

Father Lacombe School Council

DATE: October 18, 2022 6:30pm

Grade 5 room @ Father Lacombe

### 1) WELCOME & PRAYER

- October is the month of the Rosary. The school has many activities planned for the month.

-Prayer

### 2)INTRODUCTIONS

- Claudine: Chair, Kelsey: Secretary, Jenna: Treasurer, Hot Lunch, Donna: Board

### 3) ADMIN REPORT

-New building on schedule for getting keys on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and potential move in date of Dec.11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 if everything stays on track.

-Dates look firm to be able to book movers

-Big need for moving boxes. If parents have them, or can get them, please bring them into the school.

-School bus broke down again. Last year the motor needed to be replaced at a cost of \$11,000, and this time is due to an electrical panel issue. The problem has been diagnosed, and the part has been found. Could cost upwards of \$6,000 to replace.

\*Question was asked if the school had sought out donations from the community to help pay. The answer is yes. And they will continue to ask for donations. The bus is a huge asset to the school as it transports the children to and from field trips and athletic events.

-Changes to the Wolf Creek Bus route were discussed in regards to boundary changes and reconfiguration. An email was sent out to parents with children on the bus. There will be a board meeting before Christmas break.

\*Discussions about generating interest from enough parents to get their own bus.

\*Discussions about progress in regards to Iron Wolf subdivision bus concerns. Board is aware of the issue and they are the big topic at the next meeting. Suggestions to bring the issues to Betty, Super Intendent.

\* Parent spoke to MLA candidate and she is very interested in advocating better bus routes etc if elected.

#### 4) TEACHER REPORT

- Volleyball is off to a great start. Girls team is winning some games and the boys' team is putting in a great effort to get a win on the board.
- 2 visits from an Indigenous Elder to teach some students about moss bags and a presentation on residential schools.
- Rosary walks planned for the month. Students make Rosary's and then walk, stopping to pray along the way.

#### 5) CHAIR REPORT

-website is updated and a new SCHOOL COUNCIL tab has been added to easily access meeting minutes etc.

-Request to brainstorm some ideas to enhance social engagement and parent interaction

\*Ideas: movie night with parents' lounge. Friday morning coffee in the new school's cafeteria area.

- no news from Grade Reps. Another parent volunteered for the junior high grades.

\*Parent asked for the parents Rep report to be formally added to the agenda so we can best utilize the information each rep has attained.

-COSC Dinner Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be held in Leduc and attended by Jenna and Mrs. Wagner. This is a dinner to connect with other school councils from the area to form connections and gather ideas from like-minded individuals.

-Top areas we thought we could focus on this year would be;

1) Fixing the school bus

2) Getting parents to pay school fees on time, and in full

\*Discussions around an initiative at the beginning of the year if you pay on time and in full

#### 6) TRUSTEE REPORT

-School start up saw a 4.6% increase.

-The Arch Bishop board dinner was a success.

-Starting up camp was discussed in a recent meeting, and the consensus was that it was still a maybe.

-ACTA is back up and running. Their first meeting will be in November.

-They are actively seeking an individual who would like to step up and become an audit committee member. Applications being accepted until October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### 7&8) TREASURER REPORT & FUNDRAISING REPORT

- Haven't received the latest statement for the last hot lunch.

-Broke down "take-in" vs "spending" from hot lunch. Profits are on par.

-Discussion on using Survey Monkey to gain ideas from parents on new hot lunch ideas.

\*Jenna has reached out to those who volunteered for their input.

\*Suggested that a small area on the hot lunch form be dedicated to hot lunch suggestions.

-New hot lunch form was created and Jenna passed it around for our thoughts and suggestions.

-Discussion about having notices sent out to volunteers a little earlier so those with children can arrange childcare etc. One parent volunteered to help Jenna with this task.

-A couple of new restaurants have been in touch to offer some new options: Millie Oak and Ugliers Pub and Grill.

#### 9) MISC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Have any non-profits been contacted to help support the school. Yes

-Could parents buy plates etc to help minimize the consumables cost for hot lunch?

\*Discussion about adding it to the school supply list as options if parents want to help out

-Is there a Catholic High School in Lacombe? No. A k-12 school is too expensive and the city of Lacombe just isn't growing fast enough to support having a new high school built.

\*Discussion about options: if enough parents raised interest, there's potential for Star Catholic to provide a bus to Ponoka. Other options are Blackfalds or Red Deer. There would need to be 10 or more parents interested in bussing to Ponoka for the program to be considered.

#### 11) CLOSING COMMENTS