



## Executive Minutes

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 | Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Held virtually via Google (link to be sent day of meeting)

**Chair:** Melissa Giroux

**Attendance:** Shelby Moser (Principal), Sherry Gagne (Vice-Principal), Becky Prud'homme, Stephanie Chau, Ryan Gerace, Susan Tarling, Candice Crandall, Ashley Bellavance, Caroline Bouvier, Anne Hanson, Amanda Cherniwchan, Lindsay Bauer, Franco Cassano, Shauna Wasik, Amanda Muir, Renee Dewitt, Courtney Haigh

**Regrets:** Kristy Cunningham, Trustee Greg Schell

1. Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer, Shauna Wasik
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories, Melissa Giroux
4. Good News to Share
5. Introductions, Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne
6. Additions to the November 2021 Agenda
  - a. No additions
7. Approval of the November 2021 Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve - Susan, 2nd by Ryan
8. Approval of October 2021 School Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. "Indeygo"
  - b. Motion to approve - Anne, 2nd by Susan
9. Fowler Report, Evan Giroux (**attachment**)
10. Old Business
  - a. Playground Committee Update, Courtney Haigh/Anne Hanson
    - i. Phase two; recent meeting Nov 16
    - ii. Keeno is leading phase 2; CFEP January 15, 2022 intake.
    - iii. RFP going out to three suppliers; three week turnaround
    - iv. 8 week turnaround
  - b. Education Foundation, Courtney Haigh
    - i. AGM in March 2022
    - ii. Please purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets to help support our Future Fund grants and grade 9 and 12 scholarships.

- iii. More information coming in the New Year regarding Foundation mandate and open positions on the GSACS Education Foundation
11. Trustee Report, Greg Schell (**attachment**)
- a. Please pass along questions to Shelby or Sherry or contact Trustee Schell directly.
12. Administration Report, Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne (**attachment**)
13. Friends of NMR, Anne Hanson
- a. Active Fundraisers
    - i. Calendar Raffle (3 for \$25 tickets sold out!; open until Nov 30 for sales; \$10 tickets still available)
    - ii. Indeygo (online and paper ordering available)
    - iii. Booster Juice (watch for link to order)
    - iv. Art Cards (complete and sent home for ordering; order deadline Nov 29)
    - v. Email: [friendsnmr@gmail.com](mailto:friendsnmr@gmail.com) or [annewithaplan@gmail.com](mailto:annewithaplan@gmail.com)
14. Healthy Hunger Committee Report, Susan Tarling/Katie McMillan
- a. Program is going well! Off to a good start.
15. Holy Family Parish Update, Shauna Wasik
- a. Pending Christmas restrictions; there could be sign up for Christmas mass.
  - b. Check the facebook page; church bulletin; email Shelby or Sherry with any questions.
16. Yearbook Update, Rebecca Prud'homme
- a. Yearbook sales; 92 sales to date at \$22 via cash online
  - b. Layout and pictured flow; creativity on design
  - c. Grade 6 cover art will proceed this year; due end of January 2022
  - d. New ideas for Kinder pages; finalize at next meeting
  - e. Candid photos from teachers to google drive
17. New Business
- a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, Melissa Giroux
    - i. Defer to January 2022 meeting; \$500 held with NMR school account
    - ii. Melissa will send out criteria to all parents.
    - iii. Bring forward ideas of how best to allocate the \$500 grant as outlined under; Allocation Criteria and Guidelines.
    - iv. Deadline is the end of 2021/2022 School Year.
  - b. NMR Wish List, Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne
    - i. Process (presented by Chair): Admin brings forward a list to the school council; the school council reviews and discusses the wish list. The role of the parent community at council is to ask questions regarding items, seek clarity on rationale behind an item and bring forward relevant discussion on concerns and/or support. All parents of students who attend NMR are open to bring forward concerns/ideas to teachers and administration; however, the list is created by the admin of the school.
    - ii. The School Council functions as an advisory whereas; Friends group provides additional support with a primary role of fundraising.

