

Father Lacombe School Council



Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Father Lacombe NEW SCHOOL

Main Entrance

Minutes

In Attendance: Maria Wagner, Donna Tugwood, Jenna Panchyshyn, Kelsey Rockwell, Daniel Crossland, Vivian Bayley, Kristie Stryker, Claudine Bruning

1. Welcome and prayer

Maria opens meeting at 6:32, prayer and welcomes the council

2. Introductions

3. Admin Report - Maria Wagner

- **New School Update**

-There will be some construction workers on site.

-Still waiting on supplies as there are still shortages and delays. Things like the reading nook and the tech for the gym.

-Big community open house is still being planned for the tentative date of April 21st, 2023

- **Old School Update**

-The asbestos abatement is continuing before they can start demolition.

-The community really stepped up and we were able to give a lot of the old school materials/furniture away, so not much was thrown away.

- **STAR consultation process**

-The gr.9 class had meetings with superiors to gain their feedback on different areas of school life. Meetings with staff were also had.

- PAT results

-We went over the Provincial Achievement Test scores and everyone was delighted to hear FLCS scored above average in all areas of learning! Way to go staff and students.

- School Bus Update. Impact on field trips and sports.

-The update for the school's bus, is that it has not been fixed yet. The problem is a tricky one and many people have been brought onboard to help solve it. Dan (a parent at Father Lacombe, with Mechanic background) is working on pinpointing some problems and a little more work has yet to be done before we can get it back into use. Some discussion on what a new bus would cost and maybe trying to find another school to share a bus with in the meantime.

- Dress Code

-Maria brought up the growing concern from staff and some students in regards to the current dress code. Staff are growing weary of having to enforce the rules, and feel that it is taking away from key learning time. We had a discussion on what it might look like to keep the dress code or to dissolve it. It was agreed upon that we revisit the topic in February and perhaps do a survey to give out during parent/teacher interviews in March. Jenna mentioned that she would update the school's dress code clothes buy/sell/swap Facebook page.

- Misc

-Kindergarten class had many registrations already on the first day registrations opened. The new school vibe is high and lots of new people want to be a part of it!!

-every parent is always welcome to join the morning assembly before school starts.

4) Teacher report: Stephanie Amstutz

-Stephanie was not able to attend the meeting. Report postponed until the council meeting in February

5) Chair report: Claudine Bruning

- Paint Night - Jan 20, 2023

-The paint night reminder email will go out tomorrow (Wednesday). Flyers did get put into teacher mailboxes on Jan 9 (first day back from break), but not all of them were distributed in a timely manner. Discussion about how we could get information out to parents quicker, and more efficiently. Maybe through text or email or with hot lunch forms.

- So far only 15 parents signed up. A few inquiries about children participating

- Claudine will get table cloths, beverages and snacks

- Kesley has been in touch with Paint Instructor, will plan for 20 painters

- Pj & movie night

-PJ and movie night has been tabled until the gym gets the tech set up properly

- Coffee in the new school?

-Council wants to set up a monthly “coffee social” after the morning assembly, the first Friday of every month. The first one will be Friday February 3rd, 2023 at 8:50am in the Foods Lab just off the library area/front entrance

- Claudine & Jenna will buy/bake cookies for snack and creamer. Maria has coffee. Others may bring cookies or coffee grinds.

- Iron Wolf bussing - petition started

-Small win for the Iron Wolf Bussing concern. The Bus has agreed to trial a new route within the neighborhood with added stop, rather than having the stop on the very busy 46th Avenue. Hopes are high that this will be permanent.

- Boundary Adjustment - meeting planned Jan 30

-Boundary adjustment meeting planned for January 30th at 6:30pm at Father Lacombe Catholic School.

- Some frustration voiced with timing of meeting as 4 of 7or8 families affected have previous volunteer commitments on Monday night

- Concerns voiced that Superintendent Charlie was unaware of boundary adjustment until late 2022, when this was brought to our School Council and trustee in Spring of 2022.

- Other

-JS McCormick school council chair contacted Claudine to let her know the city had requested the wood parks be taken down. The chair was inquiring if we would be willing to collaborate in the building of new play structures. It was suggested to look into a website called Blue IMP for playground resources. Will continue to stay in touch with JS Chair

6) Trustee report: Donna Tugwood

-December was short because of the Christmas holiday.

-July 3-5 CSBA will be holding a conference in Banff

-Donna reviewed the budget and some minor details of board priority progress.

-The advocacy plan has been approved.

-Insurance premiums are going up.

7) Grade reps

-Follow up to see if the adjusted lunch times or earlier breaking for lunch have been helpful for the children to eat their entire lunch. Some council parents noticed a difference, some did not.

8. Treasurer: Jenna Panchyshyn

-Opened December with \$8031.50. Closed with \$7808.59.

- Still waiting on cheques to clear from some hot lunch's and misc as well as deposits from hot lunch going forward.

9. Fundraising report

- Hot lunch funds for Dec deposited \$2319.50. Profit for December hot lunch \$436.00

-School apparel-Stephanie is looking into it - table to next month

Thanks all for coming!

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm