

Father Lacombe School Council  
DATE: September 20, 2022 6:30pm  
Grade 5 Room @ Father Lacombe

**In attendance:** Donna Tugwood (Trustee) Maria Wagner (Principle), Stephanie Amstutz (Vice Principle), Claudine Bruning (Chair), Laurel Paulson (Vice Chair), Jenna Panchyshyn (Treasurer), Janelle Unger, Melanie Wilton, Daniel Crossland, Kelsey Rockwell, Shantel Robb, Kristie Stryker, Jesse Bayley, Nicole Beauchamp, Erika Martinez-Burns

Meeting to order at 6:31pm

**1) Welcome and Prayer**

THANK YOU to all the new parents for joining us! It's going to be an exciting year!

**2) Introductions**

**3) Admin Report** - Maria Wagner

- *New Building Update*  
Move in date for Nov 29, 2022. Furniture arrives Nov 8, 2022 and will need to sit and complete testing before move in.
  
- *Staffing Update*
  - Welcome to teacher Mr. Carmen Lyon teaching Gr 9 Social, Gr 8 Science, JH PE, Grade 7 homeroom.
  - Welcome to Mrs Stephanie Amstutz to her new role as Vice Principle, and continuing to teach Grade 5
  - Enrolment up to 239 students!
  
- *Budget Reserve News*
  - Approval by STAR Catholic of \$35 000.00 reserve to build storage garage for Father Lacombe School!! This will be built once school complete and used to store lawn mower, snow blower etc.
  - Also given a playground grant from the government for \$250 000 playground that will go up in the shared space between Father Lacombe and Public Schools.
  
- *Covid update*
  - Test kits remain available at the office for home rapid testing

**4) Student Report:**

- No students available for meeting today

5) **Teacher Report:** Stephanie Amstutz

- JH volleyball has begun (Thank you to Lacombe Public Schools for gym space)
  - Cross Country Running starting soon
  - CTF options - sports and recreation, foods studies, building/ wood working
- Looking forward to more space in our new school, especially for CTF options

6) **Chair Report** - Claudine Bruning

- *New Positions:* For 2022/2023 School Year
  - Chair - Claudine Bruning
  - Vice Chair - Laurel Paulson
  - Treasurer - Jenna Panchyshyn
- *Secretary?:*
  - Call out for Secretary Position. Secretary to keep minutes of School Council minutes, send in to Maria to be posted online. T
  - Thank you to Kelsey Rockwell for volunteering to take the secretary position!
- *Recruitment and Retention*
  - Question Posed; What are some barriers to attending meetings?
    - Unknown Agenda or unknown rsvp requirements ~ Meeting dates and times are broadcast out in weekly update email. Claudine will ensure Agenda is posted online in timely manner. Meeting Minutes will also be posted online going forward. Try to spread the word that no rsvp required, just attend when able. Ask teachers to post on Class Dojo. Flyer invites sent home with some response.
    - Childcare ~ Can children attend? Yes! We will discuss ideas for use of space in new school to have meeting and provide space for children to play nearby.
    - Meeting Times ~ Difficult to find a time that works for all. Earlier meetings (6/6:30pm) easier for parents who intend to bring children. Later times (7/8pm) easier for parents who can leave kids once they are in bed. Decided to leave at 6:30pm for now.
    - Zoom vs Inperson ~ Try to have a few zoom meetings throughout the year so that parents do not need to leave home, especially in the winter. In person benefit of more social connection. Next meeting will be in person, and perhaps try zoom for the following.
  - Question Posed; What are our School Council goals/ideas?
    - More social activities for parents and children to attend. Paint Night? Movie in new gym? Games Night? Career day for parents to attend their Childs class.
    - Have our voices heard for bussing concerns
    - What would entice parents to attend? Food — doughnuts, smoker bbq
    - Class Representatives - Informal parent reps for each grade. This allows more equal representation of the school. Parents can voice concerns/questions to Reps to take to the meetings. Reps hear more on a day to day about ideas/concerns/questions in their Child's grade.

Classroom Representatives:

Kindergarten:

Grade 1: Kristie Stryker

Grade 2: Janelle Unger

Grade 3: Melanie Wilton

Grade 4: Shantel Robb/Laurel Paulson

Grade 5: Daniel Crossland

Grade 6: Nicole Beauchamp

Grade 7:

Grade 8:

Grade 9:

All questions/concerns can be directed to School Council Chair:

claudinebruning@gmail.com

- Survey ~ Claudine to send out brief survey about above barriers and ideas.

7) **Trustee Report:** Donna Tugwood

- 12 schools and 7 trustees in STAR Catholic Division

- There was approval of out of province field trip again for this year and potential out of country trip next year (none planned for Father Lacombe School)

- New STAR Catholic High School Coming to Beaumont

- Bussing: Concerns over bussing brought up to Donna. One concern regarding bus service not entering subdivision, requiring young children to walk long distances to bus stop. Second Concern regarding proposed boundary adjustment to accommodate Blackfalds new High School directly impacting bussing to Father Lacombe, although STAR Catholic families were never consulted. Donna advised to write an email to her to bring forward. Donna encouraged speaking with local politicians as well. Daniel also offered to take information forward to MLA candidates.

8) **Treasurer:** Jenna Panchyshyn

Revenue 2021/2022: \$12482.05

Expenses: 2021/2022: \$11282.75

Balance today: \$4688.93

Last year we donated \$2000 towards field trips.

9) **Fundraising Report**

- *Ideas for Fundraising Types*  
Purdys Chocolates, Poinsettias, Paint Night
  
- *Projects/Goals*
  - Why are we fundraising and for what projects? Maria and Stephanie to approach staff for any projects/needs from staff for Father Lacombe. In the past we donated money for more Chrome Books.
  - Once need identified, will develop a fundraising sub-committee to determine fundraising types and run fundraisers
  - Every year School Council has donated \$500 per class for field trips, do we want to continue this? Yes
  
- *Hot Lunch:*
  - Discussion around how often to have hot lunch - every Friday we have school.
  - Discussion where to get hot lunch - try some new places, support Father Lacombe family restaurants
  - Discussion around online order forms. Laurel to find more info to present at next meeting for discussion.
  - Jenna leading hot lunch and looking for monthly counting volunteer, and Friday lunch distribution volunteers.

#### 10) **Closing Comments**

We are all looking forward to moving to the new school and using the space! Thank you to everyone who came out tonight!

#### 11) **Adjourned**

**12) Next Meeting:** In person on October 18, 2022 at 6:30pm

Monthly meetings held the 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30pm