

School Council Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2019

Attendance: Melanie Wagner, Sarah Mack, Rori-Lynn Daniel, Melissa Meyers, Diana Clark, Leanne Lewis, Andrea Thain, Betna Huddleston, Donna Bradley, Jennifer Thorne
Anne-Marie Watson & Colette Ross

1.) Call to Order @ 6:01pm 1st: Leanne, 2nd: Melanie

2.) Acknowledgement of the Traditional Land - Melanie

3.) Opening Prayer: Rori-Lynn

4.) Approval of Agenda: 1st: Leanne, 2nd: Diana

5.) Approval of Minutes: 1st: Leanne, 2nd: Diana

6.) Call for New Business:
-SWAT - Betna Huddleston

7.) Committee Updates:

a.) Treasurer:

- \$43, 804.24
- \$55,504.24 less \$6,700 for coupon books and less \$5,000 for Hot Lunch.
- Read-a-thon was slightly down at \$12, 400.

b.) Faith Rep:

- Epiphany Mass - January 10th 10:30 am.
- Need to find volunteers for reading, gift bearers and greeters.
- Melanie will send out email for volunteers.

c.) Hot Lunch:

- Ordering window open approximately Dec 10-31.
- Just waiting for restaurants to confirm dates.

d.) Volunteer:

- Will send out an email for Epiphany Mass

e.) Secretary:

- Nothing to report.

8.) Past Events:

A.) Read-A-Thon:

- Class prize winners - 1L, 2K, 3W, 4P & 5M. Will watch a movie in the atrium and have popcorn.
- Check with classroom reps to get volunteers to help pop popcorn for these students.
- Leanne can help on Friday.
- Will check how much we have in stock for popcorn and bags.
- Parent feedback: 1.) Thank you for all the hard work and the gift she received. 2.) What are we focusing on? Reading or pledges? 3.) Tax receipts for donation?
- Start working on all this info in the spring ready for the next year.
- The dance was well received. Div 1 seemed more engaged.
- Why do the Grade 5 students go swimming instead of the dance? Will check with teachers for the reasoning behind this.

B.) Taco Night:

- Amazing, so much food, hot and on time.
- Really appreciated by all the teachers.

9.) Upcoming Events:

A.) Christmas Craft Night

- Dec 12 6-7:30pm. It is a parented event.
- Andrea will get the supplies on Friday.
- An email will be sent out as well as flyers posted.
- Teachers will set u their own tables.
- Raffle off Gingerbread houses. \$0.25 per guess.

10.) New Business:

A.) HOJA Presentation

- Modern acapella group Jan 24th at 10 am
- \$950 presentation
- \$200 discount if both us and Seton do it on the same day.
- School asking if school council will pay for this school-wide presentation.
- Andrea made a motion to pass this fee.
 - 1st Melanie
 - 2nd Colette
 - Motion is passed to cover this fee.

B.) SWAT Tee shirts:

- There is 62 students participation in SWAT this year.
- They are 12 tee shirts short.
- Northstar was over \$200 for these 12 shirts
- For \$60, we can purchase the tee shirts from Michaels and St. Francis will screen them
- Melanie made a motion to pass this fee
 - 1st Donna
 - 2nd Diana
 - Motion is passed to cover this fee

11.) Principal Report:

- Soft Starts have resulted in the amounts of lates being reduced.
- Giving Tree for Red Deer Catholic Social Services.
- STARS is Wednesday, November 27th. Preparing for Advent to begin.
- Advent - Starts Sunday, December 1st. Dec 6th is 1st Week of Advent Mass 10:30 am at St. Mary's. December 12th is the 2nd Week Celebration at 10:30 am in the gym. December 20th is the 3rd Week Celebration at 10:30 am in the gym.
- All students will have a chance to participate in the drumming sessions with Glenn McCleod on November 15th, 22nd or 29th.
- Alberta Education Survey:
 - Providing parents more information regarding school improvements on the survey so they understand that when the survey is responded to as 'I don't know' it shows as dissatisfied.
 - Down 9.4% in satisfaction.
 - Staff will be working on these info sheets at PD meetings in December.

12.) Trustee's Report

- Red Deer will be getting a new catholic middle school.
- Accountability Pillar:
 - The result is still higher than the Alberta average so although it is declining, it is still excellent.
 - Division scores are high in all areas across the province.
 - Don't know=dissatisfied also bugs the school board but have not had any luck in getting that changed.
- Choice in Education Act:
 - Coming out in the spring.
 - The purpose is to ensure that Alberta has lots of choices in education.
 - There is an online survey (under the name above) if you want to go and fill it out.
 - Not sure if there is anything coming out to the parents from the school board.
- Budget:
 - Reduction of 2.5 Million.
 - More detailed amounts will come out at RDCRD board meeting coming up.

13.) Date of Next Meeting: January 27th at 6 pm

14.) Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 pm 1st: Leanne 2nd: Diana