

Ecole Mother Teresa School
School Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Shane Chisholm

Acknowledgement of the Land: Shane Chisholm

Review Last meeting minutes:

In attendance: Brandi Steiger, Francine Hewson, Dorraine Lonsdale , Shane Chisholm, and Tamalyn Tardif, & Dawn Stauffer

Discussion: date change-previous meeting should have read March 17th, 2021

Motion: Dawn Stauffer moved that minutes be approved as amended.

Seconded: Seconded by Brandi Steiger

Reports

1. Principal report: Shane Chisholm
 - a. report submitted
2. Staff report: Tamalyn Tardif
 - a. no report; collaborated with Mr. Chisholm
3. Fundraising report: Francine Hewson
 - a. tripled profit on Growing Smiles \$3136.36
 - i. also purchased some extra which sold quickly
 - b. Hamel's Meat Fundraiser
 - i. to arrive Thursday, June 17th
 - c.
4. Treasurer report: Dawn Stauffer
 - a. balance \$13 647.00
 - b. awaiting a cheque from Growing Smiles for the flower fundraiser (\$3136.36)
5. Trustee report: Dorraine Lonsdale
 - a. report submitted
 - b. highlights - Mental Health Day June 3; free evening online seminar by Jody Carrington
 - c. summer school St. Joseph's
 - d. not piloting new curriculum
 - e. month of Mary & Catholic Education Week
 - f. approved budget and 3-year education plan

Old Business

1. Growing Smiles fundraiser (\$3136.36) - awaiting cheque
2. Hamel's Meat Fundraiser - see notes in Fundraising report

New Business

1. Furniture Purchase for Gathering Area (Possible Budget and motion)
 - a. [Furniture ideas - CDI spaces](#)
 - i. Motion: Dawn Stauffer moved that School Council provide up to \$6000 to purchase furniture for the Gathering Area for approval at our AGM in September 2021.
 - ii. Seconded: Brandi Steiger
 - iii. Motion passed
2. Tomato and Veggie Fundraiser
 - a. looking into other companies for next September
 - i. In-Dey-Go
 - ii. Farm to School (<https://www.farmtoschool.ca/howitworks>)
3. Potential welcome back BBQ date - Friday, August 27th - tentative, staff will discuss at the June 4th PD meeting.
4. Council positions for next year
 - a. Dawn and Brandi are willing to stay on next year
5. AGM Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 8:06

Closing Prayer & Hail Mary for children of the Residential Schools: Shane Chisholm

Next meeting: September 22, 2021

Principal's Report

May 2021

Celebrations:

- Celebration of Excellence - May 21st - 3 retirees (Joanne Michaud, Dick Huizing, Anne Dyck) and 2 years of service - Jeremy Ziebart (15 years) and Shane Chisholm (20 years)

Faith:

- Catholic Education Week - daily prayers focussed on 5 marks of Catholic education and a shared liturgy - online
- May is the month of Mary - Mr. Locke shared various resources and activities for classes

Information Items:

- Currently 421 students with 20 enrolled in At Home Learning - Intention for 2021 - 2022 went out in February, and we are projecting 425 students with an approximate enrollment of 10-15 students in At Home Learning.
- High School recommendations are completed with final transition meetings between schools to be completed
- Division Budget and School budgets are finalized
- Teacher Evaluations completed
- Class lists and parent requests are now being worked on for next school year
- Grade 4 to Grade 5 transition parent presentation - May 18th - Google Meet
- Grade 4 to Grade 5 transition student presentation - May 17th - Google Meet
- Grade 9 Farewell planning is in progress
- Schollie Survey results - key points -
 - In 11 measures in the Schollie Survey, our parents rated us 100% in 8 measures and 93% in 3 measures.
 - We have some growth areas when it comes to Grade 7 students as they rated us 54% when asked if they learn about God in all of their classes. Other Grade 7 data shows that, 'I believe that God created me' was scored at 86% and our 'Catholic faith teaches me a good way to live' was scored at 83%. Between these 3 key questions statements we had between a 6-12% drop. There continues to be a trending disconnect with our Middle School students, for the third year in a row.
- EMTS is up for Technology refresh - teacher desktops/office desktops will be updated including 200 Chromebooks.
- School Admin Review - May 26th - to review school goals and measures
- Official Language in Education Programs - Grant - French Immersion
- Maintenance
 - Office suite, staff room, staff workroom and Room #234 will have its carpet removed. The office suites will get new carpet. Staff room, staff workroom and Room #234 will get linoleum.
 - EMTS ductwork and vents were cleaned over the operational shift.
 - Ceiling tiles replaced in the hallways - office and classrooms will be replaced over the summer.

Professional Development Update:

- Indigenous Week - May 31 - June 3
- Professional Development Day - June 5th
- Focus remains: Literacy, Inclusion, Faith, Technology (L.I.F.T)
 - English Language Learner Benchmarks due
 - Individual Student Plans - to be updated/signed and loaded into PASI
- Ongoing sessions in numeracy/literacy continue to review data - Minding the Gap
- Focus has been on mental health for students and staff.
 - PD sessions have followed COVID/Division protocols for staff

Administrative Meetings

- Elementary Principal Meeting - every Thursday PM only
- Principal meeting - every Wednesday AM only
- Middle School Principal meeting - every Friday AM only

School Council

Dorraine Lonsdale -Trustee Report

May 2021

1. Mental Health and Wellness

- The Board of Trustees received a presentation about “Mental Health and Wellness - On the Frontlines” where they were given a first-hand account of mental health issues, priorities and innovative ways our Division counsellors and principals are addressing mental health-related matters within our school communities.

- Mental Wellness Day for Schools - Alberta Education has announced that June 3, 2021 will be a day that will focus on mental wellness in schools. They are targeting students, teachers, school staff, parents, and school authority leaders. They are providing links to use throughout the day. Here is the website to see what is being provided.

<https://www.alberta.ca/mental-wellness-day-for-schools.aspx> The theme is “Take care of yourself and each other”.

2. RDCRS Summer School Update

- Summer school programming and enrollment is well underway for the summer of 2021. At this point in time, we have surpassed enrollment from summer 2020 with one month remaining to accept registrations.

3. RDCRS Opts Out of Piloting New Draft Kindergarten - Grade 6 Curriculum this Fall:

- The Board of Trustees reviewed the draft curriculum feedback information presented by the Superintendent.

- The Superintendent explained that the Division held seven days of feedback sessions with teachers to give them an opportunity to provide input about the draft curriculum.

- This feedback, along with a comprehensive review of the draft curriculum from the Division level, will be sent to Alberta Education to help guide revisions and recommendations moving forward related to the curriculum.

- The Board of Trustees decided that Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools will be opting out of piloting the new Draft Kindergarten - Grade 6 Curriculum this fall.

- The Board of Trustees directed the Board Chair to share the preliminary report and write a letter to the Minister of Education, outlining the decisions made by the Board and to advocate for a delay to the curriculum's implementation and the withdrawal of the social studies curriculum.

4. Catholic Education Week:

- Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, along with other school divisions from across Alberta, celebrated Catholic Education Week May 10-14.
- Divisions focussed on highlighting the Five Marks of Catholic Education each day - Mark One: Created in the Image of God
 - Mark Two: Catholic Work View
 - Mark Three: Faith Permeation
 - Mark Four: Witness
 - Mark Five: Community

5. May 25th Board Meeting Approvals

- The Board of Trustees approved the 2021-2023 RDCRS Education Plan as well as the 2021-2022 school year Division budget.