- iii. Friends of NMR presented to council/admin that available funds for 2021/2022 school year is \$30,000 (immediate access); to be allocated for any admin. wish list items brought forward.
- iv. Admin Wish List presented at council;
  - 1. 1. Outdoor classroom - Quote (Approx \$24245.50 - quote attached)
    - a. Presented with approx. quote and drawing of space design. Location would be by the grade 1 doors (adjacent to parking lot); current grass space. There would be six tables (pictured) on a concrete area. Space utilization would be for all classes. Project would be led by NMR Admin/District Maint. Unique opportunity as the district will be completing work at NMR in the near future and this project could be included in the project scope, potentially saving direct labour and/or material costs.
    - b. Schedule: not set schedule at this time; optimal before the end of June 2022. A parent brought forward a question regarding immediate impact; concern that the fundraising dollars of kids leaving the school this year may not have the same impact. Concern is timing of project completion.
    - c. Cost Analysis: approx. costs presented with note that Ron (GSACRD Maint.) did estimate higher to account for any overages. A parent raised the question of who is responsible for any budget overages as costs presented are estimated; costs presented are estimated with potential overages taken into consideration.
    - d. A Parent brought forward the question of updating technology within classrooms making note of what this large sum of money could provide at the classroom level. Discussion around district technology planning/implementation; distinction between school level v. district level approvals.
    - e. A parent brought forward the location and potential for mis-use of the space by unauthorized groups.
    - f. Summary of discussion regarding proposed outdoor seating/classroom area is the project requires further discussion given the large sum required for the project. Emphasis from some parents that Friends allocated funds be directed towards more immediate impact wish list items - at this time.
    - g. Incomplete support as presented; not included in motion at this time.
  - 2. Rocks & Rings Curling In house sessions - Invoice attached (\$1029)
    - a. School level activity. Scheduled.
    - b. General support as presented; included in motion.
  - 3. Fitset Ninja sessions - Invoice attached (\$2100)
    - a. Reimburse for shortfall in Oct due to supervision requirements. Through reimbursement of this item the admin/school will be able to help support other school initiatives.
    - b. General support as presented; included in motion.

4. Kimochi's. [Here is a link to their website](#) Starting the program with groups of Gr 1 boys and focussing on Impulsivity and Social Skills. With more groups to be offered afterwards, according to student needs. The cost of the program is around \$550.00.
    - a. General support as presented; included in motion..
  5. Ipads for K-3 - 12 ipads and 2 charging trolleys (Approx \$5559.34 plus tax - quote available)
    - a. Admin. has applied for one of the Future Fund Grant with GSACS Education Foundation. This grant would be for (1) of the iPad tubs.
    - b. Suggestion to keep both bins in the motion; easier to withdraw one bin then have to approach council again if grant is unsuccessful.
    - c. General Support; included in motion.
  6. Classroom teacher reward amount - \$200 per or \$250 per (\$4000-\$5000)
    - a. At the request of Admin this item is pending follow up with teachers.
    - b. General support as presented; not included in motion at this time.
  7. Artist in Residence (Approx \$6000-\$10000)
    - a. At the request of Admin this item is pending further conversation regarding what is offered, to present more specific opportunities.
    - b. General support as presented; not included in motion at this time.
- v. **Motion:** School Council will support; points 2, 3, 4 & 5 (which will include the full cost of two ipad bins), to be brought forward to the Friends of NMR for discussion; motioned by Courtney, 2nd by Becky. All in favour, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

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## ATTACHMENTS

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### **Fowler Report**

RSF Celebrated Remembrance Day on the Friday before fall break. We were honoured to have Constable Tran, our school RCMP resource officer join us. Our own Mr. E shared his grandfather's story of fighting in the war. Last week we celebrated business week, bullying awareness week as well as Metis week. During business week, our gr. 9 Enterprise and Innovation students run the businesses they planned.

The theme this year for Bullying Awareness week is: "One Kind Word". Each student was challenged to write a word or phrase to uplift others, a bulletin board will be created in our school to share these. We also completed activities in Booster class to help students learn how and where they can take a stand against bullying.

During Metis week, we learned more about Metis knowledge and traditions. We celebrated by sharing small pieces of Metis facts and traditions each day. In foods class, students are made bannock, a beading activity was offered, and gr. 7 student made sashes

We are currently hosting an Art Exhibition of 3 First Nations Artists in the library learning commons. This exhibit is a travelling exhibit from the Art Gallery of Alberta. Classes will have the opportunity to explore the artwork and engage in some activities around the art displayed. I have included the links to see more information.

[Turtle Island Art Exhibition](#)  
[Turtle Island Exhibit: The Artists](#)

### **Trustee Schell Report Summary: Presented November 23**

#### **Regular Board Meeting Summary**

Monday, November 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting

#### **Division News**

The 2021 Long Service Awards were held virtually on October 6, celebrating many recipients within our Division. Long-service gifts were awarded to employees with five years of continuous service with the Division and for every additional five years of continuous service after that to a maximum of thirty-five years.

