



MINUTES

Attendance:

In person: Ryan Feehan, Bill Parker, Alanna Lu (Student Union), Khyllle Felicilda (Student Union)

Online: Jane McDade, Wanda Nistor, Vicky Nguyen, Julie-Ann Matura, Daniel Fasil Abate, Len, Sandra Perrin, Raymond Magno, Anita, Stella Felisilda, Gary Ibarra, Gordana Popovic, Melody, Liudmy Lastepa, Kay B., Donald Sieffert, Ifsa, Misty, Jay B, Nhet, Lynetter Cutaran, B. Francisco, Dawit Weldeminc, Ferdinard Filiplic, Amaresh

- I. Called to order at 1836hrs**
- II. Land Acknowledgement by Ryan Feehan**
- III. Opening Prayer by Bill Parker**
- IV. Parent Council Purpose Statement by Jane McDade**
- V. Approval of the Agenda – Wanda, second by Vicky**
- VI. Introductions of those in the meeting – see attendees above**
- VII. Approval of minutes from last meeting – Vicky, second by Jane**
- VIII. Students’ report – (Students’ Union)**
 - i Past activities of the Students’ Union
 - a January exams –student perspective, prompt for English diploma weren’t great. The English prompt had issues.
 - b Exam break – Troy dance was stressful for SU in preparing, but the Troy Classic in being a major event and tradition for the school as well as the dance were a great hit. Lots of positive feedback and a great turnout.
 - c Smaller events – fundraising, rush for crush – buying crush for friends and valentine. Proceeds goes right back into SU for other events or for purchases
 - d Black club selling chocolates to plan for other events.
 - e Model UN is planning a university trip. Planning a field trip to U of A.
 - f Ash Wednesday service today
 - g Preparing for Open house held Feb 23 2023 (tomorrow)
 - h EDIAR – working with this.
 - i Fundraising – enjoys the raffle idea, waterpark and more to summer activities, possible bikeathon
 - j Catholic Social Services – able to hear various stories
 - ii Upcoming activities of the Students’ Union
 - a Sock toss for charity
 - b Badminton Intramurals

IX. Principal's Report

- i Ryan shared some video from the Father Troy Tournament (From CTV). Germany had a girl and boys team. They were included in the annual sock toss collected for Edmontonians in need.
- ii OH&S – COR Safety Audit – it is very evasive, interview staff, walk through of the school. They were very happy with the state of the school and safety. Some small improvements were suggested.
- iii GoA Assurance Surveys – Ask that all parents take the survey. Mailed out, random access code was given. Students also did it. The due date is March 17.
- iv Jr. High Visits – Ryan has been around the city and has hit all Jr. High Schools. Did about 40 presentations in total. A lot of positive feedback from parent community. Hopefully for a good turnout for the Open House on Feb 23, 2023. Some Alumni were invited to the Open House with the Theme “Be Part of Our History”
- v Registration for 2023 – 2024 school years is open. Pre-enrolment process has been open for a week or so. Please do the pre-enrolment through PowerSchool. A text will be sent out to see if students will be re enrolling next year. Text next week.
- vi St. Joseph's improv group got 4th in Alberta last week. Shout out to Mr. Lewis, Chef Bye and all the teachers. The time and energy is appreciated.
- vii St. Joe's event – Chicago this weekend. Friday is sold out, 1:00 land 6:00 on Saturday in the theatre
- viii Shrove Tuesday – Beginning of Lent. Served 1000 pancakes within 30 minutes. Kudos to the Chef's and Student Union. Was very well run. Participants that run the Hot Breakfast Program also helped out.

