



École St. Mary School
School Council Meeting
October 17th, 2024 – 6:07pm
ESM Library

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

1. Opening Prayer
 - Land Acknowledgement
2. Call to Order
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Attendance: Kiera Bouchard (Staff), Justin Harper (Staff), Heather Wirzba, Gerriane Timmerman, Brody Prete, Malorie Enns, Andrea Koester
 - Sent Regrets - Wendy Hurley, Linda Ellefson (Trustee Liaison), Megan Prozniak
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Motion Malorie, second Andrea, All in Favor
 - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion Heather, second Gerriane, All in Favor
3. Reports
 - Division Report - Linda Ellefson (Trustee Liaison) – None
 - School Report – Kiera Bouchard (Principal)

School Report – October 17th, 2024

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

1. **School update ~ October**
2. **School Activities ~** Leadership Club, Grade 6 Volleyball, Fall Running Club has concluded, Science Sizzle. Coming soon: Book Club, After School Skating



3. **Staffing** ~ Chelsea O'Brian (.5 Grade 5 English,) Bobby Plume (FNMI Facilitator)
4. **Meet the Teacher / Goal Setting Evenings** ~ Wednesday Nov. 6th and Thursday Nov. 7th, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Information will be sent soon for bookings.
5. **School Committees** ~ Faith, Wellness, Sports and Leadership. These committees work and plan events and activities for students. (Food Drive, Wellness Challenges, Faith Day)
6. **ESM Wish List** ~ Please see Google Document
7. **Fundraising** ~ Please be aware that there will be a 2% surcharge for all transactions (on-line or otherwise). This will have to be considered when looking at profit margins. This applies to School Cash.
8. **DREC/Faith Plan**- Justin Harper to present, see Faith Report
9. **Turkey Dinner** ~ Monday, December 16th. We are working on quotes.
10. **Other** ~
 - i. Lockdown practice tomorrow. Andrea/Kiera asked if text could come out next time.
 - ii. School clothing store will be open before Christmas. Looking for a vendor with a lower price point.
 - Faith Report – Justin Harper (Vice-Principal)
 - DREC/Faith Plan**
 - Catholic Education Week October 19 - 25. ACSTA website as more info regarding prayers, events, activities.
(<https://www.acsta.ab.ca/resources/catholic-education-week>)
 - Staff invited to attend mass together on the 20th. Theme is Testify, share the reason for your hope.
 - Saint trading cards.
 - Angelus prayer will be said just before lunch
 - Thursday wear blue – Walk for catholic education, starts at 11:30am
 - Food Drive began this week and will continue until Nov 1. Tomorrow Kiera and Justin will inform students that if they collect 750lbs Kiera and Justin will dye their hair. The kids will get to choose the colour. Every



extra 25 lbs they'll get to do another colour. Kids can pray/say blessings when the bins leave.

- Nov 7th at 11am 1KI class will lead the Celebration of Peace.

- Treasurer's Report – sent in by Wendy Hurley – No changes except a deposit of student fees.

Motion to accept School Report by Andrea, Heather second, All in Favor

4. Old Business

- Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - Nomination of Vice Chair.
 - Brody Nominated Andrea and Heather to be Co-vice chairs
 - Heather and Andrea accept

Motion to accept Andrea and Heather's nominations as Vice-Chair made by Malorie, Gerriane Second, All in favour.

- Updates
 - Brody – Talked to city manager regarding the Intersection. A suggestion they will work on is increasing the size of stop sign. We can't have flashing lights because It's a residential area. This will be a further discussion in future meetings.
- Ongoing Projects
 - none

5. New Business

- Discussion of New Initiatives (School Wish List).
 - Brody asked if Kiera could submit the list in a ranked order and attach prices and contributions so we can see how to best contribute.
 - Andrea will check with Ward Bros about a donation for school sign and/or outdoor park.
 - Backboards seem to be an item that everyone is interested in contributing towards. Need more info on possible costs.
 - Fundraising items: Andrea asked if leftover school supplies could be sent to the school as a donation, Kiera said it's always welcome. Maybe a message could be sent to parents to reach out to their teachers if they'd like the supplies to stay at the school at the end of the year. Anyone can make a monetary donation at any time, you'll also receive a tax receipt. You can identify your intention or just leave it to administrations discretion. We could organize a Cuppers fundraiser just for the backboards. Some discussion of other options. Maybe they could start a fundraising committee, separate from school council.



- Planning for Upcoming Events
 - Carnival update – All the organizing is going well. A lot of great prep work done from previous events by Savio. We're changing the food to pizza pop chips, the games are all organized.

Motion by Gerriane for Council to donate up to \$100 on at least two gift baskets (\$50/basket) to put in the office, Malorie Second. All in favour. Andrea will put them together.

- Hot Lunch
 - Subway next week. Prices seem to be going up, we may need to find other options that fit in a smaller price point to make them more affordable for all families. Further discussion at later dates.
- Open Floor for New Ideas and Concerns
 - Retirement Gift – We should consider a new idea for a gift School Council would like to give to retirees. We would still like to give a gift Mr. D'Arcy George (retired after 31 years at ESM).
 - Justin suggested a painting. He will email the link and details. We could buy several at one time and add a plaque as each new person retires.

6. Guest Speaker/Presentation

- Topic and Speaker Details- Brody suggested we have Bobby Plume, our new FMNI Facilitator be invited to come to school council and present.

7. Closing Remarks

- Samaritan Stars
 - Justin awards a star to everyone who participates in school council meetings with their time and effort.
 - Kiera/Justin award a star to our new co-chairs.
- Next Meeting Date – November 5th, 2024 @ 6:00pm

8. Closing Prayer

- Lead by Justin

9. Adjournment - 7:37pm