



Sacred Heart School Council Minutes September 26th, 2018

Welcome & Opening Prayer: Christie Chronik welcomed everyone and began the meeting in prayer.

Attendance: Christie Chronik, John Tomkinson, Michelle Lougheed, Jessica Dewald, Lindsay Labonte, Verna Sand, Henry Effen, Tara McBride, Kathleen Newman, Lydia Kuessner

Presentation of AGM Minutes: Christie Chronik presented the AGM minutes. John made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessica - Motion Passed.

Presentation of Agenda: Christie Chronik presented the agenda. Lindsay moved to add Family Ministry to the agenda under New Business. Jessica made a motion to approve the minutes, Seconded by Michelle - Motion Passed.

New Business:

1. **Intro to the purpose of School Council** - Christie discussed highlights from the ASCA Presentation during the Meet & Greet and outlined key factors of the purpose of School Council.
2. **Principal's Report (Verna Sand):** Outline the areas that School Council can be involved and where we can provide input.
 - Verna Presented her report **See Attached Report**
 - Areas for school council to provide support include: providing monetary support for 2 new water fountains (approx. \$2500 each). There was a brief discussion around this, including engraving a plaque indicating that the water fountains were donated by School Council. Verna also asked that School Council begin to think about fundraising for a playground addition as our playground may be reaching his expiration in the next few years.



3. **School Report (Tara McBride):** Tara discussed the Roles on Natalie Bear (FMNI), Francine Lefebvre (FSLW) and herself (Inclusive Education Facilitator). She discussed the various avenues parents can take if they are looking for supports for their child.
See Attached Report
4. **Treasurer's Report (Jessica Dewald)**
 - Current balance as of September 26, 2018 is \$1689.44.
 - 2017/2018 Year-end report is completed and submitted.**See Attached Report**
5. **Fundraising Coordinator's Report (Michelle Lougheed)**
 - DFS: Reminder to parents to continue to sell their DFS Catalogues. All money and orders are due back by October 19th.
 - Spirit Wear: Parents are able to order Spirit Wear on the front page of the school website. There is a link on the left hand column. Currently we have over \$500 in sales. We have ordered samples that will be put on display in the display case outside of the office. Christie discussed selling Spirit Wear at Night of the Titans. Michelle said she will volunteer and get some parent helpers to help her.
 - Yearly Fundraising Plan: Michelle is going to be working on a yearly fundraising plan to be presented at the next meeting. There was a discussion on suggestions for fundraising which included: Little Ceasar's Pizza kits, Paint Nite, Gift Baskets (Christmas), Christmas Concert Front Row Seat, Bake Sale at PTI's, Selling Chocolates (Easter).
6. **Trustee Report (Henry Effen):** High School
 - Henry discussed where the Board was in regards to it's planning to build a high school. Currently the process remains with the long term planning committee, who plans to meet in late October. Henry discussed obstacles such as Wetaskiwin not having a growing population to support a second high school, the need for the Board to hear parent voice, as well as getting the High School onto the Board's Capital Plan. A suggestion was made for



school council to write up a letter to the Board to express parent interest and desire to encourage the long range planning committee to give it more serious thought.

- Henry expressed that right now there is a push back from the government around Catholic Education and parents need to come forward and voice their desire to have a faith-based education for their children. He suggested writing letter to their MLA. There is a group of parents, PACE, who could come and present to School Council on ways to encourage parental voice for Catholic Education. It was suggested that we could do a post-card campaign within the school in support of Catholic Education to petition our MLA.

- Henry shared Division wide stats: the division has grown this year by 4.5%.

7. Youth Minister

- John brought forward questions of discussion between school and parent council in terms of having any bridging in youth ministry.

- Verna said regular meetings are had between the school and parish.

8. Crosswalk Lights at south intersection

- John asked Henry where the Board left off in regards to conversation with the City of Wetaskiwin about the cross walk lights on the West End of the School. Henry said that there have been no further conversation about crosswalk lights.

- Verna expressed that she would like to get rid of no parking bylaw across the street as there is not enough parking for staff in the staff parking lot and there is very little street parking for parents for pick up and drop off times.



- Henry said that he will contact the city and talk to them about the cross walk lights, possible safety issues as well as a possible compromise to parking across the street from the school.

See Attached Board Highlights

9. Family Ministry

- Lindsay shared that the church is planning a family Halloween Party and asked if the school could advertise the event in agendas and at the school level. Verna replied by saying that anytime the church wants to advertise events, the school is more than willing to do that.

10. Babysitters

- Christie discussed what rate we would pay the babysitters this year. She discussed that the going rate is \$10/hour. Sometimes our meetings are an hour in length and sometimes they go longer, so she felt a set rate was not fair. She suggested creating an hourly rate and then buying the Gift Certificates after the meeting with the appropriate amount. Jessica made a motion to change the babysitter's pay to \$10/hour each. If no children are present for them to babysit, then they would still get \$10 each, but could go home early. Seconded by Michelle - Motion Passed.



Discussion: Goals and Expectations

Christie led the discussion asking - what are our goals for the year? She gave some suggestions for topics of discussion which included: funding goals, event goals, parent training sessions, Pd for parents, volunteering.

- John mentioned the importance of engagement with our children and getting more volunteers on the team and into the community. Making it more attractive to a wider group of people. He also pushed the idea of organizing a COSC across the division with other school councils for collaboration and ideas.
- Kathleen would like to see more support for kids with special needs and mental health. Verna confirmed we can invite people in to help. Christie suggested reaching out to Francine through email; Jessica suggested we invite her to a school council meeting.
- Jessica suggested a fair.
- Henry suggested calling MLA to bring up the need for mental health concerns addressed in school.
- Discussion around services available in community and lack of real provincial support outside of the big cities.
- Hosting events to bring community and families together - like a family dance.
- Bringing in speakers before school council meetings - suggestions for topics included special needs resources for students and families and exploring ways to encourage mental health in students and supports for those struggling with anxiety.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: October 24th at 6:30pm in the school library.