



School Council Meeting

February 16, 2021

7:00 pm- 8:30pm

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AT 7:02 PM AND PRAYER AND TREATY 6 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To be read by all present:

“We are a party to Treaty 6 and as such we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory. We recognize the diversity of First Nations who have at one time, lived across the territory, as well as the presence of the Metis Nation.”

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Nola Antony, Karla Millar, Angela Rastovski, Dennis Dunlop, Jeanie Traverse, Jolene Korethoski, Leanne Bownes, Susan Stuckey, Jerri Filiatrault, Brittany O'Neill, Teresa Ruzycki

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Any additional items - none added.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Catholic High School

- Dennis Dunlop - Principal from CTK gave the following information:
 - Karla asked if there was any possibility if CTK would become French Immersion in the future. Dennis said that would depend on numbers. There is French Immersion at Notre Dame. However, he indicated that lots of students don't continue in French because they are already fluent in French by the time they get to high school, but they move to English so that they can learn in English and do the Diploma exams in English.
 - Jeanie asked when they plan to reach out to the Grade 9's to encourage them to come to CTK. He indicated that they would be reaching out in the next few weeks and setting up virtual open houses. They will be arranging some virtual walk-throughs as well.
 - There have been lots of updates recently too so the building is looking really good.
 - Nola asked about bussing. Dennis relayed that as long as there are ten students, there will be bussing.

- He also encouraged us to have a look at the Accountability report for CTK, and especially the accountability pillars.
- If we don't send our kids to a Catholic High School, then there will never appear to be a need for another Catholic High School.
- There is a bus that comes from Wetaskiwin right now as well because they had enough students to need one.
- Jeanie is wondering what the deadline is for registration and when for sure they would know if bussing would be provided or not. Dennis will check with the board and will let us know when the cut-off dates would be. He will pass this information on to Jordan and we can discuss this again at our next meeting.
- Nola talked to Liz again and the board met with the MLA's on January 29th and they are moving forward with a meeting with the City of Beaumont.
- Nola asked her if there was a possibility that MDY could just add High School grades on each year (ie add grade 10 next year, then add grade 11, then grade 12). This would help us show the need for a Catholic High School. Liz was going to bring this suggestion to Charlie and he will come up with some possible scenarios. This might mean taking grade 5 and 6 back to St. Andre.
- Nola also shared that the public system is also petitioning the city for another high school.
- We will keep waiting for more information and ideas on this topic.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 GrACE

- https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L-H3GcTKG_JY1jYCcrgWoO1bXVasB1tUydxg-scsMk0/edit#slide=id.p1
- In a Catholic school we share a Catholic worldview through activities and events. Create physical spaces in our schools that reflect our Catholic perspective. Make decisions rooted in Gospel teaching.
- Examples from the staff of MDY of Mark 2:
 - a) * staff and admin leading in confirmation classes through the church for students entering the sacrament of confirmation.
 - b) *organizing and gifting baskets for Chateau Vitaline to honor the elderly within our community.
 - c) the upcoming and past Lent retreat that the school does....(the Wake-a-thon)
 - d) masses
 - e) advent liturgy
 - f) stations of the cross
 - g) whole school rosary

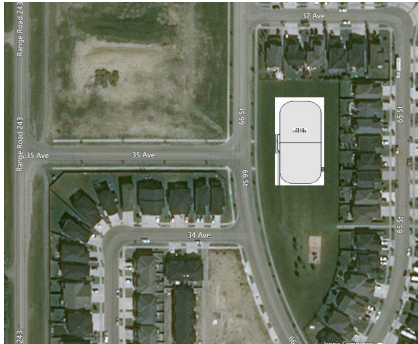
5.2 STAR Community Engagement session

- Happening Feb 25th Nola going to represent MDY. The two areas the board is seeking feedback are:
 - Domain 2: Grow & Affirm Catholic Identity
 - Domain 3: Student Growth & Achievement with a focus on mental health and well-being.

5.3 Skating Rink

- The school council chair from Ecole Champs de Valle has asked for our support in lobbying the city for a skating rink in the south west section of the city that can be used by our schools. The idea is to get a boarded rink (much like the new one at ASAA) so that it can be used for basketball, lacrosse, etc in the summer months. The ECVS school chair is proposing the rink to be placed in one of 3 places:

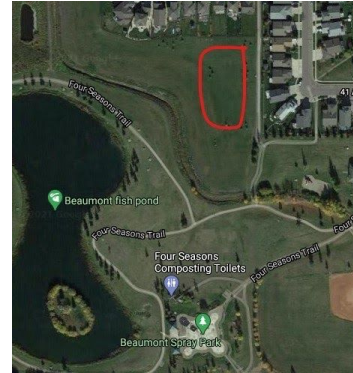
Parc Montrose



MDY Field



4 Seasons Park



- Carrie the Chair of ECVS has asked for a letter of support from us to take to the city council meeting on Feb 24th.
- Nola wanted to know our opinions. Teresa was wondering where people would park if they built it at 4 Seasons Park. Nola reports that Jordan did ask the MDY staff and they were in favour of it. The outdoor ed program would probably use it as well. Everyone agreed that it was good to support it so Nola will go ahead and write the letter of support and provide it to the Chair of ECVS. .

6.0 Admin Reports

Shrove Tuesday: Donuts from Calmar Bakery as a well to celebrate Fat Tuesday with limited contact from outside volunteers. Students enjoyed the treat!

Ash Wednesday: Live streamed mass from St. Vital. Each classroom teacher was provided with blessed ashes for sprinkling (new protocol this year).

Lent Project: Students will be collecting donations and gift cards for Lurana Shelter. The social justice committee will check in with students on what they would like to see for individual rewards (e.g. free block, free popcorn) and school wide goals (e.g. teacher participation (headshave)). In addition, with grade appropriate levels we will connect with Catholic Social Services for additional education pieces via zoom style interactions (formerly school wide presentations).

Valentine's Baskets: With such great success, over 60 baskets, this will become an MDY annual tradition.

Stations of the Cross: Split in two over zoom (15-20 mins) after lunch. Some student participation in liturgy where appropriate.

Professional Development: Staff worked through Third Path (Regulation with Students) and Parts of the Mass.

Grade 9 Farewell: Starting to collect baby photos, monitoring the situation for what the farewell will look like. Separate presentations, Outdoor Presentation, and Three Field Trips (Three Locations) all as possible ideas.

Just finished our first virtual Teacher's Convention. There were lots of great speakers and great opportunities for PD's for teachers- they have also archived the sessions for the month so teachers can continue to access those PD sessions.

Mrs. Bouchard has been almost through the grade 6 classes with the Mindup program and our SRO has been in our elementary classrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

(Next Meeting Dates: March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th)