

Holy Family School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2021

**Attendance:** Melanie Wagner, Rori-Lynn Daniel, Stacey Martz, Heather Bettenson, Michael ElMansoury, Matthew Fequet-Lavallee, Nyck Fidler, Irish Henderson, Heather McPherson, Clarence Ramos, Kyle Tuazon, Anne-Marie Watson

**1.) Call to Order @ 7:18pm** 1st: Amy B 2nd: Heather B

**2.) Acknowledgement of the Traditional Land:** Stacey

**3.) Opening Prayer:** Stacey

**4.) Approval of Agenda:** 1st: Heather B 2nd: Amy

**5.) Approval of May 17, 2021 Minutes:** 1st: Amy 2nd: Heather B

**6.) Call for New Business:**

- None.

**7.) Committee Updates:**

a.) **Treasurer :** [account balances](#) as per Heather Bettenson:

b.) **Faith Rep :** Position vacant. No update.

c.) **Hot Lunch :**

- 3 hot lunches to be offered in October. No new safety protocols in place, the same format as last year will be followed.
- New volunteers may be required as Hot Lunch becomes more regular.
- St. Joseph Highschool has inquired about providing Holy Family with a HL option and will send a menu upon its finalization..

d.) **Volunteer Program:** Position vacant. No update.

e.) **Secretary:**

- Nothing to report.

**8.) Past Events:**

- Track & Fun day was a success. Hot weather prompted all outdoor activities to be concluded by late morning, but students were brought back outside in groups in the afternoon for a “cool off” courtesy of the Red Deer Fire Department fire trucks.

**9.) Upcoming Events:**

- Friendship Meal tentatively planned for September 26. Council in favour of ordering meals from St. Joseph's. Email will be sent out for required volunteers.
- School Photo Day: October 13 & 14. Email will be sent out for required volunteers.

#### **10.) New Business:**

- Hot Lunch Update : please see item 7.c.
- Fundraisers:
  - Read-a-thon: online format was a success. Tentative start date: April 25, 2022
  - 50/50 Draw: inquired with RDCRS Secretary Treasurer who advised that 50/50 is not possible due to licensing. Rori-Lynn will follow up with specifics, as our host server may be able to accommodate licensing requirement.

#### **11.) Principals Report:**

- Please see Principal's Report for full details.
- Thank you to parents for participation in School Council.
- Learning Focus for 2021-2022 school year includes faith, wellness, assessment practices, and indigenous teachings.
- Student population and staffing updates.
- Upcoming school opening mass.
- Upcoming Mindful Monday & BIG goals plans.
- Schedule
- Tips for supporting and engaging with students at home
- Thank you to families for positive interactions with teachers and staff.
- Advisory question - How can this year's division theme ("Be Brave. Be Strong. Be Fearless.") become part of each parent's faith journey this year?
- Parent communication details.
- School Council information.

#### **12.) Trustee's Report:** as per trustee Anne-Marie Watson

- Board of trustees meeting held at end of August. Topics discussed included:
  - changing government/AHS recommendations for masking in schools. Masking protocols are now in place.
  - decision was made to keep children in school on September 30 as the provincial government has not recognised this day as a holiday. Further, trustees sought advice from elders and knowledge keepers as to how best to proceed. It was agreed that September 30 would be best spent in schools with dedicated teaching about truth and reconciliation.
- Municipal election will be held on October 18. Please research and vote for your school trustees.

#### **13.) Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, October 25, 2021 @ 7:00pm

**14.)Adjournment @8:17pm 1st:Heather B 2nd: Amy**