



École St. Mary School
Regular Meeting
January 25th, 2024 – 6:04pm
ESM Library

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

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgment
2. Attendance:
Kiera Bouchard, Justin Harper, Heather Wirzba, Gerriane Timmerman, Brody Prete,
Chantelle Motycka, Andrea Koester, Wendy Hurley, Roisin Gibb, Tricia Doherty

Sent Regrets: Malorie Enns
3. Approval of Agenda - Motion Wendy, second Gerriane, All in Favor
4. Approval of Minutes from November meeting – Motion Brody, second Chantelle, All in Favor
5. Treasurer’s Report – Wendy
 - a) We made \$1500 less on this carnival than last year.
 - b) Top earner was the silent auction but we did better last year as well.
 - c) We have earned enough funds to meet all our commitments and have room for a few more.
6. Business Arising:
 - a) Hot Lunches –
 - a. Upcoming Feb. Hot Dog Lunch for grade 6 camp
 - b. What other hot lunches can we plan? (Great prices from Joe’s Pizza Stone, Booster Juice for Friday snack, etc.). Chantelle setting up a school lunch with Joey’s for March 20. Brody organizing Joe’s Pizza Stone for April 25.
7. New Business:
 - a) Opportunity to support CCH’s Wizard of Oz musical.
 - i. Motion by Roisin, second by Wendy to support both CCH and St. Francis’ school Musicals with business card sized ads, approximately \$50 each for a total of \$100. All in Favor.



- b) Staff appreciation
 - i. Discussion to maybe set aside \$300 for staff to use.

Motion by Wendy, second by Gerriane to set aside up to \$300 for staff appreciation.

- c) School wish list.
 - i. Risers for music room (some funds from Kidoodle)
 - ii. Basketball Backboards (some funds from LCBC)
 - iii. Ambo/Podium/Lectern (stand for celebrations)
 - iv. Classroom Kits (alternative seating, bands, fidgets)
 - v. ESM School Sign
 - vi. Turkey Dinner – Done!
 - vii. Henderson (Supplement) – Done!
 - viii. More Chrome Books
 - ix. Bleachers

Motion by Brody, second Roisin to contribute up to \$500 for a lectern.

- d) Discuss Field Trip Donations for grade 5 and 6 field trips.
 - i. Grade 5 not doing ski trip. Move \$500 from their \$1500 budgeted to the Grade 6 camp.

Motion by Brody, second Andrea to amend the amounts allocated to give Grade 6 \$2000 and Grade 5 \$1000.

- e) Shrove Tuesday
 - i. Looking for a way to make 400-800 pancakes. Kiera checked into options from Knights of Columbus, what other schools are doing, or connections people might have to facilitate making the pancakes for the school. Brody suggested community kitchen at the food bank. Andrea will check with the CWL and she might be able to get volunteers to cook if we can get CCH.

8. Board Report – Tricia Doherty

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings

- a) Early registration open. Everyone should start registering.
- b) Hired a new Deputy superintendent, Anthea Boras. They had their first meeting. She's onboarded a lot of EA's, visited schools.
- c) Cold snap impacted a lot of schools with boiler issues, flooding, bust pipes, etc. Great appreciation to Vivian and her team for dealing with things immediately and help quickly. Still fixing happening but they're on top of it.
- d) The assurance surveys will be coming in the mail for kids in Grade 4. Less involvement skews the results.



- e) Officially starting budget deliberations. Weighted average doesn't work well for us.
- f) If there was an opportunity to grow a little, what things would you like to see addressed by the board? Wendy suggested improved bussing. Brody suggested enough teachers and support staff. Smaller class sizes. Some boards have a student to teacher ratio built into their budget. Andrea and Heather suggested Div one max 20, Div 2 max 25. It would be better if French and English classes weren't considered together. Maybe if we were doing a board policy, we should look at the divisions separately. Andrea suggested an increased funding for support staff would be very helpful. More staff in general. Funds for technology, supplementing helps but it doesn't improve the base funding.
- g) Andrea suggested adding a reminder to parents to make sure they're choosing private for school support on their property taxes.

9. Principal's Report

School Report – School Council Meeting Thursday, Jan. 25th, 2024

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

1. **School Update** ~ Christmas Ball, Celebrations, Assemblies,
2. **Staffing Update**~ Two new Education Assistants funded through Jordan's Priciple. Welcome Carey Martens and Rose Jodoin, EA Practicum student coming soon
3. **School Activities** ~Volleyball has finished, After School Skating, Basketball has begun, Leadership Club, Photography within Leadership, Science Sizzle, Go Girls, Games, Christmas Ball
4. **School Operations Update** ~ AEAM
 - a. Results will be available on the website. We scored above the province, district, and authority in all categories.
5. **Spaces** ~ Reminder to check your child's Spaces
6. **Grade 6 Camp Fundraising** ~ Hot Dog Sale February, Spring Fundraiser, Bake Sale
7. **Turkey Dinner**- Thank you for helping to fund it, thank you for volunteering
8. **Coming Up January, February:** Student Retreat Jan 31st, School Surveys, AEAM Grade 4 parents, Feb. 7th Global Play Day, Feb. 13th Celebrate Valentine's Day (Red/Pink/White Day,) Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday, Feb. 15th 100+1 day, Family Day Week Feb19-23, Chalice Fundraising begins, Feb 28th Pink Shirt Day. No Valentine's Dance this year.



9. DREC ~Faith Update

- a. Classes submitted pieces to contribute to a stained-glass piece of the nativity as a school.
- b. Staff did a great job of decorating the school.
- c. Christmas ball was a huge success.
- d. Upcoming: student retreat February 7th, staff PD Day learning about mass, etc.
- e. Working on plans for Shrove Tuesday.
- f. Working on plans to do a Lenten fundraiser.
- g. Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 14th.

10. Other

10. Samaritan Stars

- a) Malorie send in a request through Heather to award stars to our two parent/trustees who attended our meetings for all that they do for advocacy and support for parents and students.
- b) Brody awards stars to our two administrators and board members for all they contribute, especially all their time.
- c) Roisin to the coaches of basketball.
- d) Kiera awards to Heather for all her work on behalf of school council, especially with the hot dogs.

11. Closing Prayer– Lead by Justin
Meeting adjourned 7:51pm

Next event March 14, 2024