



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

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00 pm, Library (Room 116)**

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

2. Welcome, Introduction and Attendance:

Jackie Kraemer (Staff), Michael Racz (Staff), Roisin Gibb (Trustee Liason), June Beloin, Gerriane Timmerman, Tricia Doherty, Tanya Koopmans, Chantele Motycka, Jayzellynn Rivera, Tokunbo Walter-Endui (treasurer), Trish Fleming.

Sent regrets: Laurie Catonio,

3. Approval of September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes – Motion Gerriane T., Second Trish F.
4. Old Business – None
5. New Business – None

6. Trustee Report – Standing trustee report

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The back page displays the Holy Spirit stars. Students can be nominated through our Trustee or school administrators, a couple St. Francis Students were included this month. The Front page highlights the Board's action items. There was a presentation as we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in 3-year faith plan. Build!



Some of the Board's main objectives:

- working on advocacy with the Government focusing on how we would prefer to receive our funding. The board met with both the MLA's Neudorf and Phillips and our Minister of Education.
- Not funded on current population which is up 3%.
- Discussions centered around funding, specifically the Weighted Moving Average framework, enrolment, and budget deficits
- Modernization of St. Francis. Either modification or rebuild. #1 capital priority. Top line on all meeting agendas. We'll hear after budget is released in February. They can try value scoping to see if it's a new build or modernization. Sometimes they'll release some funds ahead of time. Both MLA's have been on tours throughout the school. The tours/meetings focused on pointing out the concerns for safety, programming, space, code changes and were all addressed. The meeting with the Minister of Education was a virtual meeting but MLA Neudorf attended as well and complimented the board. He advocated that St. Francis required modernization before they even had a chance to bring it up.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report –

- a) As of Sept 1 the account balance was \$2399.54 at end of month the account contained \$2441.54 because we received a credit of 49\$ from outstanding school fees from last year and received a charge of 7\$ bank fees.

#### 8. Principal's Report –

- a) Jason Andrusiak is filling in math & science grade 7, health, soccer starting today along with Diane Turcotte. We went from 1.0 librarian to .5 and we'll be sharing with St. Catherine's in Picture Butte. We have our librarian on Monday and Tuesday and every other Friday. Jackie and Micheal are now acting as Principal and Vice Principal respectively. Gaylene Hawes was hired and now all EA staff are filled.
  - i. When the library doesn't have a librarian present the space is still being utilized as a library with self-checkout. Also, can be



used as an open space. Students use it to study during lunches. The administration is looking into running lunchtime clubs and trying to utilize the space more.

b) Parent Evenings Nov 19 with (I)SWAG Team Mental health and reducing stigma have started up again. AHS Parent info session sept 19 – 22 in newsletter. Digital wellness session with Lethbridge Police is on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Yates.

c) Update on Chocolate.

- i. Out of chocolate boxes now but will have more tomorrow. Student awards prizes incentives, gaming concepts, library books, hardship fund, library books, etc.
- ii. June asked if we are already at our goal because we're out of chocolates
  - 1. We under purchased this year, met baseline, at our level 1 goal, with the next round we should meet our goal.

d) Athletics –

- i. Volleyball – St. Catherine's tournament senior girls won, boys got second. Development got 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ii. Going to Van Tiesen this weekend.
- iii. Zones for cross county. Had quite a few students who placed high in the standings.
- iv. Basketball will be starting soon

e) Information regarding office hours and PT interviews will be on the website and social media. PT Interviews are on Nov 16, the information will be sent out to parents for sign up.

f) Performing arts will be doing musical. Narrowed down to three. Dino is away but will call later to decide. Will try to let kids know by



Wednesday. Auditions on Monday. Trisha will be parent rep, this year parents will have more of a role as part of production team.

- g) Wendy Urquhart international liaison – interested in language programs and summer opportunities. Jackie will get back to Wendy and gather information to put the offer out to parents.
- h) Enrollment –projected was first 513 and bumped to 530. Our final confirmed enrollment is 547. Grade 9 is the smallest, there is a large grade 8 and grade 7. A top priority is a needs assessment report that will be sent to our board liaison to help meet those needs. Submitted 20 applications. Jordan's school funding, and contacted Michelle for more staffing.
- i) \$10,000 winnings have been deposited in the account. Haven't finalized what we're doing with it yet, it will be included in the next report.

9. Closing Prayer – Jackie Kraemer

10. Adjournment – 6:27pm

Next Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023