X. Old Business

- i Blue & White Society
 - a The parent alumni ran this for the last 40 years. It's important for Parent Council to take seriously to have drawing of online raffles and fund raising. The school will be able to do many things if we pick up this from Blue & White Society.
 - b The hope is to have their AGM at the conclusion of Parent Council in May and have our parent council elected to the Society and give it the name “Parent Fundraising Council”. Parent executive will need to be elected by September 2023. There will be a number of open positions for next year as many that are currently on executive have kids in grade 12 and won't be here next year.
 - c Casino is planned for this April 2023 that is being run by Blue & White society. The new council will not have to run a casino until April 2025. Important to have a strong presence for coming years. Come in person to the meeting in May if you are interested in being part of the Parent Fundraising Council.
 - d The Blue & White Society casino funds from this year will be put forward for next school year.
 - e Ferdinand Filiplic will volunteer for Executive. Ferdinand is also on Blue & White Society. (Thank you, Ferdinand)

- f Everyone on parent council can participate in casinos. AGLC Rules are that casinos have to be recorded as two separate committees. Blue & White and Parent Council are separate. Bylaws are all done which takes a load off of Parent Council.
- g Please think about elections in May and putting your name forward for 2023/24 school year.
- ii **Fundraising**
 - a Plan is to have fundraisers done by end of May for this year that are separate from Blue & White Society. Still in limbo on what fundraisers we should hold. There are zero dollars right now.
 - b Julie-Ann has been gathering information. Krispy Kreme donuts to Edmonton is waiting to hear back.
 - c Other suggestions are Bottle Drive, Staff appreciation – like a cookie, use the funds to sponsor a student event such as a bikeathon to provide a drink, Italian Centre or Oh Hanna – donut fundraising, Raffle – connections to do items for raffling off such as MC College \$2 haircut, Waterpark Fundraiser
 - d Bottle drive - would need to store bottles while they are being collected for about a week and this could cause a fruit fly issue. We could do the drive at the end of May. Can St. Joe's get a bin that can lock and be stored? Ryan – it depends – Bottle Depot may have some solutions for dropping off or picking up. Would have to be organized by Parent Council. 50 trucks, go through the city on one or two days. Need to check into if there is potential liability with third party insurance to take kids around to collect bottles. Maybe just parents and friends to do together and take direct to the depot.
 - e Reach out to Jane if you have any suggestions on raffles or fundraising ideas. Blue & White Society 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.
 - f Jane would like to get activities decided and put out an email and have executive vote.

XI. New Business

- i Grad
 - a PD days that were previous scheduled were moved to accommodate commencement so the teachers can attend.
 - b Events will not include a mass, but a celebration with caps and gowns. They get a certificate from the school and walk across the stage – June 6, 2023. Actual Diploma comes from the Government.
 - c Marriott – Dry grad – 3 screens, food tasting team going out in a couple of weeks to select the menus.
 - d To access grad – grad lists are coming up. First time to meet requirements. Final list will come out in April. They have not credentialed in the past. If they are

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currently at a 40% - won't be on grad list until they get into that passing level. In about 2 weeks the first list will come out.

- e Tickets in PowerSchool. Two stages of release – 3 tickets, then after a week in a half released another round of tickets for additional guest that want to attend. Ticket go on sale –will happen in May.
 - ii Blue and White Society – since 1986 – is an Alumni group of staff that are no longer at St. Joseph's. The Society is ardent supporters of our school through scholarship and equipment.
 - a 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. They want to step down as alumni group and transition to parent council. Electing their new executive at AGM. Adoption of bylaws etc.
 - b If Parent Council were to assume this it would still support scholarship.
 - c Blue and white donated \$1500 to the Father Troy Scholarship.
 - d 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.
 - e If Parent Council adopts the executive positions of Blue & White Society, it has to be ongoing. Parent Council would be fully taking it over. The risk is that Blue & White Society will fold if we don't take over. Do we want to go forward with this and take over by year end?
 - f The commitment is no different than any other society for parent council. A casino every two years. Next one will be in spring 2025.
 - g If the Blue & White Society closes down, brand new bylaws will be needed.
 - h May 31 is the Blue & White Society and elections for fundraising and parent council. If you are interested in running for an executive position, please let Jane know. cjanemcdade@gmail.com
 - iii Professional development days
 - a PD day in Feb – took away to change it to a PD day for staff to attend Grad 2023 commencement – June 6, 2023
 - iv Meeting minutes are on the website.
 - v Meeting adjourned at 1949hrs
- XII. Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2023 at 1800hrs for Executive and 1830hrs for participants. There will also be a meeting on May 31, 2023 for turning over the Blue & White Society to Parent Fundraising Council.**