

St. Francis Junior High School
March School Council Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023
6:00 pm

In Attendance: Devon D., Laurie C., Michael R., Kristen M., Claudia F., Ernesto F., Tricia D., Candy R., Roisin G., Leslie S.

1. Call to Order

-The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Laurie.

- a. Opening Prayer – Devon Dempsey
- b. Land Acknowledgement – Devon Dempsey

2. Welcome and Introductions

-Laurie welcomed everyone.

3. Approval of the Minutes from January 2023

-Motion: Leslie, Second: Claudia

4. Old Business: \$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

-Laurie checked with Lethbridge Family Services and arranged for a presenter at our School Council Meeting in April. Laurie is uncertain if there is a cost for the presentation but it was suggested that we could donate to Lethbridge Family Services. Devon will check with Rhonda or Amanda to see if that would be an acceptable use of funds.

5. New Business: Staff Appreciation

-We discussed how we can use some money to show staff appreciation. It was suggested that staff enjoyed the 'build-your-own-sandwich' luncheon that was provided last year. Laurie will look into arranging this through London Road Market for May 23, 2023.

6. Trustee's Report

-Tricia gave the Trustee report which included:

- New school on the westside,
- Modernization of St. Francis,
- Capital visit,
- The Board's 3-year priorities,
- “Balancing Act” email from the Superintendent,
- Meeting with School Council Chairs,

- Alberta School Council AGM,
- GRACE information evening; and
- Letters to the Minister regarding changing PAT dates and addressing gap funding for Div 1 and 2 students.

7. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer was not present to provide a report.
- Laurie indicated there was an opening balance of \$6471.89 and a closing balance of \$6461.89.
- Devon mentioned that the school will be asking for funding for the musical, grade 9 farewell, and awards.

8. Principal's Report

- Devon read the Principal's Report. This included:
 - Dates for the next School Council Meetings (April 17, May 15, and June 19)
 - High School Musical runs from March 30-April 15. The stage is up and students are rehearsing on it.
 - Grade 9 students had a presentation regarding their grade 10 course selection process.
 - Grade 6 students will be having a presentation this week. There will also be a showcase evening.
 - Enrollment rates are approximately 540 students for next school year.
 - Staffing updates: Billy Woiite has accepted a position at the Board Office and Doris Hopkins is retiring.
 - Easter break is April 7-14, 2023.
 - Parent Teacher Interviews are April 27, 2023.
 - Marian Mass is May 10, 2023.
 - Victoria Day is May 22, 2023.
 - School PD Day is May 23, 2023.
 - Grade 9 Farewell Celebration is June 8, 2023.
 - Teacher Office Hours are available once a month. They are listed on the school website under School – Teacher Office Hours.

9. Closing Prayer

- Laurie led closing prayer.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.