

The SAC Meeting commenced 6:07 p.m.

Attendees:

Christine Vince, Principal; Joanna Schipper, Assistant Principal; Kate Faught, Chair; Brian Lema, Secretary; Amanda Campbell; Audrey Hanna; Jasmine Winter, Renee, Dara

1) Welcome

- a. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Kate Faught
- b. **Treaty Six Acknowledgement** – Led by Kate Faught
- c. **Introductions** – Led by Kate Faught
- d. **Approval of Agenda**

Jasmine moved to accept the agenda, Audrey seconded. All in favour. Carried.

- e. **Approval of Minutes from the Oct 24 SAC meeting**

Chris moved to accept the agenda, Renee seconded. All in favour. Carried.

2) Administrator Report – Christine Vince

Christine gave the following updates:

Questions:

- *What were the successes and/or challenges of the Demonstration of Learning?*
- *What are your perspectives regarding the changes to the ECSD reporting system?*

Feedback

One parent reported that they miss the Power School comments, but other parents found it to not be user friendly, and the comments to be very generic and not specific to their children.

Christine advised that they are working on making the Demonstration of Learning to be a very effective tool to provide parents with.

Joanna informed that there will be a summative report mid-year, plus another Demo of Learning in March and a year end summative report.

Another parent commented that ECSD grading is difficult to see where their child is performing relative to the median and relative to how the child typically performs. It's difficult without a numerical grading system. Christine responded that the current system puts a lot of trust in teachers to identify areas of concern, and while she trusts the staff at St. Mary, she understands the value of the comment and will bring it forward.

A kindergarten parent requested more information from their teacher regarding what the expectations are for their child who brings home schoolwork. It would be nice to know if there are things to practice or know what's being worked on at school.

A parent suggested that all parents should receive feedback about their child without having to solicit feedback at the Demo of Learning, and not just negative feedback.

Joanna and Christine reassured that any notable concerns would be identified and not just at the Demo of Learning. Parents would be contacted by their teacher if there are concerns that need to be addressed.

A parent did advise that anyone can reach out to their teacher for a meeting to discuss their child's performance at any time.

Updates & Information:

Highlights from the Alberta School Council Association workshop with ECSD Principals

- o ASCA helps to Engage, Empower and Advocate*
- o ASCA will do a workshop – we need to sign up online.*
- o Sharing the purpose for fundraising prior to collecting funds*
- o Liability Insurance is important for Fundraising Society to protect members. The division works with Foster Park Brokers Insurance and you are welcome to connect: Dawn-Anne Finley & David Reese - Childcare Program Managers TF: 800.668.3213 EXT 4425 or 6227 | fpb-childcareprogram@nfp.ca*

Assurance:

- ☐ *November review of the St. Mary School Growth Plan*

Upcoming Events:

- ☐ *December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent*
- ☐ *December 5 - Advent Celebration during Announcements*
- ☐ *December 6–9 Hour of Code*
- ☐ *December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent*
- ☐ *- Deadline for Ordering Hot Lunch - HealthyHunger.ca - 11:59 p.m.*
- ☐ *December 12 - Advent Celebration during Announcements*
- ☐ *December 14 - Full Day Kindergarten (Optional)*
- ☐ *Open Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert for Extended Family 1:00 p.m.*
- ☐ *Christmas Concert 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*
- ☐ *December 16 - Hot Lunch - Edo*
- ☐ *December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent*
- ☐ *December 19 - Advent Celebration during Announcements*
- ☐ *Door Decorating of Classrooms*
- ☐ *December 20 - Wear your Christmas themed/coloured clothing*
- ☐ *December 21 - Wear your Christmas hats or headgear*
- ☐ *December 22 - Pancake Breakfast, PJ or cozy clothes day, movie in afternoon*
- ☐ *Full Day of School Thursday - Dismissal at 2:54 p.m.*
- ☐ *December 23 - Early Dismissal before Christmas Break – dismissal at 11:59 a.m.*
- ☐ *Whole School to STM Parish for Mass at 9:30. Parents Welcome!*
- ☐ *December 26 – January 6 CHRISTMAS BREAK*
- ☐ *January 9 - Classes Resume after Christmas Holidays*

Questions / Comments

- Kate stated that we would benefit from an ACSA meeting. Christine will follow up with the representative.

3) Financial Report

Emily was not able to make the meeting tonight, but advised that there are no changes from the last meeting. Joanna advised that receipts will be arriving shortly.

4) SAC Community Building Initiatives

Kate advised that the Christmas Raffle Baskets and Pancake Breakfast on Dec 22 are the two upcoming initiatives that require attention.

Kate requested that we once again have students bring their own plates / utensils. On a similar theme, Chris also asked if we could look at a similar initiative to reduce waste with hot lunches. Options will be explored for this.

Reminder about the Feb 10 Family Dance. Planning will be discussed at the next SAC meeting.

5) Fundraising

Christmas Raffle Basket, and Christmas Concert parking / front row seat bidding planning underway. Audrey will assist with coordinating.

6) New Business

Audrey made a motion to spend up to \$300 on the Pancake Breakfast. Chris seconded. Carried.

Chris made a motion to spend up to \$800 on gift cards to support families in need in advance of Christmas out of operating funds. Dara seconded. Carried.

Audrey suggested for future 2023 fundraising to turn artwork from the students into a Christmas card campaign. Noted for next year.

Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

Next SAC Meeting: January 16, 2022