



## School Council Meeting

March 21, 2022

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER at 7:01pm

#### 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: Kelti, Nola, Jocelyn, Teresa, Jordan, Angela, Jeanie. Amanda. Susan, Karla

#### 3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to accept the agenda made by: Nola

Second: Susan

Carried/Denied

#### 4.0 Old Business

##### 4.1 Catholic High School in Beaumont

- The board has made it part of its Advocacy plan to keep pushing for a high school in Beaumont

##### 4.2 AB Government Engagement Grant

- 2nd Family Paint Night
  - Booked for Thursday May 11
  - Andrea Medcke is leading with the help of Sarah Traverse and Danielle Blaise.
  - Idea: 6 8X10 canvas backgrounds painted in different styles with the letters F A M I L Y on it.
  - Due to the high cost of canvas we need to limit the number of families to 65 at the MOST (will still put us over the \$1000). Last year we had 91 attend both evenings (50 one evening and 41 the next)
  - Registration form set out on Tuesday April 18th at 3pm by both schools. Registration is open until Thursday April 27th to give us enough time to order

- Order through Dollarama (cheapest) with ordering of the **canvases, paint and brushes** we will be spending approx. \$1030 from dollarama. Things we still need are:
  - Stencils
  - Paper towel
  - Table clothes (enough for 65 tables)
  - Cups (of water to wash brushes)
  - Pencils
- Nola to call Michaels re: Canvas at a reduced price

#### 4.3 Council of School Council Meeting Update

Meeting was held on Thursday April 13th. This was the 2nd meeting of all the Division's school councils for the 2022-23 school year. Discussed was:

- Provincial Budget - there was a basic 6% increase which means \$2.32 million for STAR
  - Specialized learning supports increase by 10%
  - Nutrition grant increase by 20%
  - Classroom complexity funding - \$68/student to go toward EA's, Specialists  
(whatever the school deems necessary)
  - New curriculum funding - \$45/student/subject and \$800/teacher
  - Learning loss - no details at this time will depend upon assessments and applying
  - Operations & Maintenance - increase by 5%

In general there is an increase in money going to schools.
- Transportation- the provincial government announced recently that they are changing the transportation boundaries for schools. Currently if a student lives 2.4 km or more from the school the province funds bussing for that student, anything less than that the board sets a cost to take the bus. Under new guidelines from the provincial government students in grade K-6 living 1 km or more away from school and students grades 7-12 living 2 km or more away now qualify for provincial funded bussing. This new boundary change doesn't actually take effect until the 2024-2025 school year BUT the government has said they will fund it next year (2023-2024) if divisions apply for it.
 

PROBLEM: The province currently doesn't have the capacity to transport all the students that now fall in this new boundary. Bus Companies are already struggling with a driver shortage and there is a bus shortage as well within the province.

The STAR Board asked the COSC for advice on how to communicate this issue with families. Their goal is to get this information out in early May to all parents so that parents do not think bussing is guaranteed come September. The Board was NOT looking for a SOLUTION to this issue, only ways on how to communicate it. Lots of ideas were given - mostly saying that you had to advertise every possible way (newsletters, email, social media, videos etc) just no surveys!
- Advocacy Plan - the Board shared with us their advocacy plan for the upcoming year(s).
  - Support for publicly funded Catholic Education - suggested for us to meet with MLA candidates
  - Change to how divisions are funded - currently 50%/30%/20% which is problematic
  - Change how money is "monitored" when a school needs to use it for renewing/renovating schools
  - Beaumont high school
  - Community mental health supports

- Discussed post covid strategies to integrate parents back into the school - There was a round table discussion about events that many schools have had recently. But then it was clarified that the actual question was more about how to get parents specifically involved in School Council. There wasn't enough time to then further discuss this aspect of the question.

## 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Update (GrACE)

#### **Mark 3: Faith Permeation**

In a Catholic school we...

