



**St. Francis Junior High School
School Council Meeting**

December 18th, 2023 – 6:02 pm, Library (Room 116)

1. Call to Order – 6:00pm – Laurie Catonio

- a) Opening Prayer – Michael Racz
- b) Land Acknowledgement – Jackie Kraemer

2. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance:

Jackie Kraemer (Staff), Michael Racz (Staff), Laurie Catonio, Roisin Gibb (Trustee Liaison), Tricia Doherty, Dan Doherty, Gerriane Timmerman.

3. Approval of November 20th meeting minutes – Motion Gerriane T., Second Tricia D.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business –

- a) School Council Chairs meeting – Laurie Catonio
 - i. The importance of the School Council/Trustee relationship was emphasized during the meeting. There is a legislative mandate which demonstrates the importance of the school councils. The board seems to be very busy and getting a lot of stuff accomplished. Everyone seems happy overall. The trustees are always present and approachable. There was a big turnout. Jackie sends out invites to our trustee Roisin. Feedback from the school councils have led to changes and suggestions that can be made. Having more of an interactive session has been positive and helps make the role of the trustee clearer. When they are present at our meeting/gatherings its easier for them to identify how they can assist and what information should be brought back to the board.



- b) Continuous Improvement Plan – Jackie Kraemer – table this discussion until the next meeting.

6. Trustee Report – Standing trustee report

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings

Roisin attended meetings in Edmonton for 5 days. In attendance were the Minister of Education, MLA Nathan Neudorf and the Premier. Our trustee met with MLA Nathan Neudorf and confirmed, again, that St. Francis still #1 for modernization or new build. December is always a busy time of year with Christmas masses and turkey dinners, etc. and she tries to attend as many events as possible. Two of the representatives of the NET team attended as well. NET is an organization focused on sending teams of young adults to share their faith in schools and churches, so youth are transformed and reengaged in their Catholic faith.

Trustee Cheralan O'Donnell was elected Zone 6 ASBA representative and Trustee Tricia Doherty as alternate as Trustee Roisin Gibb has assumed the role of Zone 6 ASBA Chair.

7. Treasurer's Report –

Opening balance on November 1st was \$2,433.54. Closing balance on November 30th was \$2,425.54. There were no deposits made into the account in October. The total debit from the account in November was \$8, which consist of monthly maintenance and statement print service charges.

We discussed asking Tokunbo to check into getting an account with no fees.

8. Principal's Report –

1. Staffing Update:

- a. Peyton Hiebert - EA starting tomorrow until June. - 3rd Jordan's Principle Intern.

2. CCH - Vercillo - The Wizard of Oz letter.

- a. We are at that time of year again where we are going to be having our musical theatre startup in earnest! In past years, your parent council was



gracious enough to support our production by purchasing an ad in our programs. I am wondering if I could get your parent rep contact to reach out again for this year's production of The Wizard of Oz!

- b. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HzhnNy7Kkp4nK_1M_CiXT0k-3ks7K1nRCTZVL1fY-s/edit

Motion by Tricia D. for the St. Francis School council to purchase a \$50 business card advertisement in the program. Seconded by Gerriane T.

- 3. Aladdin Jr. Ticket sales – Performances from March 12-14
 - a. <https://sites.google.com/holyspirit.ab.ca/stfrancisfinearts/home>
- 4. Athletics:
 - a. Basketball – Order 1-2 sets of uniforms for next seasons.
 - b. Tournament - DV girls made \$750 at the gate. Mike ran the first tournament this weekend.
 - c. It was suggested we look at getting new volleyball bottoms.
- 5. PAT
 - a. January - Pilot Digital PAT this year – Darren did the webinar today. Hoping the teachers will give an assessment before they take them. Roisin requested info to bring it back for zone info. Because we're set up in semesters, we have it staggered, and we don't need all grade 9 students to write the PATs at once. Hopefully, we have enough devices for the students we have writing. We're hoping they're more flexible on dates compared to other years.
- 6. Continuous Improvement Plan and Annual Education Assurance Measures Report – Posted on the website on November 30th. We will table this until the next meeting.
 - a. [CIP](#)
 - b. [AEAMR](#)

9. Closing Prayer – Laurie Catonio

10. Adjournment – 6:31pm

Next Meeting January 15th, 2024