

Father Lacombe School Council



Date: February 21, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Father Lacombe NEW SCHOOL

Main Entrance

Minutes

In attendance: Stephanie Amstutz (vice principle), Donna Tugwood (Trustee), Claudine Bruning (Chair), Jenna Panchyshyn (Treasurer), Kelsey Rockwell (Secretary), Shantel Robb, Cecelia Mena-Metro, Daniel Crossland

1. Welcome and Prayer
Stephanie Amstutz
2. Introductions
3. Admin Report - Stephanie Amstutz
 - New School Update
 - Sound system is in.
 - Gym screens have been installed with two more to be installed soon, for scoreboards
 - Tiling of the reading nook under the stairs continues to be delayed because of material shortages.
 - Old School Update...demo in 2 weeks approx
 - Demolition of the old building may begin in two weeks time. There was some concern about it happening while children were in the next building and walking past the demolition site for recess etc. It was discussed that they may do the demolition, but not take anything away until there's a time when no children will be present on site.

The children will not be granted time off school while this is completed as the board has no extra hours available to grant days off.

- STAR consultation process
 - March 1 is in Leduc. Maria, Claudine and Tammy to attend in Leduc for the STAR consultation process. They will be asked similar questions to the ones that staff and students were asked. 'Community Consultation'.
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- School Bus Update.
 - The bus is fixed, but with a \$8200 bill attached. The bus was misdiagnosed in the beginning. Daniel will look at the invoice to see if there is any wiggle room to make it smaller. Dan also offered to look at the van for any future problems before it's taken to a dealership. The idea was proposed to the council if they would be willing to organize fundraising events to help pay for the bus invoice.
Action: Kelsey volunteered to make a "Stuff a bus" donation bin to collect any cash donations at Parent Teacher Interviews.
Action: Claudine to contact Oodles of Chocolate to organize Easter chocolate fundraiser.
- Pancakes were a hit...thanks for all the parent helpers
 - Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch was a huge hit. Thank you to the volunteers who cooked over 500 pancakes!
- Ash Wednesday Mass all welcome!
9am tomorrow.
 - Ash Wednesday mass will be held Wednesday morning at 9am. Liturgy Mass in the gym, no communion.

4. Teacher Report: Stephanie Amstutz

- basketball
 - The boys basketball took home 2 nd place in their recent tournament. They have qualified for the finals

- curling
 - There is curling for grades 6-9 on Wednesday nights. With a bonspiel planned for some time in March.
- Making cards for hospital
 - Thank you to the Gr 1 teacher for organizing the Valentine's Day cards, they were very well received.
 - Thank you to the Gr 3 teacher for organizing the cards to go to the seniors at the hospital. We can't wait to hear how that goes.
- Free Throw Competition
 - Gr 5 has their organized free throw event on Thursday February 23 rd . The event is free with donations being collected for the Knights of Columbus

5. Chair Report: Claudine Bruning

- Family fun night (movie?)
 - Claudine brought back to the table the idea of a Family Fun night, with movies and snacks. One parent suggested two movies play for the younger and then the older grades.
 - 6:30-8:00pm for the younger grades, and 8:30-10:00pm for the older grades.
 - Held on the evening of March 17 th with a possible St. Patrick's Day theme.

Action: Claudine will start an email thread for helpers and movie suggestions.

Action: Dan will call the local theatre to see if we can access bags of popcorn

- There was also a suggestion to rent a popcorn machine and make it ourselves.

- Coffee with Parent Council
 - The first Coffee with Parent Council was fairly successful this month. We saw 2 new faces and 6 total parents. Next one is to be held on March 3 after morning assembly.

Action: Stephanie to ask Carol to add it to the calendar and email reminder and ask the staff in charge of the FB page to post it there as well.

- Jenna has added a reminder on the Hot Lunch forms going out tomorrow.

- Boundary Adjustment

- Parents attended the board meeting in regard to the boundary adjustment earlier this month. They made their presentation and there was some debate among board members following, but no decision was made as they felt they didn't have enough information. The issue was tabled until next month's meeting. Thank you, Donna, for advocating for these parents and reiterating how valuable these families are to Father Lacombe.

6. Trustee Report - Donna Tugwood

- Reviewed boundary report that we just discussed. Next meeting on March 15
- The rural caucus website is being set up for March 5 th , 6 th , 7 th . Donna would like to have permission to have access to pictures from social media to share on the website from our different social events.

7. Grade Reps

- Any questions/concerns?

- Gr 4 parents were asking if the survey on google docs was for the whole school, or was it grade specific. It was only given out to grades 4-9. Parents asked where she could access the bullying policy for the school. Its available in the parent handbook on the website, with an attached link to STAR Catholics policy as well. It was encouraged to bring the issues to the teacher's attention and also to the school's admin.

8. Treasurer Report - Jenna Panchyshyn

- opened at \$7808.59. Closed at \$6192.76.
- Cheque for the fall BBQ cleared, Subway cleared. Service charges \$8.75.

9. Fundraising Report

- Hot lunch - Jenna

- October to present hot lunch income \$12,178.10. Hot lunch out \$7,574.60 Profit to date \$4,603.50.

We are close to our goal of raising \$5,000 to help with field trips. Some of the funds raised after the \$5,000 could go to help pay for the bus

-Hot lunch forms are going out tomorrow and need to be back by Monday. We will be getting co-op chicken and wedges and chili/soup from Broom tree

- Some fundraising ideas for the bus: Kernels popcorn. Oodles of chocolate. Penny wars within the classroom. "Stuff a bus" (cardboard box piggy bank) at the front door of parent teacher interview night to collect donations.

10. Misc.

- school apparel
 - Mr Lyon re-designed the basketball logo.
 - Stephanie wants to put out a survey soon to gauge interest in school hoodies.

Action: Stephanie to call All Crest for quotes for hoodies

-Parent asked if there will be a dress code survey going out to parents as the idea was tabled at last month's meeting, and she is following up as it seems like a great idea.

Action: Stephanie to look into sending out a paper or google doc survey to parents

11. Closing comments

End 7:51pm