



School Council Meeting

January 17, 2022

7:00 pm - 8:00pm

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER at 7:00pm

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, Saulteaux. 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

Attendance: Jordan Robinson, Nola Antony, Karla Millar, Angela Rastovski, Liz Taylor-Sirois, Susan Stuckey, Amanda Loney, Jolene Korethoski, Jocelyn Klarenbach, Kelty Antony

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

*Nola made an addition to the Agenda under New Business

Motion to accept the agenda made by: Nola

Second: Susan

Carried

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Catholic High School in Beaumont

- In the waiting process. No new news. There is a board meeting tomorrow night so will hopefully talk about it then.

4.2 Mental Health Family Night

- Arlee Bouchard is meeting with Jen Parker from St. Andre on Thursday and will come back with more details.

4.3 AB Government Engagement Grant

- 2nd Annual Family Paint Night
 - At ASAA in the double gym (Dansereau & ASAA) total gyms capacity is:_____

- Booked for Thursday May 11
- Andrea Medcke is leading with the help of Sarah Traverse and Danielle Blaise. They are currently brainstorming ideas for a collaborative family painting.
- Once idea is set we need to get on ordering products
- An hour to an hour and a half max
- Nola will order through the school rather than privately as was done in the past which will be easier

4.4 Local Priorities for the Board

The board has asked each School Council to further discuss Board Priorities as they pertain to their local region. Some ideas we came up with are:

- French - more resources for teachers and parents
- Catholic High School
- Bussing to CTK
- Bussing for special needs students (there is a new student at ASAA who is in a wheelchair and there is currently no bussing available for this student)

Nola has passed these ideas on to Liz and Charlie Bouchard as our contribution to the new board priorities that they will soon be writing up for upcoming years.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Update (GrACE)

- GrACE has existed in Alberta since 2018. It was created by the Bishops of Alberta, the Alberta Catholic School Trustees and the Council for Catholic School Superintendents. GrACE aims to unite, engage, educate and communicate with one voice on behalf of Catholic education. Each Catholic school district has been asked to form a GrACE team composed of the Superintendent, Trustee, Staff, parishioners and parents.
- These teams were formed to advocate for Catholic education against current issues of:
 - Respect for and affirmation of Catholic Schools
 - Catholic schools are constitutionally protected and have been educating children in Alberta for 160 years
 - Catholic schools are unique and distinct and share a Catholic worldview that is foundational to who we are
 - Catholic schools welcome all
 - Catholic schools educate both Catholic and non-Catholic students.
 - Amalgamation Argument
 - There has been no peer reviewed study that has indicated any money would be saved by amalgamating public and Catholic schools. Many people make the assumption that students currently in a Catholic school would switch to a Private (paid for by the family) school if Catholic Education was amalgamated. In reality the 184,000 students are not going away but instead would end up in the public system as well meaning that taxpayers would not see a difference in their contribution.
- As supporters of Catholic education, I ask you to take a look at your property taxes and see where your school contribution goes. If you didn't specify when you purchased your home it will automatically default to public

education. You can change this by emailing taxes@beaumont.ab.ca or by going into the town office in person or by calling.

You can change your declaration of support by filling out this form and emailing it to the address above:

[School Support Notice](#)

5.2 Community Consultation

- On Wednesday March 1 Star Catholic School Division will host a community consultation day during which feedback from parents will be gathered and used to shape the Board of Trustees' goals and priorities for 2023-2027.
- Asking for a parent representative from each school to join. Nola will go on behalf of MDY. Full day event from 9am-3pm at the Holiday Inn & Suites.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Student Council Report (Kelti Antony)

- Candy grams on the 14th of February. They will be sold on SchoolCashOnline. It is the ski day for grade 5 so they will receive it the next day
- At the next assembly school council will be doing a "minute to win" game
- Valentine's Day Dance on Thursday Feb 16th at 5-8pm for all grades. Still deciding on DJ

6.2 Admin Report (Jordan Robinson)

December 2022:

- Events in December finished with lots of fun for students during the last week of school- including a Christmas tree decorating contest won by 6 Paddock.
- Spirit Week was full of various events including- dress like your favorite teacher- staff dressed like Mr. Roth.
- Various Christmas parties and celebrations were going on throughout the building.

January 2023:

- Basketball-4 teams
- Gearing up for Badminton teams for elementary and junior high
- Ski club- Junior High has started- grade 5 is upcoming on Feb. 14th (bus, lift, lesson, and rentals)
- Defenders Rec switching to elementary starting on Jan. 31st
- Student consultation grade 8/9 completed with Laurie Kardynal from central office; similar to feedback school council did in November this information will go to the STAR Community Consultation Day on March 1st, 2023.

Upcoming:

- February AEA Alberta Education Assurance Surveys-
 - Students- grade 7's only
 - Parents- mailed to grade 7 parents only; they will receive a survey code to complete online
 - All Teachers

6.3 Trustee Report (Liz Taylor-Sirois)

- Board meeting is tomorrow.
- Liz really enjoyed the consultation with the students that happened last Friday. It was very engaging.

- Joint Youth Agreement - The Board Chair will be signing this this week.
- The board approved an Advocacy plan to support a Catholic High School in Beaumont and Catholic Education in general
- Father Lacombe is having their grand opening on April 21, 2023.

Next Meetings: February 28, 2023 In- Person (Feb 21st is a day in lieu so we moved it back by one week)

Adjourned at 7:30pm