

Father Lacombe School Council Meeting

Minutes – June 16, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Gymnasium Father Lacombe Catholic School

1. Call to Order 6:35 p.m.

Attendance

Maria Wagner

Reuben Calliou

Donna Tugwood

Angie Purves

Thalia Hibbs

Jenna Panchyshyn

Carla Dekoning

Claudine Bruning

Greg Lamy

2. Maria started the meeting with welcome prayer.

3. **Administration Report**

- a. School Fees

- i. Zoom meeting was held in April where we discussed school fees
- ii. At that time, the school council voted in favour of \$20.00 flat fee + \$12.00 transportation fee = \$32.00 (this excludes kindergarten)
- iii. Can be paid by cash on-line

- b. On-Line Learning

- Surveys were sent out and feedback was great
- Mixed responses from parents/guardians on experiences with online learning – some parents loved it but others did not
- STAR Catholic plan at the moment is to move forward to going back to school in September with safety guidelines in place
- Will roll these guidelines out once finalized
- The school finds out new developments out as the public finds out generally
- The teachers did a great job of rolling out on-line learning with little notice to prepare

- c. School Surveys

- Accountability pillar – survey that goes out to the parents and staff
- Graded in safety, quality of education, academic excellence, parental involvement, etc.

- Father Lacombe got excellent in every standard except PAT- acceptable standards which scored as acceptable
- Very proud of these results

d. New Building Report

- Maria handed out final Development Plan sent to Alberta Education to everyone in attendance
- Biggest challenge is how to build a new school where there is limited land and keep the kids in school during construction
- Current building is safe but in definite need of upgrades as building codes no longer met (chunk of ceiling in gymnasium fell down)
- Maria meets every second week with people from Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, the Superintendent, architects etc. for a collaborative approach to the new school plans
- Maria and Dustin visited new schools to get ideas
- A drop off lane for students is a must
- Two-storey on the front part of the school
- Back part will be for staff parking and a green space with a new playground
- Only part of the school that will be lost is the kindergarten classroom but there will be an extra classroom that they can be moved into
- Maria presented the floor plans for both floors of the new building to all those in attendance
- New gymnasium will be built but it will be smaller than the current one
- Four break out spaces for kids to work in with different themes/colors
- School will be green – will have solar panels – learning opportunity for the kids
- Lots of natural products will be used in the back of the school because of connection to First Nations
- Lots of windows for natural lighting
- Lots of texture and color for the kids
- Plans have been approved and are ready to send for tender
- Ready to build in the spring
- Fully accessible including an elevator

4. Trustee Report

- Presented by Donna
- Donna brought up technology fee and that school council was not happy that less money will go to Father Lacombe out of technology fee (\$10.00 to FL and now \$5.00 to FL) as was discussed at Zoom meeting in April
- Donna was the only one that voted against the technology fee so it was passed
- Transportation fee is for kids that are ineligible for free transportation - \$500.00 per year
- STAR Catholic agreed to finish school on Friday, June 19th this year
- Calendars for next year were approved

- Toonies for tuition – for provinces that do not have paid for Catholic education - \$3,500.00 went towards this
- One more meeting next week for Donna
- Should know by August 1 which scenario we will be looking at for the start of next school year per Dr. Deena Hinshaw

5. Treasurer Report

- Christine not present but Maria has a text from her which she read
- There is money sitting in account because there were no field trips
- Balance as of May 8, 2020 - \$10,850.00 in account
- Some hot lunch refund cheques not cashed yet (around \$1,200.00)
- Cannot be consistently over \$10,000.00 per Reuben

6. Chair Report

- Presented by Reuben
- a. New positions vacant for next year
 - Have not heard from Danielle (Vice-chair) whether she will return next year
 - Christine Elliot is moving to Calgary so Treasurer position is open
 - Ashley McFadden will not be running next year (Fundraising position)
 - Vice Chair, Treasurer, Fundraising, Hot Lunch positions are available
 - Reuben Calliou will return as Chair for next school year – *voted all in favor*
 - Thalia Hibbs to be Vice Chair – *voted all in favor*
 - Angie Purves to take Secretary position – *voted all in favor*
 - Jenna Panchyshyn will be Treasurer – *voted all in favor*
 - Meetings to be held 3rd Tuesday of every month except December
- b. Google Classroom
 - Reuben hopes that Google Classroom will be used next year and Maria indicated that this was the hope as well

Next meeting on September 15th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.