

Ecole Notre Dame Elementry
School Council Meeting

MINUTES – Oct 21th, 2019
6:30 p.m. Teachers Lounge

Attendance: Stephanie Atkinson, Mary-Ann Wood, Melissa Solowoniuk, Jessica Szydluk, Leanne Rondeau, Tiffany Friesen, Colin Atkinson, Natasha Miller, Kim Kaiser, Lea Cousins, Morgan Mugford, Paula Fortin, Vince MacDonald

1. Call to order

Call to order at 6:37 and Lea led with a prayer.

2. Review of the Agenda

Jessica approved the minutes

3. Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended) 5 min
 - a. Sept 16th 2019

Approval of minutes from May 2019. These will be emailed out to be read before the November meeting.

4. Financial Report*: Treasurer - MaryAnn 10 min
 - a. Financial Transactions / Status to date

Natasha asked to explain what common shares are – Mary Ann said it's the banks way of giving us extra for our checking account. Mary Ann motioned to approve, Natasha seconded. All in favour. Carried.

5. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 10 min
 - a. Task Force Topic

A task force question for the month has not come out so this will be postponed until a new question comes from ASCA.

- b. Workshop Ideas to bring to town

HEB SC reached out to see about gathering SCs from the area to host multiple ASCA workshops. Looking at maybe doing this in the early new year.

7. Old Business 15 min

- a. Teachers wish list 100\$
- a. Year books **Year book Jessica is working on it with Jostons.**
- b. Christmas show box **Christmas shoe box - Administration received an email from Nicole _____, saying that this Operation Christmas Child show boxes that we do are not as beneficial as we thought. They have learned that a portion of money donated does not actually go to those in need. They would like us to look at a similar shoe box campaign that falls within the catholic organization beliefs. Chalis and the Christmas campaign – new initiative to look into.**
- c. Hot Lunch **Hot lunch has been kicked off except some glitches.**
- b. Birthday books 1200\$

8. Principal's Report: Principal – Kim Kaiser 10 min
 - a. Budget- How to read it

See the attachment for school budget. Funding is provided per bum in seats. Funding framework depends on population, physical area, and prosperity of the area. Block funding happens for PUF or inclusive funding looks at speech, OT, teaching assistants. Transportation is funded. Target



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funding is for province initiative (like AISI, health funding, technology). Capital funding is for school construction and maintenance (portables, entry way). Expected budget items. Out of school care budget. District has eliminated some positions for people who has retired. Growing in faith and growing in Christ program (\$10,000) program and access.

Teacher report --- Paula Fortin is now our teacher rep and will be for the remainder of the year. See the attached teacher report.

9. Trustee's Report: Trustee – To be announced 20 min
a. Budget – Where do we get our money from?

Official enrolment 2595 students. Increase of 52 students. We have had a 35% increase in enrollment in the last 5 years. Draft education plan looking for feedback. District celebration day Oct 28. Highlights was the minister came and met with the district who came with David Hansen and met some students on the hunger strike and put a few pictures. Trustee Corner is a little write up that takes a turn speaking about a topics. Vince just attended a conference for GRACE (advocacy group for catholic education) we have 2 grace groups in our district talking about the benefits of catholic education.

Board News October 16, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

Trustees gathered at Holy Cross Elementary School in Cold Lake for their Monthly Board Meeting. The meeting commenced at 1:30 pm. Official Enrolments OnSeptember30, 2018, LCSD had 2,543 students. As of Sept 30, 2019, we had 2,595 students. This is an increase of 52 students, or a 2.04% increase this year over last year. We have had a 35% increase in student enrolment across the District over the last five years. Remembrance Day Wreaths; A trustee from each of our communities will be presenting a wreath during a Remembrance Day ceremony this year on behalf of the school division. Feedback on Draft Education Plan Feedback was positive on the draft education plan. The plan is currently in progress, with an expected completion of November 30, 2019. District Celebration District Celebration takes place on October28, 2019 at École Notre Dame High School this year. Invitations have been sent out to retirees and award recipients. Trustees will be presenting the awards to recipients during the ceremony. Financial Report Secretary Treasurer Tessa Hetu provided a financial update. ACSTA Award The ACSTA(Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association) Honorary Life Membership Award is being presented to Casey Penner this year. Board Chair Diane Bauer will be introducing him at the ceremony, which is taking place in November.

Committee Reports. ACSTA (Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association)-Trustee Vincent MacDonald provided an update on ACSTA. b.ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association)-Trustee Vicky Lefebvre provided an update on ASBA. Superintendent's Report Superintendent Joe Arruda shared the monthly Superintendent's Report. School Monthly Professional Development &



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Success Stories; Superintendent Joe Arruda shared the schools' monthly Success Stories. All schools participated in the Terry Fox Run, raising money for cancer research. École Notre Dame High School collected non-perishable food items and raised money for the Hungry For the Homeless Campaign. They filled a bus with donated food for the local foodbank and raised over \$2000 which was also donated to the foodbank. This is their fifth annual event. Teacher Ms. Siobhan Penner and some student participants met with Honourable Education Minister Adriana LaGrange and MLA David Hanson to discuss their initiative on September 26, 2019. Education Minister Adriana LaGrange and MLA David Hanson stopped on the main street in Bonnyville to talk to students and make a donation to their cause. Schools are performing well in a variety of sports. LCSD would like to acknowledge both the dedication and hard work of its coaches and students in the many areas of sport that are available across the District. We are extremely proud of the results our students achieve. Trustee Corner Chairperson of the Board, Mary Anne Penner shared the monthly Trustee Corner. Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 27,2019 at Central Office in Bonnyville at 1:30 pm

10. New Business

10 min

- a. Monthly thank yous – **Lea spoke about how Dr Jody Carrington changed the outlook about how to thank the teachers. Lea is proposing splitting up a year end gift for teachers and thanking them throughout the year each month. The year end teacher appreciation will go to a per grade potluck (each grade will be responsible to provide a dish). Melissa is willing to take the lead and as a group.**
- b. Hot Lunch – **We are having real issues with pay pal. Linda is looking to change from Pay Pal to BOOMERA as a change in process. Lea made the motion to get rid of Pay Pal and change to Bombera. Jessica seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda and Mary-Ann to look into changing.**
- c. Goals – **Lea will work with Kim and get a list with prices for the November meeting.**

11. Next Meeting Nov 18th

5 min

Move the monthly SC meeting to November 25

12. Adjourn **Lea adjourn at 7:40**

