



School Council Meeting

January 18, 2021

7:00 pm- 8:30pm

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, 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, Blackfoot, Cree, Nakoda Sioux, Dene, Saukteaux. 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: Jordan Robinson, Jennifer nordhagen, Nola Antony, Teresa Ruzycski, Susan Stuckey, Jocelyn Klarenbach, Jeanie Traverse, Jerri Filliatrault

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Noal called to order at 7:02.

Motion to approve agenda: Nola made a motion to approve.

Seconded: Teresa

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Catholic High School in Beaumont

An email was sent out to all families on Dec 17th regarding information on what is happening with the new high school. At this time the board is not looking at reconfiguration of ASAA and EMDY as there was not enough interest. The board has more meetings with city council planned.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 GrACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) report

Starting next month I will be asking MDY Staff for stories relating to each of the 5 marks of Catholic Education. So this month here is a reminder of the 5 marks:

1. Created in the Image of God

We believe that each person is created in the image of God.

We know that each person has an eternal destiny

We embrace the dignity of all

We recognize and celebrate the gifts and talents of others

We allocate resources to support and enhance the well-being and the physical, emotional, academic and spiritual development of staff and students.

2. Catholic Worldview

We share a Catholic worldview through activities and events

We create physical spaces in our schools that reflect our Catholic perspective

We foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality

We make decisions rooted in Gospel teachings

We embed sacramental routines (prayer, mass, liturgies, scripture and worship) and reminders in the culture of the school and district.

3. Faith Permeation

We incorporate a religious dimension in all learning

We advocate for a sacred perspective within a secular context

We encourage a critical evaluation of contemporary culture.

We provide opportunities for staff to develop their abilities to infuse faith into curriculum and pedagogy

We teach Catholic values by fostering a love for wisdom and truth

4. Witness

We witness to others a life lived in relationship with Jesus

We participate actively in the life of the Church

We pray personally and lead others in prayer

We demonstrate a knowledge of faith and commit to faith development

We create a vision for evangelization and ministry

5. Community

We live in community, spiritual unity and relationship

We recognize that God will be found in each other

We foster reconciliation

We develop priorities and protocols to address the needs of the marginalized

We honor parents/guardians as primary partners in education

5.2 Money from AB Government to School Councils for parent engagement

Last meeting we discussed a few options. Nola looked into some of them and has created a google form to be sent out to all EMDY families as to what they would like to see/do for a parent engagement session.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v25TCM8o08Vi6wRWgx97YoNHnYYGTQ_yXNtGtIHf7Jk/edit

Nola has contacted a group of artists that specialize in mosaic murals

- Nola talked with the artist and the cost of a mural is \$8000-\$10,000.
- Nola contacted another Metis artist regarding a beading workshop. She has some amazing ideas for a simple beaded pouch that we could make!
- Nola has contacted a local psychologist regarding a mental health workshop....the board is also doing a mental health workshop on Jan 26th on their Youtube channel. Melody said she could possibly expand off of this. She had lots of really good ideas but hasn't given me a price yet. SHE does know that our budget is approx. \$500.

- Nola has contacted the Edmonton Police Service regarding a safety Online course
- Paint night with Andrea Medcke? Or Tracey?.....Teresa to reach out to both ladies to see cost and if possible
- Family BBQ - worried about losing funding if we are unable to do this in person this year, so not sure if this is the best option

Jordan - contact someone regarding the blanket exercise and/or a residential school

WHEN: Spring

-if in person when is the gym available?

We can look at dates closer to the time. Generalize on the form for now.

5.3 Council of School Council Meeting on January 27

-meeting online for all school council chairs with the district.

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Admin Report

- Went over results from parent survey - our data represents results from only 10 parents.
- Jordan discussed the fact that “don’t know” response = negative feedback. General discussion that parents need to understand this fact, that the survey is import, and that this could lead to real change in their schools (i.e. admin gets the feedback and makes changes)
- Jordan will follow up with Sacred Heart,as they tend to get a better response rate - can not include incentives for completion
- General discussion about why social media comments are closed - could we post social media questions for parental involvement?
- Specific strategies to work on: staff sharing faith with parents should be more visible
- Things we do well: we are a safe, caring, welcoming school

8.2 Trustee Report

Below are a few board highlights:

Due to the spike in Covid cases, one of the classes in our STAR schools have moved to on line learning. Three classes in other STAR schools are on "MONITOR" status. Five out of 12 schools have received their mask/rapid tests.

The board approved the allocation of 1.4 million dollars of unrestricted surplus to offset an anticipated shortfall in the 2022 budget due to lower enrollment because of the covid-19 pandemic. This decision is subject to approval by the Minister of Education The Division will continue to seek out opportunities to advocate that school authorities be held harmless by the Government of Alberta for enrollment-based funding for another school year.

We have scheduled another meeting with the City of Beaumont Mayor and councilors to discuss the high school land issue.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 8:01pm

Seconded: Susan

Next Meetings: February 15, 2022

