - d) January 25, 2024
 - e) March 14, 2024
 - f) May 9, 2024
 - g) June 4, 2024
8. Adjournment – 6:30pm



École St. Mary School
School Council Meeting
September 28th, 2023 – 6:30pm

ESM Library

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

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion Anthony, second Brody, All in Favor
2. Approval of Minutes from June meeting
Motion Wendy, second Gerriane, All in Favor
3. Board Report – Tricia Doherty
 - a) With the start of the school year, she has already attended a few school masses and school council meetings.
 - b) Updates from most recent meeting in September:
 - i. Build – integrating faith plan with board priorities.
 - ii. GrACE – New Ex director, Kate Mallon. Start seeing an increase in Catholic advocacy and engagement across the province.
 - iii. Have AB School Councils Association to present on roles of trustees with school councils. Help instruct trustees on what they should be doing when attending meetings.
 - iv. Meeting with Lethbridge West MLA Shannon Phillips next Friday.
 - v. Revising boards policies. Putting together a new group of policies. Affecting admin procedures and budget. Big endeavour. Started review in the spring. Following admission vision and values.
 - vi. Met with minister of education. Underfunded for number of students per schools. Seeing increase 3% of students but not funded. Our trustees will be presenting a request to either go back to Sept 30 headcount, using a 2-year weighted average among other ideas. Presenting different options. We currently have no reserves. 1.3-million-dollar deficit. Our school council's role is to act as an advocacy group, write letters to MLA's. Impression of new education minister, cautiously optimistic at his approach. We need to fill our surveys for social studies curriculum and make it a priority.
4. Treasurer's Report – Wendy



- a) We have a good start to the year. Plans for carnival fundraiser. Need to look at other ideas for fundraising to meet commitments and have room for other requests.
5. Business Arising:
 - a) September Indigenous learning evening
 - i. Invited Mrs. Shade and/or Elder Annette Bruce to inform about smudging and answering parents' questions. Submit questions to Heather or Kiera. Advertising to whole school to have more parents attend.
6. New Business:
 - a) Hot Lunches
Expectation for volunteers helping organize a hot lunch: Point person reach out to restaurant. Get menu and prices and send to office staff. School sends out information to parents through school cash. On the day, volunteers arrive, and you let them know what's required. Need to have information 10 days before closing + a week before day of delivery.
 - i. Subway – Heather, October (week of the 16)
 - ii. Edo – Roisin, November 29
 - b) Carnival
 - i. Date Set - November 23rd. Savio Baptista organizing again.

7. Principal's Report

School Report September 28th, 2023

Mission: Christ-centered learning community where students are cherished to achieve their potential.

1. Staffing

- 19 Teachers
- 18 Support Staff
- PS3 Practicum student in 3DI; more practicum students to come.
- Support staff includes Education Assistants, Librarian, First Nations Metis and Inuit Facilitator, Family First Facilitator, Office Staff, Early Learning Support Staff
- ESL support from Division Office
- New staff this year: Katie Rosen back 6RE, Kelsey Rutkowski 4/5SE
- 2 Caretakers

2. Student Enrollment

- Students total: 409
- K-6: 384
- ELP: 25
- French Immersion K-6:
- English Program K-6:



3. Class Configurations

- French Immersion: KCI, KEI, 1DI, 1/2KI, 2MI, 3PSI, 3DI, 4CI, 4/5GI, 5/6BI, 6MI
- English Program: KCE, 1RE, 2GE, 3ME, 4NE, 4/5SE, 6RE

4. After School Care Update

5. Spaces Digital Reporting

- The district is continuing with digital reporting this year through Spaces. It is about showing progress and learning, not just the product.

6. Goal Setting Evenings and Interviews

- Two evenings November 8th and 9th, 2023
- Interviews March 20th and 21st, 2024

7. CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) – We are in the process of developing ESM goals for this year. Our CIP will be aligned with our Division priorities:

- Strengthening our Catholic Faith*
- Belonging in Our Diverse Community*
- Living Truth and Reconciliation*
- Learning Through Quality Teaching*

8. Samaritan Superstars – We will continue to celebrate acts of kindness, generosity, leadership, and being a good neighbor.

9. Fundraising

- Grade 6 Camp-Parent Meeting will occur in October.
- Henderson Field Trip in June
- Turkey Dinner (date set for December 18)

10. Nutrition

- Breakfast Program
- Mindful Munchies

11. Volunteers – We are welcoming volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you would like to volunteer.

12. DREC/Faith Plan – Justin Harper to present.

- Build! Pilgrims of hope, year 2
- Explanation imagery of symbol
- Building community, faith, communities
- Offers lots of opportunities.



- Faith infused curriculum.
- Looking outward
- Corporal works of mercy
- Catholic social teachings
- Synodal focus on participation.
- Year 3 will be Proclaim!

13. Purchases - Thank you to the School Council for purchases last year. Thanks for supporting the students and the school.

14. Ideas and things to come: We are open to ideas and feedback.

- I-swap: Indigenous - student wellness access guide, community connections November meeting invite.
- T-shirts – should we buy again this year? Find out pricing on shirts.

8. Samaritan Stars

- a) Roisin to Heather for all the work she has put into her position and stepping up once again.
- b) Noreen to Executive members for stepping up again.
- c) Kiera to all members who are attending school council meetings.
- d) Brody to ESM family and group for participating in the sports programs.
- e) Justin to Brody and all the coaches from the cougars for developing such a great coach training program.
- f) Roisin to Justin for coaching volleyball.

9. Closing Prayer – Lead by Justin
Meeting adjourned 7:38pm

Next meeting October 26, 2023