

ST.MATTHEW'S SCHOOL COUNCIL
AGENDA - November 8, 2017 Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Staff Room

1. Call to Order- Start time at 6:01- Christine Heggart, Dorraine Lonsdale, Crystal Meronowich, Lisa Sembaliuk, Paul Andreas, Jessica Sliva, Teresa Johnson, Leanna St. Onge, Linda Collinson, Chiarastella Feder, Shoma Thomas

2. Opening Prayer- Jessica

3. Agenda Approval- Move hot lunch to 5. Lorie motioned and Crystal seconded.

4. Adoption of Minutes

- a. September 6, 2017 meeting- Lisa Motioned and Leanna seconded

Introduction of attendees

Hot lunch- Hot lunch has been going really well and there was only 1 mix up last week with pepperoni/ham and pepperoni pizza. There are about 200 students who order hot lunches currently. They are ordering from 4 different places in town for the hot lunches.

5. School Council Mail

- a. School Art Fundraising
- b. Purdy's
- c. Grade Three Field Trip Letter

6. Treasurer's Report- There are two reports- one from School council and one for hot lunch. School council has not had any change since last June. Hot lunch has a balance of \$3233.26. There was an amount of a surplus from last year's hot lunch that is . Teresa motioned and Leanna seconded.

7. Trustee Report

- It has been a busy first month with the induction and going around and visiting all of the schools. Dorraine noticed that there is a lot of good going on in Red Deer Catholic, even though we are separated by a highway.
- There are a lot of political issues coming up in the past month, but there is limited that can be said right now. There is a meeting tomorrow of the Alberta Catholic School Trustees with the Minister of Education that will mostly focus on Bill 24.
- There are two big conferences coming up with the first three days being with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees and then the second 3 days with be with the Alberta School Trustees.

- The board itself is very unified and pro-Catholic education. It is full steam ahead to promoting and keeping Catholic education in Alberta. Dorraine clarified that there is 1 school system with 3 strands- Public, Catholic and Francophone.

8. Principal's Report

- a. Survey - <https://goo.gl/forms/Nz0msgHEXcT4cm5i1>
- We had a great start of the year. We are starting with our first class retreat this year on November 15th. They will have a tour of the parish, fun activities and a teaching mass.
- Few staff changes- Kyle Wright left us and moved to St. Dominic's, Tracy Vanderaa moved into grade 5, Brady Donald will cover Tracy's old position until we can find someone to cover, Vivian has accepted the position at the church and so there have been some EA changes
- 45 teachers attended Catholic Education Sunday
- Teresa wanted to welcome Dorraine Lonsdale as our new Trustee
- Health Champions ran the 3rd annual Pumpkin Dash
- Park and drop- We have now sent home letters regarding the new Park and Drop. Teresa wanted to work with the town before sending the letters home so they went out in late October.
- Student council is up and running. Lorie Hughes and Donna Noble are leading it and they have ran two successful dances. They had 52 students come out for Student Council.
- Parent Teacher Interviews- They are two weeks later this year and this change was done to better align with Wildrose School Division and this was from feedback to not have so many different days.
- Grade 8 students ran a successful Stuff the Bus and Terry Fox raised \$4600.
- Volleyball season is done tomorrow and basketball season will be starting soon.
- School fees are now \$35 for all students and the sheets were sent out this week.
- We held a Avalanche risk presentation last Friday and an ATV presentation will be coming up on November 15th.
- There is a Stakeholders survey to fill out by December 8th that will help provide feedback for our School Improvement Plan.

9. Teachers' Report- No report

10. ASCA Report- Laura isn't here, so it was struck from the agenda.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Elections – Treasurer (Vacant)- Crystal nominated Leanna and Chiarstella seconded it. Leanna accepted and all were in favour.
- b. Watoto Choir Booking (May 17)- Watota takes care of orphaned children in Central Africa. They have a choir that travels around to promote their missions. They do presentations for 45 mins to an hour. The Watoto Choir is doing a presentation at the Christian Reform Church on the evening of May 17th. The choir is free to book and they

accept a donation towards their missions. It ties into our Division Faith Theme “All are welcome. All belong.” We would look for donations from students, but also looking for a potential donation from Parent Council (since we are not bringing in Alberta Opera). Lisa motioned and Crystal seconded.

- c. Hot lunch – reimbursement motion- Kelly is currently paying 3 of the 4 vendors (Co-op won't allow it) on her personal credit card. Teresa will make a motion that hot lunch can be paid and reimbursed using a Staff Expense form. Crystal seconded.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. RDCRS Admin Procedures Review (Teacher PD and FOIP – emailed in advance)
- b. Joint School Councils Meeting – Wednesday, January 24 (evening, time TBD)- This is a meeting that combines individuals from School Councils and trustees. Mileage is reimbursed and Dorraine offered that if anyone wants to ride in with her, let her know.
- c. Catholic Bishops of Alberta and Northwest Territories – Supplementary Statement https://www.caedm.ca/Portals/0/documents/archbishops%20office/2017-11-04_Supplementary%20Statement%20-%20Catholic%20Education%20Sunday.pdf

13. 2017/2018 Fundraisers

- a. Mom's Pantry- Teresa will have Shar call and ask for the papers. We will have a letter that goes with them to discuss what the fundraising is for and what Parent Council does in the school. We will decide when the due dates will be for these based on when we get the sheets in.
- b. Spring flowers- The orders will need to be in by March 29th so Lori will know if she needs to plant more to fulfill the orders. She is meeting with Lori next week to finalize the details.

14. Funding Requests

- a. Grade three zoo field trip busing (\$1235 plus gst/ per bus)- They are requesting \$2600 because they are up to 66 students and therefore need 2 Coach busses. Leanna motioned and Lisa seconded.
- b. Other

15. BOUQUETS

- Leanna- Wants to thank all of the grade 8 teachers who have been very supportive during Quinn's surgery and recovery.
- Dorraine and Christine- Thank you to the volleyball coaches
- Linda Collinson- Thank you to Kyle Wright for his time and dedication to the school.
- Leanna- Thank you to Hot lunch ladies
- Chrisatella- Thank you to Teresa

16. Closing Prayer - Lorie

Meeting ended at 7:06 pm