



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

March 18th, 2024 – 6:00 pm, Library (Room 116)

1. Call to Order – 6:00pm – Laurie Catonio
 - a) Opening Prayer – Jackie Kraemer
 - b) Land Acknowledgement – Jackie Kraemer

2. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance:

Jackie Kraemer (Staff), Mike Racz (Staff), Laurie Catonio, Tricia Doherty, Gerriane Timmerman, June Beloin, Tanya Koopmans, Chantelle Motycka, Tokunbo Walter-Endui (treasurer), Roisin Gibb (Trustee Liaison)

3. Approval of January 15th meeting minutes – Motion June B., Second Gerriane T., All in Favor.

4. Old Business –
 - a) None

5. New Business –

- a) School Council Chairs and Board of Trustee's Meeting

- i. Father Christino Bouvette presented regarding Truth and Reconciliation. He is Catholic and Indigenous. He reviewed the 98 calls to action and asked everyone to consider if why we're doing certain things are they having the desired effect. Are they becoming routine, or do they still have meaning? Are we truly living Truth and Reconciliation or are we just checking boxes? Is it authentic or just for show? Indigenous people should be viewed more as friends and not as different, viewing each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. He organized the Pope's visit because he had the advantage of being a Catholic Priest who is also Indigenous and fluent in Italian.



We need to be careful on how we share the history on what happened at an age-appropriate level. Not only choosing stories that are a historical fiction because it is important that the children can truly understand that these things really happened.

<https://youtu.be/1oDHeAZRy7s?feature=shared>

b) Staff Appreciation

i. London Road Market Bunwich – June 17th

- Motion by Chantelle M., Tokunbo W. Second, All in favour

6. Trustee Report – Standing trustee report

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

- The three-year capital plan was approved. St. Francis is #1 and we're hoping it will be included in the next budget announcement.
- Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference. The board is willing to sponsor a school council member if they want to attend the conference in Edmonton or online from April 26-28. Email Roisin if you're interested.
- Extracurricular activities policy was approved. The board appreciates that staff go above and beyond for students with extracurricular activities. The next stage will be creating the admin procedures.
- Kid doodle \$10,000. St Francis has purchased picnic tables, a Peloton bike with subscription, and mini ping pong tables. They're also in the process of getting a laser cutter but it's been difficult.
- Holy spirit stars reminder to let Roisin or Tricia know and they will do their best to have them included.

7. Treasurer's Report –

Opening balance on February 1st was \$5048.54. Closing balance on February 29th was \$4333.69. There were no funds deposited last month. The total debit from the account in February was \$714.85 which consists of \$8 (monthly maintenance and statement print service charges), \$656.85 (donation to the school for calculators) and \$50 (CCH, The Wizard of Oz play).



There were discussions to plan on future contributions towards the students awards for September. Will be discussed at later meetings.

8. Principal's Report –

1. Staffing Update:

1. Peter Gallagher has accepted a secondment at SACI (Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute) until June 2025. His last day is March 28th if we have a replacement by then.
2. Elisabeth Ankermann is pregnant and will be on Maternity leave for 2024-2025 school year.
3. Cathy Jo Peters is retiring effective April 30th.
4. Daniel Scott-Perry and his wife welcomed their son on Tuesday.
 1. Marina Miller will be filling in for Daniel.
5. Corey VanOene is on medical leave - we have Mr. Kast and Mr. Jaxon Harvey filling in for him.
6. Pam Keating is going off for surgery in April and will be off for the remainder of the year.

2. Performing Arts of St. Francis

1. Aladdin was very successful and sold over 1000 tickets.
2. Thank you to parents for all your support, especially Tricia Doherty for being the parent representative and keeping communication between parents and the staff.
3. They announced that the musical next year will be Newsies.

3. Athletics

1. Badminton
- b) Looking into purchasing new uniforms, this will cost approx. 15-20k. They might assign the chocolate fundraiser revenue for next year to help reach this goal.

4. Blackfoot naming

- a) Elders met with grade 9 students to give them Blackfoot names. They had their first meeting to get to know them better, they'll look at ways to tie the names into their family history if possible. The ceremony will take place on May 16th at 6pm.

5. Office Hours/ Parent Teacher Interviews

1. Parent Teacher Interviews March 21 from 5:00-8:00pm

6. Showcase/Grade 6 tours

1. we had a very successful showcase this year.
2. STEM, music, art, cupcake decorating, recording studio, Hydroponics, choreography, Gauss math club, French sessions for prospective students to try it out.
3. All feeder schools came for a school tour and information session.



7. Reminder to have parents fill out re-registration forms.
 1. Should we have an open registration evening? Maybe we should set up a booth to remind parents to register their kids during parent-teacher interviews.
 2. Projections for next year seem like they're going to stay around 550.
8. Spaces discussion. All the parents on the school council are completely against a move to spaces.

9. Closing Prayer – Laurie Catonio

10. Adjournment – 7:03 pm
Next Meeting April 15th, 2024