



School Council Meeting Minutes

Jan 23, 2024

7:00pm - 8:00pm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER at 7:02pm

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: Angela Rastovski, Amanda Loney, Jeanie Traverse, Tessa Boland, Karla Millar

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Karla

Seconded by: Jeanie

Carried

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Catholic High School in Beaumont

- The board will continue to advocate for a Catholic High School in Beaumont. Land has been approved for a dual high school (public and Catholic), but the government has not yet approved the build of any high school. The land also still needs to be serviced. The land is east of the new ball diamonds. Currently there is only a single gravel road leading to it. (notes from September meeting)
- Our local School Trustee will start advocacy for the school next month when the legislature re-opens. (notes from October meeting)
- Jeanie reports that she read in the Beaumont Community report that it is in the budget for this year to add services to the area where the school will eventually go

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Update

5.2 Insurance

- Representative from ASCA got back to me and shared the following information:
 - School councils are automatically covered under the school boards insurance policy but fundraising societies are not
 - They do recommend that fundraising societies hold their own insurance.
 - For the first time this year, ASCA is offering different insurance packages to fundraising societies through ASCA themselves. She emailed me a link on their website and an information sheet: [Alberta_School_Fundraising_Association_Insurance_Program.pdf](#)
 - Karla presented the information and has given this information to Nick (on the board of trustees). We will wait to hear back and see if the board will help us pay for this or not and then will go ahead with purchasing it.

5.3 Paint night with St. Andre

- We are able to get the same grant money this year that we got last year in order to host something like the paint night again. St. Andre has reached out to say they are interested in running a joint event again. Would we like to do this again? And do we want to do a paint night or something different? St. Andre is open to suggestions.
- We decided that yes, we are open to a joint night. We talked about when and decided on April. For the where: we will host it here. Some ideas we talked about were painting a plant pot and then potting a plant in it on the way outside. Karla has communicated with St. Andre and we will discuss more details in the new year.

5.4 Volunteers for Shrove Tuesday

- We have no one for cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. The date is Feb 13th. We need 5 people and some griddles. We usually do it right before lunch so we would need people to start around 8:30 to noonish. Amanda will put out an email to the volunteer list and see if she has enough people. Both Karla and Amanda have griddles that they could drop off.

6.0 REPORTS

8.1 Student Council Report

- Instead of doing candy grams for Valentines Day, they will be doing "Buy a Crush for your Crush" (can of crush soda) and these can be pre-ordered and given out on the Monday before Valentines Day (it's on Ash Wednesday).
- Will also have Pie Day and you can pay a dollar to buy the chance to throw a pie in the teacher's face. The money raised will go to a charity that they haven't chosen yet.

8.2 Admin Report

- It has been a busy return to school after a very restful Christmas Break.
- **Basketball**
 - Jr boys- first game is today in Wetaskiwin, signed up for 2 tournaments- 1 in Devon and one at West Haven. All other teams are undefeated in season play. Every team has about 15 players.

- Jr girls- didn't play
 - Sr boys finished in consolation
 - Sr girls got fourth place
- **Mass-** Father celebrated mass at the school on Thursday. It was well attended and was really nice to celebrate this with the whole school. Special thanks to Louis Kloster for music and to our grade 9 and grade 5 buddies for reading. We had many special guests from the community also attend and Irma Jean was a Eucharistic Minister for us.
 - **Elementary Badminton-** has started practices and tryouts. Most are at lunch but there are some on Wednesday mornings.
 - **Start of E-sports club-** a team of 4 will be competing against schools from Utah, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, and Colorado. They will be playing Rocket League and Super Smash Bros. On E sports day anyone can attend to try the games and watch our MDY team compete- Season starts Feb. 16
 - **LOL lunches-** lunch on leadership- grade 5 has finished, and grade 6 has been invited and they are this week on Friday. This is a way for students to provide feedback on our Education Plan. Please email Jordan for more information- shared on school messenger and social media.
 - **Ski Club is starting-** First date skiing is Thursday. No more registrations or payments can be taken at this time as Rabbit Hill has confirmed numbers for rentals.
 - **Report Cards-** next week- check powerschool for updates on student marks.
 - **Semester 2-** is Feb. 1 with a change in electives.
 - **PD Day on January 31.**
 - **Important Notes:**
 - We are requesting parent help on Shrove Tuesday and Griddles to help out with making pancakes for the school..
 - Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are the same day this year. The Archbishop has asked that we not plan celebratory events during Lent. Therefore, any Valentine's Day activities will need to be held prior to this and there will be no celebrations during Lent.
 - Next meeting we will be going over the AERR (Alberta Education Plan) and highlight specific sections related to parents and parent feedback.

8.3 Trustee Report

- Liz not in attendance so no report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm

Upcoming Meetings: Every third Tuesday of the month. All meetings this year will be held in person. Everyone who has a student at MDY is welcome to attend.

Dates: Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 2023, and Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 18, Apr. 16, May 21, June 18, 2024