On October 8, The Greater St. Albert Board of Trustees and senior administration decided to mandate proof of vaccination for all employees. Starting on December 17, all GSACRD staff are required to be fully vaccinated or present acceptable proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of beginning each workday.

Various Thanksgiving activities took place at schools across the Division, with subsequent food bank drives also occurring. In addition, many grade four students were visited by their schools' priests to lead students in prayer for bible distribution celebrations.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal launched with all elementary schools. The portal will access students' attendance records, timetable, ongoing assessment/progress, and end-of-term report cards.

GSACRD Voice hosted a virtual Parent Café on Tuesday, October 26, in a session called Recognizing Hard-to-Have Feelings with your Child.

#### **School News**

Legal School was awarded a \$1000 donation from the Legal Lions Club for the nutrition program within their school. "The Legal School Nutrition Program serves our school community in a variety of ways. An average of 70 students per week come to the office seeking snacks throughout the school day," says Principal Lisa Kleparchuk. "At Legal School, we recognize that it can be difficult for students to stay focused and engaged in their learning when they are hungry." The Morinville Freepress also covered the story.

Holy Family Catholic School welcomed Division Chaplain Doug Kramer to the school for his residency, and then students learned how when God calls us to do great things, he sometimes changes peoples' names. The students were excited to share their definition of Chaplain with one student in grade 2, exclaiming, "Chaplain means read the gospel!" This showcases how much Doug's weekly video recordings of the gospels resonate with the students. Doug relayed the name changes of Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah in the Old Testament and Simon to Peter in the New Testament, which related so well to the school's name change from Vital Grandin to Holy Family. The schools are also working hard to gather donations for the food bank, and hope to Scare Hunger Away with their Halloween foodbank campaign.

École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School raised \$12,000 during their annual Light the Night walk, raising funds to support Leukaemia and Lymphoma. Both students and staff gathered together to complete the 5km walk. In addition to this fundraiser, students donated more than 260 pairs of new and gently used shoes/boots to the Bissel Centre. École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School also held a very successful food drive, Fed by Feehan, recognizing Mr. Feehan's love for charity and social causes within the school. Vincent J Maloney Catholic

Junior High School students also supported this fundraiser, and both schools brought in more than 2600 items for the local food bank. These events focused on three corporal acts of mercy: visiting the sick, clothing the naked, and feeding the hungry.

Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School students participated in the 11th annual Take Me Outside Day on Wednesday, October 20. Students joined in various activities, including an environmental sing along with Remy Rodden, mindful breathing, a silent hike, and a sharing circle with a talking stick.

École Father Jan Catholic School students accepted the Thanksgiving Challenge and brought in more than 779 items for the local food bank.

Students from Neil M. Ross Catholic School are collecting socks for the Hope Mission. Students can fill their class socks with a heart to see how full of love they can make their socks for each pair of socks donated.

École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d'Youville is featured on The United Way Website for their past "Make Your Mark" project. This project entailed creating a short documentary on what poverty looks like in St. Albert and how students could make their mark on poverty. Students also fundraised throughout the past year to raise funds for the Food Bank, Gianna Centre, and Youth Empowerment.

The St. Albert Parish and St. Gabriel Education Centre and Trustee Shaw collected food for the Paul Band and Alexis Reserve in the Lac St. Anne parish. St. Gabriel Education Centre also held a Thanksgiving celebration with Father Ignacy, serving lunch to staff and students. St. Gabriel Education Centre now has access to their new parking lot, which has made their staff and students very happy!

St. Gabriel Education Centre established a School Council for the first time, with seven parents participating. They are excited to get involved in the school and provide feedback and support to staff and students. The Online Learning Pathway is working very well this year as it serves the needs of students in GSACRD and Evergreen Catholic. The program has three collaborative teachers at the junior high level, and the partnership with Evergreen is proving a success. The GSACRD elementary students are also doing well with Evergreen at the helm. The students are all very excited to be learning, and attendance is excellent.

The junior high Online Learning Pathway (OLP) students raised \$186.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation, which is excellent for a small school! Mrs. Julie Lamoureux, the PE/Health/Religion/FSL teacher, organized a competition between the grades. The grade 8's won and received a little treat bag for their efforts. The staff and students are also really enjoying the daily prayer presentations. The students have commented that they like the gospel music being shared with them, and they want the discussions and learning they are doing through the prayers. For October, they've focused on learning about the lives of Saints in preparation for All Saints' Day.

