

École Mother Teresa School School Council Meeting
February 16, 2022

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

Opening prayer: Jeff Tuchscherer

Acknowledgement of the Land: Jeff Tuchscherer

Attendance: Francine Hewson, Sharla Heistad, Jeff Tuchscherer, Tara Spotter, Tamalyn Tardif ,
Brandie Bowman

Approval of minutes of previous meeting January 12, 2022. Tara motions. Brandie seconds.
Passed.

Reports:

1. Principal report - Jeff Tuchscherer
 - a. Parent Teacher Interviews - Jeff collected feedback from attendees regarding format for interviews - Jeff sending out a feedback form to families shortly
 - b. Faith
 - i. Celebrating diversity in the community - bulletin board for Black History Month
 - ii. Huge focus on kindness
 - c. Activities
 - i. Grades 7 - 9 Ski Club trip being planned
 - ii. Basketball is in full swing
 - iii. Fiddler on the Roof - we are willing to print enough tickets to fill benches in fine arts room if COVID restrictions allow - looking into whether live stream is an option
 - d. AB Ed survey is going out shortly
 - e. Moving back to having students rotate between classes - teachers maintain classrooms - talking about at next staff meeting
2. Staff Report - Tamalyn Tardif
 - a. Michelle and Jeff did a student survey regarding students moving between classes or teachers - students really appreciated the opportunity to voice their opinion - 3 questions - 1. I would feel safe from COVID moving between classes- 2. I would feel safe moving in the hallway between classes - 3. I would prefer to move between classes. Approximately 70% said they would feel safe in 1 and 2. Up to 30% of students said they would prefer to stay in classes.
3. Fundraising - Francine Hewson
 - a. Growing Smiles - Hanging baskets, planters, etc. will happen in April with delivery being May 5. Francine will pre-order 20 Patio planters - 20 hanging baskets - 20

strawberries using School Council funds \$1900 - Francine makes motion to pre-buy planters. Brandie seconds. Passed.

4. Treasurer report - Francine Hewson for Dawn Stauffer
 - a. Total of \$15812.51 - previous meeting minutes indicated \$16350.24 in error - this was opening balance and not ending balance.
5. Trustee Report - Sharla Heistad
 - a. January Meeting - focus is on boundary development due to new middle school being built in Red Deer and opening 2022-2023
 - b. K-6 curriculum review report - please see attached report for links and more information - moving forward we are advocating for how to support teachers with what is going to be implemented in the Fall
 - c. AP 162 didn't include Trustees - created a protocol for themselves; however, government changed restrictions
 - d. Pre-K - looking to expand to offer childcare through Red Deer Daycare at 2 Red Deer school's Pre-K programs
 - e. Jan - Feb - Grades 7 - 9 online because we needed to reserve subs for younger grades and less pressure for families of older students to switch to online

Old Business:

1. Me Day - March 4th is the next staff meeting and they will discuss at this meeting - Jeff is going to look for Me Day to possibly be in April. Extra support from the community will be needed for this even to take place.
2. Wake-A-Thon - will also be discussed at the next staff meeting

New Business:

1. Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday March 1 - would be great to have School Council cook and serve pancakes - EMTS will put out a form for volunteers and Jeff will arrange schedule
2. Budget Requests - Jeff - Librarian - requesting more books - \$2750.00 to supplement the current budget the school has provided - \$700 - Mrs. Khatib - Craft Club to supplement supplies - Grade 5 Team - Chemistry unit bolster materials \$500 - Leadership Team - Funds to include staff appreciation in events \$500 - \$750.
 - a. Motion granted by Francine for \$2000 for Library, \$700 for Craft Club, \$500 for Grade 5 Science, \$500 for Leadership Team - Kindness Club. Tara seconded. Passed.
 - b. Previous minutes indicate \$300 has been approved for Confirmation gifts and \$400 for a staff lunch.
3. School Council Grant - Jeff - Schools were given a grant of \$500 - our district came up with pooling the money to come up with a presenter for school councils - Anne Douglas (Happy Parents Happy Kids) May 10 at 6:30pm is possibility - Jeff will check with Shane about whether it will be virtual and in person.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Closing prayer: Jeff Tuchscherer

Next Meeting: March 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. - possibly in person