

School Council Meeting Minutes

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, 490 Rhatigan Rd NW, Edmonton, AB, T6R 2E2

Agenda – March 7, 2024 6:00 p.m. School Office

*Indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendees:

Christine Vince; Principal, Carmen Markowski; Assistant Principal, Amanda Campbell; Chair, Nina Bouhamdan; Vice Chair, Alexandra Krutzfeldt; Secretary, LeeAnne Folgizan; Treasurer & Casino Chair, Chris Folgizan, Emily Kaminsky

Call to order – 6:05pm

1) Welcome

- a. Opening Prayer – Led by Amanda
- b. Treaty Six Acknowledgement – Led by Amanda
- c. Review and acceptance of the agenda

LeeAnn moved to accept the agenda; Emily seconded. All in favour. Carried.

2) Approval of the Minutes*, as presented (OR as amended)

Nina moved to accept the minutes as amended; LeeAnne seconded. All in favour. Carried.

3) Old Business

- a. Christmas and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
- b. Hot Lunch
 - **No additional volunteers have come forward in response to the Hot Lunch letter that was sent out to parents.**
 - **A St. Mary's parent who is the principle of Laurier Heights emailed to suggest we try organizing pizza lunches. This is something they facilitate with a group of grade 6 students at his school and it has been very successful. For 600 students they order 30 pizzas and sell slices for \$2. Per lunch they profit \$300 and the proceeds go toward the grade 6 farewell. Paper order forms are sent home for grades 1 & 2 only.**
 - **LeeAnne, Chris, and Kate will plan a trial pizza sale on a Monday after Easter. If it goes well, we can look at planning them on an ongoing basis.**
- c. Family Dance
 - **The 'Here we Glow' family dance was successful. Feedback was given that it was 'the best dance ever' and 'really fun'.**

- Suggestion to have the grade 5 and 6 students help with decorations next year as some of the Glow Team helped this year and really enjoyed it and did a great job.
- Suggestion to have students with a parent volunteer help with decorations.
- Christine could supervise so that it could be done after school and wouldn't take away from instructional time and wouldn't be downloaded onto teachers.

d. Maple Shack

- Kate moved via email that the FA spend up to \$1500 for the Maple Shack to provide a Winter Carnival for the whole school. Vanessa seconded. All in favour. Carried.

4) Principal's Report

5) New Business

a. Valentines 'no treats' policy

- The 'no treats' policy at St. Mary is a school policy that strives to ensure that students aren't left out from giving or receiving gifts and treats on Valentines Day.
- It is important that the policy is clearly communicated to parents. Some families weren't aware of the policy and still sent treats.
- The policy was listed in the school newsletter, but was still missed by some families.
- Suggestion to shorten the school newsletter so that families read it. Either by highlighting important or new information at the beginning or creating links to items that are reoccurring rather than listing them in the newsletter every month.
- Suggestion to include a 'secret egg' in the newsletter with a prize for the first parent to find it. As an incentive to read it.

b. School Council Display at Demonstration of Learning

- It would be a great opportunity to engage parents if the SC set up a display at the Demonstration of Learning on March 13, 2024.
- Alex created an information flyer and will bring copies to distribute.
- Amanda will create a tri-fold display highlighting some of our initiatives for the year.
- Chris will bring a prize wheel so students can 'Spin to Win' for prizes.
- Amanda and Alex will man the display for the evening.
- Alex moved to spend up to \$100 for prizes and supplies for the SC Display at the Demonstration of Learning. LeeAnne seconded. All in favor. Carried

6) Next Meeting(s)

- Amanda will send out a Doodle Poll to set the next meeting date.

Adjournment-7:25pm