

Father Lacombe School Council

MINUTES



Date: Sept 17, 2024

StartTime: 6:37pm

Father Lacombe School - Food Studies Room

AGM

- 1. Welcome & Prayer**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Minutes May 2024**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Chair Report (Claudine)**
 - A. Recap 23/24 year
 - B. Report for STAR Catholic

***action: Claudine attach re-cap document**

[School Council Yearly Report 2023-24](#)

6. Admin Report (Maria)

-263 students currently enrolled at Father Lacombe. That is the highest enrollment ever for the school.

-two kindergarten classes this year. We received a \$50,000 grant to help support that.

-playground is finished and the school is complete after 6 years in the making. The shed has also been built and completed.

-Mrs.Damberger is covering a mat leave in the Gr.4 class. Mrs.Lavoi will take over in December

- Maria and Stephanie are attending a Catholic Leadership conference.

-a new SWIS(Settlement Worker In Schools) worker in partnership with the school. Patty will help with diversity and inclusion within the school.

7. Teacher Report

-playground has been a huge hit and everyone is enjoying it. There is no direct supervision before or after school hours. There is an adult supervisor near the bus lanes if children have needs.

-the first Friday Mass was a success, the church was full.

-volleyball is starting up for JR High girls and boys. We are hoping for a GR 5/6 team to start up in the fall to teach introductory skills.

-JR Highs had a MADD(Mothers Against Drunk Driving) presentation that was well received.

-new twist on SAINT awards this year. The focus will now be on the 7 Virtues. There was discussion about giving children who received a nomination more recognition as well as the overall monthly winners. The leadership team could help with sorting nominations to give back to the child to take home to show their families

-Terry Fox run will be held on September 27th, the link for online donations is live.

-Annual Food Bank collection will be coming soon, so watch for news about that.

8. Trustee Report (Donna Tugwood)

***action: Claudine attach Donnas report**

[STARCatholic September](#)

9. Fundraising Committee Report (Laurel)

-nothing to report since last year's meeting as hot lunch gears up in October. See SchoolCash for hot lunch details.

- a few new vendors have been added to the rotation (Letos, Tasty Bites).
- discussion about how we can get the information out to parents of the school, what we fundraise for and how the monies are allocated. Some suggestions were to add it to the newsletter, advertise during school fundraisers, and word of mouth.
- Laurel and Gwen will co-lead the hot lunch program.

10. Treasurer Report (Jenna):

- not much to report since last year. Our starting balance is \$4,368.19

11. AGM

- A. What is a School Council (Claudine)

***action: Claudine attach document outline the purpose of school council**

[What is a School Council - ASCA](#)

- B. Roles & Responsibilities (Claudine)

- there were no new members, so we didn't have to go over these.

- C. Elections:

CHAIR - vacant. No one at the meeting agreed to step into the Chair role, so we've suspended the election until we can add the position to the newsletter and see if we get someone interested next month. Cecilia is interested in a shared role, and would co-chair with Claudine.

VICE CHAIR - Cecilia. Kelsey made the motion, Vivian seconded. All in favor.

SECRETARY - Kelsey. Jenna made the motion, Laurel seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER - vacant. This position will also be added to the newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR - Leigh. Jenna made the motion, Laurel seconded. All in favor.

FUNDRAISING LEAD - Voted to change the name to fundraising TEAM, with it being a group effort to take on fundraising opportunities with much of the communication held over text or email, to keep the council meetings on

task with less discussion about fundraising details. Laurel motion, Kelsey seconded. All in favor.

12. New Business:

Planning 2024/25 - events. Discussion on how the ASCA grant should be used this year. A wellness fair was discussed. But then further discussion was had about keeping the event more lighthearted and creating more of a connection with families. A paint night, or some other fun event was suggested. A tentative date was set for November 15th for this event. Laurel suggested that if all the money isn't used we could plan another ASCA workshop for the council.

Planning 2024/25 - fundraising

-Claudine went over the fundraising schedule for the year. Watch for news each month.

-coffee with council will now be quarterly - dates will need to be selected

-There will not be a welcome back BBQ this year. The school has grown too much for this to be an affordable expense. The School and council will continue to do the year end BBQ in spring.

***action: Claudine will pick the Fridays that work best to have coffee with council and present next meeting**

13. Closing Comments:

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for October 15, 2024 at 6:30pm