

École Camille J. Lerouge School

School Council Minutes

October 18, 2021

7:00pm via Google Meet

Call to Order – 7:02pm

Attendees

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| Sinead Armstrong | Cynthia Campbell | Christie Zapisocky | Kim Templar |
| Lisa Alford | Marilee Murgatroyd | Alicia M. | Christina Y. |
| Clare W. | Colleen B. | Erin H. | Kerry T. |
| Kristi O. | Maria M. | Meghan K. | Nicole M. |
| Rachelle T. | Renée F. | Tara B. | |

Opening Prayer - Renée

Introductions & Attendees

Review & Approval of the Agenda

MOTION to approve October 18, 2021 Agenda

MOVED: Alicia

SECONDED: Colleen

Review of September's meeting minutes

MOTION to approve September 13, 2021 Minutes

MOVED: Rachelle

SECONDED: Renée

Principal Report – Sinead

- Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place online this year in November via Google Meet.
- Election Day (October 18th) – results are expected later tonight in relation to the new Board of Trustees for Red Deer Catholic Schools.
- Red Deer Catholic is proceeding with a rapid testing program for employees. Several school divisions in Alberta have elected to proceed in this manner. The cost will be covered by the

school division until January. After that time, employees who have not been vaccinated will undergo rapid testing at their expense.

- New curriculum – Red Deer Catholic has asked teachers to join curriculum focus groups to examine K-6 subjects such as social studies, French language Arts, English Language Arts or Math and provide critical feedback.
- A new RCMP constable, who is French, will become involved with the school in classrooms.
- PD Day Friday – staff will be attending the pow wow at the Westerner; Council members are encouraged to attend the weekend-long event.
- The school is going to construct a tipi. Knowledge Keeper Dean will guide the school through the work and teachings of the land, cutting trees, transporting trees, stripping the bark, preparing tipi poles and build the tipi. This will be the first fully land-based project that any Red Deer Catholic school has undertaken. The school is seeking volunteers for this project.
- COVID update – the Government of Alberta created an online Dashboard containing information about schools. We are in the 2-4 cases stage. Mme. Bouchard monitors our Dashboard status daily. Although the school has been advised that support will be provided for contact tracing, there are no specifics at this time.
- There will be ongoing Indigenous learning arising from staff development sessions, professional development, and teachers reaching out to elders and knowledge keepers depending on specific learning activities.

New Business

Read-a-Thon - Kim

- As of the first day of counting the funds, the school raised approximately \$22,000. The final day for money to come in will be Thursday the 21st. Receipts will be issued once all funds are counted.
- Anticipated money needed for prizes - \$225 x 2 plus the cost of the ice cream parties and the cost of the Chapters Indigo gift cards for weekly prizes.

Call for Leads - Sinead

- Social Justice – TBD

- Giving Tree – Clare, Kristi, Renée
- Gifts for Grandparents – Kim, Colleen, Megan P.
- Friendship Meal – on hold
- Year-end event – tabled to future in-year meeting
- Staff Appreciation – Alicia, Christie, and Nicole
- Volunteer coordinator – tabled to next academic year
- Shrove Tuesday – tabled to next meeting
- Recess Equipment – Colleen to bring forward in March

Setting the budget - Lisa

- School Council will be finalizing the budget during the November meeting
- Opening balance for 2021-2022 academic year is \$44,977.05, including approximately \$22,000 from the Read-a-Thon.
- Anticipated expenditures:
 - Prizes for Read-a-Thon – \$2,000.00
 - Tipi – \$10,000.00
 - Dinner for PTI's – \$350

MOTION to approve an expenditure of \$2,000 for prizes for the Read-a-thon.

MOVED: Renée

SECONDED: Nicole

MOTION to approve an expenditure of \$10,000 for the construction of the tipi.

MOVED: Meghan

SECONDED: Renée

MOTION to approve an expenditure of \$350 for meals for staff during November parent-teacher interviews.

MOVED: Nicole

SECONDED: Clare

Gaga Ball Pit - Sinead & Erika

- School Council praised Colleen and her family's initiative for the construction of the gaga ball pit which has been a huge success.

Parent Advisory Healthy Eating Task Force - Sinead

- The first meeting took place regarding the quality of the food, the availability of options for sides (e.g. veggies) pricing, and revisions to the menu, the ability to click on the ingredient content, multicultural options and the cafeteria budget.

Announcements/Correspondence

- The next meeting date is Monday, November 15 , 2021 at 7 pm via Google Meet
- Lead for prayer- Sinead opening, Lisa, closing

Closing Reflection - Rachelle

Adjournment – 8:19pm

2021-2022 Meeting Dates:

November 15

January 17

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13