

École Camille J. Lerouge School
School Council AGM Agenda
September 19, 2022
7:00pm via Google Meet

Call to Order – 7:02pm

Attendees – Sinead A., Christie Z., Marilee M., Alicia M., Amanda O. Caroline E., Christina Y., Christine, Colleen B., Crystal M., Emerson P., Erin D., Jax L., Jeffrey L., Kim T., Marguerite T., Kristi O., Lyndi M., Maria M., Melissa P., Nicole M., Patricia H., Renée F., Tara B.

Opening Prayer - Sinead

Introductions & Attendees

Review of June Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOVED: Colleen

SECONDED: Renée

Explanation of School Council -

School Council is a means for parents and community to work together to support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a venue for parents to reflect their wishes of the broader community of education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal.

Roles that are not to be taken on by a School Council include:

- School governance
- Employment issues
- School management
- Listening to complaints.

Thank you to our parents for continuing to work in a team to meet the goals of the School Council.

School Trustee - Kim Pasula is our Trustee liaison through Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS). He previously served as the RDCRS Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Principal Report - Sinead

- Welcome and thank you
- Communication from the school
 - COVID - back to business: we nevertheless continue to follow any Provincial guidelines and recommendations.
 - Volunteers & parents in the building: there will be callouts out for volunteering from time to time.
 - Treats and birthdays: connect with your child's teacher if you wish to bring treats to class.
 - Open door policy: reliance on School Council members to bring issues and questions forward from your connections with other parents in our school community.
 - Large group gatherings, Mass at Sacred Heart, field trips: Thanksgiving Mass will be on Wednesday, October 5th. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
 - If you have a child who rides a bus, transportation has been impacted due to cancellations. This is a result of staffing shortages. Council members were encouraged to pass on information about driver vacancies to anyone who might be interested.
- *Current enrollment and staffing*
 - Current enrollment is 629 -- continued decline, which is a trend currently for French Immersion. Middle school numbers have declined in particular, resulting in teachers shifting into different grades.
 - Mme. Hélène Marquis recently retired from her position as an educational assistant.
 - This year we have 3 new staff to our school community: Mme. Teresa Chartrand, Educational Assistant, M. Ben Pelletier, Grade 3 teacher, Mme. Vanessa Pastor, Band teacher, and Mme. Lindsay Ziegler, ELA grade 8 and 9 teacher.

AGM - Election

Call For Nominations - Executive 2022-2023

The Council is seeking self-nominations to serve as Vice-Chair and Secretary beginning in October 2022. Terms are normally for two years.

- Chair – *Christie Zapisocky will stay on for another year*
- Vice-Chair – *Alicia McClelland*
- Secretary – *Erin Day*
- Treasurer – *Lisa Alford will stay on for another year*

In situations where the Secretary was unable to attend a meeting, Renée Fowler volunteered to cover the minute-taking for those meetings. Thank you, Renée!

New Business

- Budget coming forward from the 2021-2022 school year
 - Balance after all expenses paid - \$12,698.47
 - Balance forward from field trips - \$4,378.99
 - The total balance forward to begin the 2022-2023 school year is \$17,077.46
 - We did earmark \$5,000 for the new sound system. The School has installed a large, wall-mounted projection screen in the gym. The cost for upgrading the entire audio-visual system is approximately \$58,000, with partial contributions from the School, and other contributions from the RDRCS.
- Fundraising for 2022-2023
 - Opening balance for the 2022-2023 school year is healthy however there are school wide projects that we would like to move forward with.
 - Volunteers for the Read-a-Thon will be putting together packages for students to take home on Monday the 26th and to be returned by Friday, October 14th.
 - Grade 9 Quebec trip (May 28 to June 4): ideas were shared such as bake sales, popcorn sales, bottle drives, returning bottles from the school, odd jobs such as grass cutting. Grade 9 students, Mme. Pottage, and M. Peterman are good resources for ideas to raise funds.
- Call for Leads for committees: paused until the October meeting. Committees include the Social Justice committee which leads the Giving Tree, Gifts for Grandparents, Friendship

Meal and other Social Justice initiatives; Social Events committee, which plans and runs the Shrove Tuesday, Year-End event, and fundraisers; Staff Appreciation committee and Recess Equipment committee. Other events requiring ad hoc committees may include family dance and family movie nights.

Announcements/Correspondence

- The next meeting date will be Monday October 24, 2022 at 7 pm via Google Meet
- Lead for prayer – Renée, opening, and Lisa, closing

Closing Reflection - Sinead

Adjournment – 7:53pm

2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

October 24

November 21

January 23

February 27

March 13

April 17

May 15

June 12