Incorporate a religious dimension in all learning

Advocate for a sacred perspective within a secular context

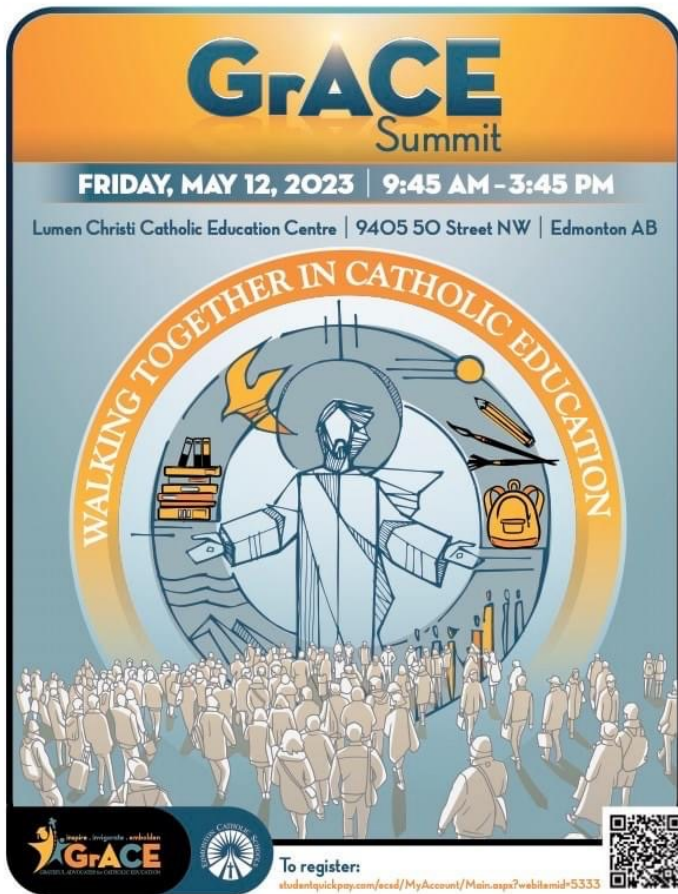
Encourage a critical evaluation of contemporary culture

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

Teach Catholic values by fostering a love for wisdom and truth

Comments that Nola got back from staff:

- We teach Catholic values by fostering a love for wisdom and truth by infusing religion and social justice within the curriculum. We also do so as staff by modelling to students that it's okay to say that you do not know something and to then take the time to inform yourself and learn the truth of the subject.
- In Ela 7 we are in the process of developing and creating our superheroes- each of our superheroes has a moral code that is supported by a verse from the bible.
- In my classes, we always start with prayer and often if it is a special feast day, we talk about that as well- including special events in the church such as Divine Mercy Sunday.
- As a school, we celebrated the last supper on Holy Thursday. There was a presentation put on by our grade 9 classes and afterward, each class had a loaf of bread from Chartier that the teacher distributed within their classes.
- Our teacher PD sessions always include learning and teaching on faith and the importance of who we are and how we share our Catholic story.



GrACE Summit - \$50 to register. Registration closes May 1. Chance to network with other advocates across the province.

### 5.2 Alberta School Council Association Conference and AGM - April 21-23

- Nola can not attend due to a gymnastics competition in Lethbridge. She did ask others if they could and no one was able to attend, so MDY will not be attending this year.

### 5.3 Staff Appreciation Lunch

- Susan would like to organize a potluck lunch for teachers in May.
- Last year we did coffee and tea with snacks but this year we would like to do a potluck lunch since COVID restrictions have lifted.
- Karla will bring and set up some decorations in the morning and Susan will set up the sign-up genius for people to sign up for set up, clean up, and food items. We set the date for May 9th.

## 6.0 REPORTS

### 6.1 Student Council Report (Kelti Antony)

- Video Game Night - Friday May 5 from 4-6pm.
  - Mario Kart - tournament
  - Mine Craft Education Addition
  - Shell Shockers
- Possible School Dance Friday June 16th 6-9:30 - debating if it should be outside or inside or both

- If outside they will do a BBQ
- Tropical themed
- Extra activities done at the dance
- Thinking about what to purchase with School Council Funds for the school - ideas to come.

## 6.2 Admin Report (Jordan Robinson)

### April

- New Parish Priest- Fr. Les Drewicki and Deacon Dan visited Apr. 18- tentatively scheduled school mass for May 9 and whole school mass at the church on June 21.
- Gr. 9 FNMI Field Trip Buffalo Crossing (through Magic Bus) Apr. 14- great trip success
- Mental Health Night April 5th- another success
- Career Day April 13th - a huge success
- New Indigenous Lead from the Central Office will be here tomorrow and meeting with Jordan and Shelley.
- PCAP (Pan Canadian Assessment Program) tests tomorrow. Science/Math 8 through the Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC)
- Parent Teacher Interviews April 19th and April 20th
- Floor Hockey Tournaments at MDY (April 21/22, Apr 28/29)

### May

- Mental Health Day- May 3
- PATs Part A dates:
  - Gr. 6 FLA Part A May 15
  - Gr. 9 ELA Part A May 15
  - Gr. 6 ELA Part A May 17
  - Gr. 9 FLA Part A May 17
- Junior High ELA/FLA Part A's (for gr. 7/8) scheduled around the same time

Jordan shared with us about a feedback activity that he has been doing with the students and we did it as well.

## 6.3 Trustee Report (Liz Taylor-Sirois)

- Liz was not present and did not send a report

**Next Meetings:** May 23, 2023 Online

Adjourned at 8:18pm