

## Executive Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 | Call to Order at 7:03pm

Held virtually via Google (Link sent day of meeting)

**Chair:** Melissa Giroux

**Attendance:** Shelby Moser (Principal), Sherry Gagne (Vice-Principle), Kristy Cunningham, Sheri Holik, Shauna Wasik, Susan Tarling, Candice Crandall, Renee Checknita-DeWitt, Ashley Bellavance, Courtney Quirk, Jenna Wagar, Stephanie Chau, Ryan Gerace, Becky Prud'homme, Trustee Greg Schell

**Regrets:** Courtney Haigh

1. Call to Order 7:03pm
2. Opening Prayer: Shauna Wasik
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories-Melissa Giroux
  - a. Neil M Ross Catholic School acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of treaty 6 and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. Thank you Creator.
4. Good News to Share
  - a. Thanks for the info sessions provided to the Div. 2 students from ATB Financial
  - b. Was nice to see so many of the kids smiles at school this week
  - c. Thanks to admin and teachers for being so supportive of the kids this week as mask mandates have changed and respecting all families choices.
5. Introductions-Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne
6. Additions to the February 2022 Agenda
  - a. No additions
7. Approval of the February 2022 Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve - Susan, second by Kristy
8. Approval of January 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve – Courtney Quirk second by Ashley Bellavance
9. Fowler Report-Evan Giroux
  - a. As its Black History Month, we've been teaching students about its history and about incredible individuals who have made significant contributions in society. We are also coordinating a presentation for students from Jesse Lipscombe, a Canadian actor and former St Albert resident who has worked hard to motivate teens and society to be better. He created the #MakeltAckward movement, an anti-racism movement. This will be Feb 25th.
  - b. Shrove Tuesday will be March 1st to kick off the season of Lent the next day, Ash Wednesday. We will provide all students and staff with a delicious pancake breakfast. We are grateful to have Father Adam from Holy Family Parish join us on Ash Wednesday to celebrate with us.
  - c. We are so excited to have the green light to plan our annual ski trip to Marmot on March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Our Business Class will be offering Business Week - students create a small business to sell their items over the lunch hour... they are familiar with COVID protocols and are working with Mrs. Morgan to ensure everyone's safety. This will take place on February 22 – 25.
10. Old Business
  - a. ASCA School Engagement Grant-Melissa Giroux
    - March 1 – School Council purpose workshop – how we can utilize school council within our community.

- May 17 – School Engagement workshop
  - You can sign up through registration email that has been sent out or through Melissa Giroux.
- b. Shrove Tuesday-Courtney Quirk
- Knights of Columbus are going to supply lunch for Shrove Tuesday, March 1
  - Div. 1&2 will get fed on Tuesday and the kindergartens will receive food the following day after liturgy
  - Volunteers are lined up to assist

11. Trustee's Report-Gregory Schell (attachments)

- \* Annual Kindergarten Expos were held in January – over 250 families attended across the division. This also included the launch of the nature kindergarten.
- \* Rapid Test Kits and Masks were distributed to all students across the division
- \* Neil M Ross will launch sports academy for Gr. 4-6 starting in the 2022/23 year. Hockey, Soccer and Gymnastics/Cheer/Dance
- \* Trustees met with MLA Dale Naly to discuss funding and current infrastructure
- \* Note: Report summary not received. Please refer to <https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/trustees> for updates, meeting agendas and minutes. Along with current information regarding district news.
- \* Trustee Schell can also be reached at [gschell@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:gschell@gsacrd.ab.ca)

12. Administration Report – Shelby Moser and Sherry Gagne (attachment)

- a. Alberta Education Accountability survey – to be completed with staff and grade 4 students. Parents should receive this in the mail from Alberta education. Parents are encouraged to complete as this assist the school in goal setting.

13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report – Melissa Giroux

- a. Discussed Landmark cinema movie fundraiser in April – more info to come
- b. Easter Purdy's fundraiser will be coming
- c. Family Ski Night – March 5 – purchase tickets before February 25 on school cash online
- d. If possible (based on restrictions) – looking to host a Spring Dance

14. Healthy Hunger –Susan Tarling

- a. Fully scheduled till end of year

15. Holy Family Parish Update –Shauna Wasik

- a. Father Adams is excited the restrictions have been lifted and encourages families to come and fill the church
- b. March 30 – Lenten Mass at 7pm

16. Yearbook Update - Rebecca Prud'homme

- a. 141 yearbooks have been sold to date – target is 226 to be sold. Order through School Cash online.
- b. Grade 6 cover art contest was a huge success

- c. Following Spring Break hoping to be able to retake class photos without masks on

#### 17. New Business

- a. School Council Elections (April 2022) - Melissa Giroux
  - Courtney Haigh is stepping down as secretary and Ryan Gerace is stepping down as Vice-Chair.
  - If there is a roll you are considering or want to take on for school council please let Melissa Giroux know. All role descriptions/responsibilities will be sent out to all families in March.
  - Elections will be held at the April 2022 meeting
- b. Staff Appreciation Week
  - Daina Bijou leading – being held the week of March 21, 2022
- c. Alberta School Council Association Update - Melissa Giroux
  - AGM being held virtually April 22, 23, 24. Registration opens on February 18
  - The advocacy resolutions will be brought forward for review at our March council meeting

Meeting adjourned @ 8:03 pm

**Next meeting is March 15, 2022 | 7:00 pm in the school conference room!**