



MINUTES

Attendance:

In person: Ryan Feehan, John Baldassarre, Jane McDade, Wanda Nistor, Vicky Nguyen, Matthew, Ariana,

Online: Anna, Kristin, Honeymae, Yari, Angel, Kristin, Nilo, Monet, Nhet, Che, Sally, Sophie, Sandra, Mrs. Sogbandi, Miliete, Roland

- I. Called to order at 1834hrs
- II. Treaty Six Acknowledgement by Ryan Feehan
- III. Opening Prayer by John Baldassarre
- IV. Parent Council Purpose Statement by Jane McDade
- V. Approval of the Agenda – Wanda, seconded by Vicky
- VI. Introductions of those in the meeting – see attendees above
- VII. Approval of minutes from last meeting – Vicky, seconded by Jane
- VIII. Students’ report – Ariana and Matthew (Students’ Union)
 - a. Past activities of the Students’ Union
 - i. Toy Drive throughout December – donated to Stollery Children’s Hospital
 - ii. Theme week – PJ day and Formal day
 - iii. Junior High Tournament was held the third week of December
 - b. Upcoming activities of the Students’ Union
 - i. Sock toss for charity
 - ii. Troy Tournament
 - iii. Dance - \$5 per ticket. Students are allowed to bring 2 guests (guests must be registered in advance)
 - iv. Badminton Intramurals
- IX. Principal’s Report
 - a. Prayer for St. Mark’s principal stabbed by a student and is in the hospital. Jody is the principal. The student has been arrested.
 - b. Thank you to the students from Student Union
 - c. St. Joe’s had December hot chocolate and candy canes during winter break
 - d. School website – the new site
 - i. Transitioning all data to new site, formats and templates are being standardized. Trying to find where some of that data used to be and make sure links and everything is working. Timeframe – most of data should be moved over by end of January.
 - e. Staffing update

- i. Drama – There is a new Drama teacher. Mr. Lewis came on board to cover a maternity leave. Ashley brought into the world a healthy and happy baby girl. The new play is “Chicago”.
 - ii. Science – Mr. Gust, just out of University is a high level math and physics teacher. He will be on the science floor helping with math and physics as well.
 - iii. English Language Arts and Social Studies part A took place the week of January 12th and 13th.
- f. Christmas Break – If Christmas falls on the weekend school will be in up to the Friday before. If it falls on a weekday school will be out the Friday before.
- g. In June both gymnasium spaces will be set up for Diploma and CSA Exams
- h. Recruiting and Grade 9 visits
 - i. Mr. Feehan is touring Junior High schools to present St. Joe’s to potential students.
 - ii. Currently there are approximately 400 students in the school area. 1000 students are drawn from the rest of the city
 - iii. This year’s Student Open House is on February 23, 2023 @1900hrs.
- i. ECSD Parent Survey
 - i. Email notifications went out to parents and is also included in “Week at a Glance”. Out of 1500 students – only 17 surveys were returned. How do we engage parents in the surveys to get a higher rate of engagement? Thoughts to be considered:
 - Go back to paper
 - Link to the survey maybe outside of PowerSchool
 - Consider the timing of when the surveys are sent out to parents
 - Teacher Advisor to send out survey’s
 - Maybe adjust the message in the email to make it clearer and simpler
 - ii. 3 survey’s go out to parents annually
 - iii. Alberta education survey will come out in February.
- j. St. Joseph Host school
 - i. Jr. High City Championships – hosted in Dec 2022 (Volleyball)
 - ii. Max Wrotnaik Basketball Jr. High Tournament – January 13th & 14th, 2023. Comment from the coach from St. Albert “Best organized well run”.
 - iii. Father Michael Troy 39th Annual Basketball Classic will be February 2 – 4, 2023. A media release went out.
 - iv. Opening ceremonies February 2. Students and SPR are the volunteers for this tournament.
 - v. Dance February 3, 1930hrs to 2230hrs. Students can invite 2 friends from other schools. All guests must sign up and purchase tickets in advance. School ID is required for all students at the door.

X. Old Business

a. FUNDRAISING

- i. Parent council are trying to make headway on fundraising
- ii. There is no money in the bank
- iii. It would be great to do a fundraiser this year. It will need to be run by parent volunteers.
- iv. Need to come up with some ideas that we want to move forward with. Bake sale maybe? Look at upcoming events where we could do a bake sale. We are not an election school otherwise that would be a good idea to hold a bake sale for voters. Krispy Crème suggested by Matthew.
- v. 50/50 (need to have a fundraising arm and it can't be parent council. It needs to be like Blue & White society – (see more in New Business). If we have a casino license is it easier to do a 50/50 – Jane will call and ask this question.
- vi. Blue & White has an online account that they can pull licenses to get a certificate. As long as we aren't raising more than \$20K it is simpler to pull a license per raffle.
- vii. Reach out to Jane if you have any suggestions on fundraising ideas.

XI. New Business

- a. Blue and White Society – since 1986 – is an Alumni group of staff that are no longer at St. Joseph's
 - i. The Society is ardent supporters of our school through scholarship and equipment.
 - ii. The Blue & White Society would like to transition to elect Parent Council members into their executive to support this. They would like a transition during AGM at the end of year when do their financials.
 - iii. Has been brought forward to parent council for an April 21st casino.
 - iv. If Parent Council were to assume this it would still support scholarship.
 - v. Blue and white donated \$1500 to the Father Troy Scholarship
 - vi. They want to step down as alumni group and transition to parent council. Electing their new executive at AGM. Adoption of bylaws etc.
 - vii. Blue & White society has been the arm to help us. Hopefully move the B&W (bylaws in place); society is set up, casino license.
 - viii. Jane highly supports taking over the blue & white society. A casino rallies the parents around a big fundraising initiative. Funds that come from a casino fundraiser are roughly 80K every two years. There are stipulations from AGLC to tell what you can spend the money on.
 - ix. If Parent Council adopts the executive positions of B&W, it has to be ongoing. We would be taking fully over. The risk is that B&W will fold if we don't take over. Do we want to go forward with this and take over by year end?

- x. The commitment is no different than any other society for parent council. A casino every 2 years. Next one will be in spring 2025.
 - xi. Parent council needs to look further into this. Society closes down, brand new bylaws will be needed.
 - b. Professional development days
 - i. Miss print in agenda – January 31, 2023 is still an instructional day
 - ii. PD day in Feb – took away to change it to a PD day for staff to attend Grad 2023 commencement – June 6, 2023
 - c. Bus passes / transit
 - i. The hope is that eventually the ARC cards can be loaded up and activated and used throughout the year.
 - ii. Bus passes can be purchased or picked up from the book store. Students have about 12 days to make requirements. Selling 1 week before end of the month. Students can pick them up at 0815hrs before class start, during lunch time and after school.
 - iii. Hardship bus passes to support families in need that meet the requirements – watch emails for message.
 - d. Course Changes and add and drop dates
 - i. Starting at the end of January. Students come in to meet with advisors if any changes to courses are needed. Added and dropped courses takes place the first two weeks of February. It stops the 3rd week. A three week window given to contact their TA or administrator. Credit requirements will be considered
- XII. Next Meeting Date: February 22, 2023 at 6:00 for Executive and 6:30 for participants.