

Neil M Ross Catholic School
School Council
October 19, 2021| via Google Link

Attendees: Melissa Giroux, Kristy Cunningham, Shelby Moser, Sherry Gagne, Ashley Bellavance, Courtney Quirk, Gianfranco Cassano, Jessica Brady, Kelly Wagar, Melissa Crane, Shauna Wasik, Sheri Holik, Susan Tarling, Amanda Cherniwchan, Anne Hanson, Stephanie Chau, Candice Crandall, Ryan Gerace, Trustee Gregory Schell, Becky Prud'homme

Regrets: Courtney Haigh

1. Call to Order @ 7:01 pm
2. Sharing of Good News
 - a. Fit Set Ninja was a great event for the kids
3. Introduction of all members by Sherry Gagne
4. Additions to the October 2021 Agenda – no additions
5. Approval of the October 2021 Agenda
 - a. Ryan Gerace motions to approve the agenda; Candice Crandall seconds motion – motion passed
6. Approval of Minutes from September 2021 School Council Meeting
 - a. Susan Tarling motions to approve minutes; Ryan Gerace seconds motion – motion passed
7. Fowler Report-Evan Giroux
 - a. On October 1, RSF celebrated all students who SOAR (Spiritually, Organization, Accountability, and Respect). This is currently an online assembly where students are recognized for their good deeds. We always end with a fun game. This month the game was Elephant ball.
 - b. RSF celebrated Thanksgiving last Friday with Father Adam. This was a live-streamed Liturgy that was school-wide. During the week, classes had focused on what they were thankful for.
 - c. Fowler provided food for the hungry with our Food Drive. We were able to collect 785 pounds of food and \$95 to give to the St. Albert Food Bank.
 - d. On October 13th, our grade 7 students attended their annual retreat at Camp Nakamun. It was a great day of Reflection and Prayer with Friends and Fun!
 - e. Our Remembrance Day celebration will be November 5. This will be a live streamed event.
8. Old Business
 - a. Playground Committee Update – Anne Hanson
 - Park maintenance
 - Applied for a grant through Alberta Blue Cross
 - Resubmit grant application for CFEB – there has been a delay in this process
 - Next steps - Need to send out an RFP for quotes and survey to students to identify what they want in the new park.

- b. Education Foundation – Shelby Moser
 - i. This is a Foundation where fundraisers take place and then schools can apply for funds. We have received grants to support iPads as well as Bibles.
9. Trustee’s Report – Gregory Schell
- a. Vital Grandin School has been renamed Holy Family School
 - b. Advocating for the province to begin Contact Tracing in schools.
 - c. New Board has just been elected as of last night
 - i. 3 incumbents and a new trustee Lydia Yeomens
 - ii. Oath for the new term is on Monday, October 25, 2021
 - d. Contact for Trustee Schell is gschell@gsacrd.ab.ca
10. Administration Report – Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne
See Attached Report
11. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report-Anne Hanson
- a. In-Dey-go Cookie fundraiser is taking place this November – looking for a parent volunteer to take this on.
 - b. Booster Juice Coupon Books – Stephanie Chau is communicating with BJ to see if they are still offering this fundraiser
 - c. Art Cards for Kids is coming up
 - d. Calendar Raffle – 12 Days of Christmas. Still looking for donations if there are any families looking to donate. Please contact Becky Prud’homme
 - e. Approved funding for the AED cabinet batteries that were required
12. Healthy Hunger Update-Susan Tarling
- a. There have been a few administrative hiccups but Katie MacMillan has been dealing with these accordingly
13. Holy Family Parish Update-Shauna Wasik
- a. New sacramental minister - Bruno Binnasi
 - b. Parent meeting the last week of October for upcoming sacramental prep. There is no need to register
 - c. Father says the parish needs more volunteers, old and young.
 - d. All masses continue to have room and live stream is also continuing. This is aired on Saturday evenings.
 - e. Catechism has started on Friday evenings for Grade 1-9 students.
14. Yearbook Update-Rebecca Prudhomme
- a. Team and missing photos are set for May 3. If possible, there may be class photos taken without masks at this time.
 - b. Yearbooks will come home before the Summer with students
 - c. Yearbooks are available for purchase on school cash on-line
15. New Business
- a. NMR Wish list – there are still funds available from Friends of Neil M Ross and an ask went to administration about what ideas they might have:
 - Sitting area or gathering area for teachers to take classes outside or for parents to gather (considering the side of the school where teachers park/SIGIS entrance). Include some picnic tables and benches. Ideally

the space would be large enough to seat one class so the area could be used for teaching during the day.