#### **CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS**

The following Action items were approved:

- Board Policy Review: Policy 1: Division Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs, Statement of Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives
- Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct
- Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair
- Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair
- Policy 8: Board Committees
- Policy 9: Board Representatives

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The following update(s) and/or report(s) were provided as information:

- 2021-2022 Enrolment Report
- 2021 Alberta Assurance Measures Report
- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Report

#### **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on November 29, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

### **Administration Report**

#### **Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting November 23/21**

##### FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: ARISE : Get up...**GET GOING!**...Go with God!
- ★ Socktober: We were able to donate over 1600 pairs of socks as well as \$142 to the Hope Mission!
- ★ Book of Remembrance for the month of November: Students have been invited to write in our book to remember someone who has passed away. Our book is added to each year. Students have also been 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: It was a blessing to have Father Adam with us! It was also a gift to hear during Sunday Mass, how powerful he felt it was for not only the staff but for the students as well.
- ★ Catholic Ed Sunday Nov. 7: Thank you to the families who were able to attend.
- ★ Chaplain in Residence Wed. Nov. 17: Our division chaplain, Doug Kramer, spent the day with our students and helped us reaffirm our commitment to our work with ARISE! Get Going!
- ★ **NMR Advent Family Mass** at Holy Family Parish on Sunday November 28th @ 5pm (Led by Grade 2). Invitations went home from students to all of our families this week. All of our classroom Advent wreaths will also be brought up during the mass for a special blessing. We also have a special gift for all of our families in attendance.
- ★ Weekly students assemblies starting next week will focus on Advent theme each week (Hope, Peace & Joy)
- ★ Christmas Campaign is for the Kinette's "Toys for Tots to Teens" at NMR. Each homeroom is collecting different items for kids in our community for the Kinette toy hampers. See our NMR promo video on our website [HERE](#). Runs until December 7th.
- ★ Our staff is doing "Jeans for St. Jean" - we are paying money to wear jeans from now until Christmas break to donate to the rebuilding of St. Jean Baptiste Church in Morinville.

##### EXTRA CURRICULAR

- ★ Camera Club: Interested Gr 4 students in photography are rotating through groups for the month of November learning about everything from various poses, angles, cropping, and editing with Ms. Quinn.
- ★ Drama Club: Interested Grade 6 students are participating in Drama club with Mrs. Manderson.
- ★ "Rocks & Rings" Curling organization is booked to come to NMR on December 7, 8, 9, 10. Every Gr 1-6 class will have two sessions - original curling session and tournament session.
- ★ Jersey Day was on Nov. 19. Hopefully everyone enjoyed seeing pics of our school spirit on social media.

- ★ Our Grade 1's celebrated 50's day this past week for 50 days of school and dressed up 50's style!

## SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Rainbows - grief and loss groups are well underway 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.
- ★ Currently have Gr 1 small group scheduled once a week to focus on positively improving impulsivity and social skills in Gr 1 led by Mrs. Chyzowski.
- ★ Worry Groups for Div I & Div II will be starting up in January.
- ★ Dog Park Update:
  - Executive Leadership, with the City Council, reviewed our (Keenoo and NMR) application to decommission our park as an off leash park. They outlined that they are engaging the services of an external consultant to help develop and facilitate a virtual engagement event with key stakeholders and other interested participants and they are hoping to have the whole process completed by April 2022.
- ★ Parent Survey will be sent home tomorrow! We are exploring the possibility of offering the GSACRD Sports Academy for grade 4-6 students at NMR (Hockey, Soccer, or Gymnastics/Cheer/Dance) starting in 2022-2023. Academy cost is \$230 per month,. Students attend academy activities Tues, Wed, Thurs morning until 10:30am. Students receive their Physical Education and Health outcomes through the Academy programming. Students in the Academy also give up an optional course (Music or Art). Additional details will be provided in email tomorrow.
- ★ NMR Christmas Concert will be virtual once again this year - planning and practicing is underway with our music teachers, students and our videographer Mrs. Moser.
- ★ Nutrition Grant - November students received "Gingerbread men" for special theme day and goldfish packs for class snack. December they will receive brownies for day snack and will get cheese strings and rice crackers for class snack.
- ★ Kindergarten "Celebration of Learning" is tomorrow and Thursday evening from 4-7pm. We are looking forward to welcoming parents into the school for this special evening and have found ways for this to occur safely.
- ★ Constable McKay will be visiting our Grade 6 classes on a weekly basis to support informally teaching lessons that would have been previously taught in DARE or the new program (currently being piloted in St. Albert called SAFE AT SIX. We are so fortunate he has committed to our school and we know he will make such a positive impression on our grade 6 kiddos!

## 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!
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