

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes – March 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Staff Room

In attendance:

Laura Sparrow, Kelly Muyeres, Teresa Johnson, Christine Heggart, Leanna St. Onge, Lise Peterson, Kristin Miller, Tracy Vanderaa

1. Call to Order (Christine Heggart) **5:02pm**
2. Opening Prayer - Lead by Kristin Miller
3. **Agenda Approval** - Leanna motioned to approve and seconded by Laura – all present in favour.
4. **Adoption of Minutes** (Secretary) Leanna motioned to approve and seconded by Lisa - all present in favour.
 - a. September 19, 2019 meeting
5. School Council Mail
 - a. Learning Team x 2 issues
 - b. Dear MLA – ATA Memo
 - c. Zoo Field Trip Request
6. **Trustee Report** – Teresa reviewed November 2019 report and noted education funding changes to come, uncertain as of yet as to impacts.
7. Treasurer's Report - No Report available at time of meeting.
8. Hot Lunch Report- No Report available at time of meeting.
9. Principal's Report (Teresa Johnson):

Principal Report Dec/Jan/Feb

- Adoration will be held on January 8 and February 12th for our students and staff.
- We have regular visits from our Division FNMI team - we are discussing reconciliation and creating a reconciliation rock garden in the courtyard.
- St. Matthew in response to some feedback has decided to host a Fine Arts Night SHINE every 2nd year we look forward to hosting in 2021. This night will be a chance for us to showcase and highlight all the areas of Fine arts our students are exposed to and participate in.
- Accountability surveys have been sent home to grade 4 and 7 students. This survey helps get feedback from parents as we strive to accommodate in all areas. The information, which is gathered from the survey, provides us with areas of strength and improvement for our school. We are adding a draw to help get more feedback from parents as we value our parental voice.

- Outdoor Ed class went ice fishing Feb 25th to Crimson Lake.
- Due to lack of interest, the band trip was canceled, in place, we will host 2-day camps here at the school to continue to develop skills. The first Feb 11, and another in March.
- Our annual Christmas Winter festival was an amazing display of the talents of many of our students.
- Our office had hidden painted rocks throughout the school with the nativity and students searched and found them daily for a fun advent activity.
- We have had a few staff on leaves and had some temporary changes to staff for short time, Mrs. McAdam, Ms. Kukarudza and Mrs. Kinch in Grade 2 and Mr. Daisley has resigned as of the end of January for personal reasons but we are fortunate to have him continue to sub. We also are fortunate to welcome Mrs. Morrish back to our staff in Grade 2 at the end of February.
- Registration for kindergarten and pre-k opened January 14th again we have healthy numbers. We have 55 kindergarten and 28 Pre K registrations already after a week.
- Grade 4 students are participating in their retreat at the parish on Feb 11th.
- Grade 4½ ski trip occurred on February 27th.
- Middle School students will be going to Nakiska March 25th.
- Our annual Tinsel Town was run by Sharmin Unwin and raise a little more than \$1215.00 for the school council.
- St Matthew Basketball has 5 teams this year with a total of 73 athletes on teams. Divisionals will be March 2, 3 and 4th. Badminton will then be starting.
- We had a great middle school dance on January 30th with a Beach theme.
- Ash Wednesday mass and Anti-bullying pink shirt day both occur February 26th. Mass will be held at 10:45 pm in the gym and everyone is encouraged to wear pink.
- We have a number of students on a hockey team which is hosting provincials in Rocky so we are having a jersey day on March 16th to show support for the students.
- We held a book fair the week of Feb 3rd to the 7th.
- We engaged in a One book one school project headed up by Mrs. Dianne Thorpe. Mrs Thorpe was able to have many community members participate by reading a chapter including the mayor, B94, bylaw officer, Father Leon, teachers, SRO office, and our superintendent.
- Our RDCRS bussing will become Prairie busses after Feb 24th, we are working to ensure the transition will be smooth for our students.
- Faith coach is working on setting up a day for confessions
- OE grade 7 going again on March 9th
- Festival Band - full day March 11 and they will attend Festival on March 18th
- We are having the Gr 6 students do some field testing in Social, Science and Math in May

10. **Old Business:**

- a. Flower's Fundraiser – Plant Ranch Fundraiser to proceed as planned for spring.
- b. Steak's Fundraiser – raised \$2620.00. Recommend planning again in fall 2020.

11. New Business:

- a. Zoo Field Trip – Moved by Teresa to fund up to \$2600.00 for zoo field trip buses. Seconded by Leanna. All present in favour.

12. Bouquets - Christine noted bouquet to Leanna for driving for the steaks pickup; Teresa noted bouquet to parent community for handling the staffing transitions and for asking questions; Leanna noted bouquet to teachers and administration with transitions; Leanna noted bouquet to front line staff; and, Leanna noted bouquet to basketball coaches for another great sesason.

13. Closing Prayer - Kristin Miller

Adjourned at **5:55pm**