- a. Kristy Cunningham motioned that as a school council we support the concept of an outside gathering space/classroom and to begin pursuing quotes and design concepts. Seconded by Becky Prud'homme. All in favour.
 - b. Maintenance would like to keep the concept simple as this is easy to clean, maintain and fix. Try to stay away from a garden type idea as there is no care during the summer months.
 - c. Next steps: Sherry and Shelby to provide an idea and some costing to council for discussion at the next meeting.
- Question if some funds could be used to bring in activities for the kids (i.e. FitSet Ninja)

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 23rd, 2021 at 7:00pm
Meeting Adjourned: 8:27pm

Reports Attached - Admin. Report

ADMIN REPORT FOR NMR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 19/21

FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: ARISE : Get up...**GET GOING!**...Go with God!
- ★ Food Bank Drive: 671 pounds brought in and \$165 dollars raised!
- ★ Thanksgiving Liturgy: We were so excited to have Fr. Curtis join us for our liturgy and the grade 4's and 5's did a wonderful job leading us in prayer.
- ★ Socktober: We are currently asking for adult men's and women's socks to donate to the Hope Mission. They had an unfortunate fire last week so these donations mean more than ever this year! For every pair brought in, the children will add one heart sticker to their class sock on the display board.
- ★ Book of Remembrance for the month of November: Students will be invited to write in our book to remember someone who has passed away. Our book is added to each year. Students are also invited to send in photos of loved ones who have passed for their classroom prayer table or our foyer special table of remembrance.
- ★ Remembrance Day Liturgy on Nov. 5: Our grade 5 team and Father Adam will lead us in prayer.
- ★ Catholic Ed Sunday Nov. 7: Please join us at HFP for the 9am mass to celebrate Catholic Education
- ★ Chaplain in Residence Wed. Nov. 17: Our division chaplain, Doug Kramer, will be here once again to be with the rest of our students he hasn't hung out with yet, to talk about our school faith goal.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

- ★ Fashion Club: Our grade 5's who are interested in fashion are rotating through groups for the month of October designing many fashion creations.

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Read in Week: It was a successful week of reading for our NMR students with many guest readers...from our Superintendent to an Edmonton Oiler!
- ★ Long Service Awards: Our staff celebrated our long service awards recipients. We had 4 staff who were recognized for having a total of 95 years of combined service with GSACRD.
- ★ Rainbows - grief and loss groups have started for Div I and Div II. This program serves a part of our student population who have experienced any type of grief and loss in a small group setting led by Ms. Dewitt (Div I) and Mrs. Chyzowski (Div II) who have both been trained to facilitate.
- ★ Book Fair: Well underway this week! It has been great to have this back in our school and the students have been thrilled to visit it in the gym where we have everything spaced out.
- ★ Halloween: We are ready to celebrate this holiday with the whole school next week! Our kinders will be dressing up on Thursday Oct. 28 and grades 1-6 have their dress up day on Friday Oct. 29. We look forward to having our Haunted House return in the gym for our students as well as homeroom teacher classroom planned activities. Parents are welcome to send in cards for kids to pass to their friends as well as treats; we just ask that they be peanut free and packaged.
- ★ Fall Break Nov. 8-12
- ★ Jersey Day Nov. 19

FEEDBACK

- ★ Please feel free to email or call Shelby or Sherry if you have any additional questions or would like to provide us with feedback on any of our school-related items. We would love to hear from you!
 - Shelby Moser smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca
 - Sherry Gagne sgagne@gsacrd.ab.ca