



Minutes

Attendance

In person: Ryan Feehan, Bill Parker, Jane McDade, Wanda Nistor, Chloe, Veronica, Mandy, (Karen sends her regrets)

Online: Vicky, Jacqueline, Jasmin, Ronaldo, Ghebriela, Marissa, Ellie, Rhodora, Liza, Sauda, Warlita, Claudia, Eva, Abraham

1. Call to Order
 - a. Called to order at – 1840hrs
2. Treaty Six Acknowledgement by Ryan Feehan
3. Opening Prayer by Bill Parker
4. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Approved by Wanda and Eva
5. Introductions of those in the meeting – see attendees above
6. Students' report – Chloe (Students' Union)
 - a. Past activities of the Students' Union
 - Pep rally – showcased The Saints sports teams
 - Halloween Tournament
 - Remembrance Day – Dress for Respect
 - Twin Day / Scavenger Hut
 - Volleyball - Students Vs Teachers – Good job Students!
 - b. Upcoming activities of the Students' Union
 - Started Christmas planning
 - Spirit week is before Christmas break
 - Dodgeball – Students' Vs Teachers
 - Pride club
 - Who is VP for Students' Union?
 - Toy drive fund raiser for Stollery Children's Hospital
7. Principal's Report
 - a. Student teachers joining this year, some are first time in the classroom and doing quite well.
 - Influenza – reference email that came out from superintendent with a message from Alberta Health Ministry new CMOH
 - Illness for the school has not been over 6%. Over 10% has to be reported to Alberta Health.
 - b. The Wisdom of Trauma
 - Thursday afternoons, St. Joseph's staff and administration take educational courses to explore what is trauma informed teaching and trauma informed practice.

- The exploration is around if interventions (i.e. suspensions) with students is proactive and how are individual students supported.
 - If intervention is needed, discussions are held with parents only. All situations are taken seriously.
- c. Student Mental Health Survey
- Some items that are being looked at closer like being more physically active, encouraging our students to be more active.
 - The percentage of student response - 61.5%. ESCD overall response rate is 58.9%
 - Bill indicated that the response rate is important. Low response rate by either parents or students makes it harder to be able to bring focus to areas that need improving.
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- d. EDIAR Update
- Student voice and student senate – includes two members from student union to speak on behalf of students
 - U of A – if any interest to support this initiative, parents can contact Linda Hoang-Rackle at the school
- e. Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Student ran event, honouring 49 vets that attended St. Joseph's and died in the war. The video of this ceremony can be found on Instagram, YouTube
- f. Showa Women's University (Japan) Currently have 30 international students

8. Q&A

- a. Are the students from Japan billeted? Program is run through U of A. Most of the students have host families. This is not an exchange program.
- b. Question for Chole – Activity that students like best since last year seems to be Spirit week.
- c. Why is the second floor so cold? Third floor is hot, 4th floor is fine. It is due to different HVAC systems.

9. Old Business: Treasurer

- a. Treasurer Anita has had to step back and will not be able to join as Treasurer.
- b. Karen – Vice Chair
- c. Juliann – Head of Fundraising
- d. Vicky Nguyen – Vice Chair for Fund raising
- e. Wanda Nistor – Secretary
- f. Vicky will step up for Treasurer
 - Voted – Passed

10. New Business:

- a. Debrief on Edmonton Catholic School Meeting in October
 - Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre is a very impressive building that amalgamated several properties and sold off real estate. The savings in doing so are around \$10Million dollars.
 - Heard from seven different areas. Parents were asked to pick the top priorities out of things that were priority.
 - There are 97 catholic schools in the district
 - 2000 new attendees in the system
 - 3 new builds from 2024
 - Castledowns, Heritage Valley and Lewis Estates
 - Working with partners on new schools and maintaining the current schools
 - Bus Driver Shortage – 30% more riders, but less buses, accessibility, etc.
 - Playgrounds for younger children – more inclusive and accessible by 2030

- Educational planning - Focus programs – language and alternative programs, math and science, IB, elementary for gifted and talented
- Technology – trying to find a baseline
- Student Services – increasing student knowledge and alternative offerings, catholic apology
- EDIAR – Ryan presented. Online on equity, diversity, anti-racism. There is a session on Nov 29, 19:00hrs register online at www.ecsd.net
- New Curriculum, mostly for younger grades – for teachers to get up to speed.
- Focus on reading and mathematics goals
- Leadership support – succession planning for school leadership. Lots of principals retiring. District needs to look at bringing up new principals
- Financial stewardship – spending money wisely
- Chief Superintendent – 5 marks of catholic identity. Levels of social justice fundraising, student led initiatives – progress to have students come up with ideas, Christian and faith infused compared to public
- Central service model
- Social justice and catholic social teaching

11. Fundraising

a. Things that we might like to do for fundraising. The funds help support the school. Some suggestions were:

- WEM Waterpark tickets
- Bottle Drive
- Multicultural pot luck, Student paint art class sell
- Bake Sales
- Salon discount day
- Movies, grocery cards
- Concert, Fun runs.
- In 3 weeks – The Saints are hosting Volleyball championships the week of December 12th - 16th
- 50/50 tickets – need to organize our own parent group - fundraising group and needs to be filed with AGLC. Could include raffles as well.
 - Vicky will look into what it will take to update her license.
 - Parent Council to explore this.
 - Will potential have email conversations since the next meeting isn't until January 2023
- School done fashion show – we don't have fashion design at the school

12. Grad celebration instead of a mass for students and families will be prior to the Commencement at the Winspear on June 6, 2022

13. Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2023 at 18:00hrs for Executive and 18:30hrs for participants.

14. Meeting adjourned at 19:53hrs