



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

In Person: SOAR Center | Virtual: Google Link

Attendance: Rebecca Prudhomme, Jenn Kluthe, Elicia Galesloot, Jessica Brady, Courtney Haigh, Melissa Giroux, Susan Tarling, Shelby Moser, Rob Rawcliffe, Stephanie Chau, Brittany Meaver, Amanda Cherniwchan, Naomi Mulyk, Lindsay Bauer

Virtual: Courtney Quirk, Ashley Belavance, Leanna Cassasno, Yulia Podiliaka

Regrets: Candice Crandall, Trustee Gregory Schell

Business Portion of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:31pm
2. Additions to the September 2022 Agenda
 - a. Moving Friends Report after Playground Update: Courtney Haigh
 - b. Discussion on Monday Assemblies: Courtney Quirk
3. Approval of the September 2022 School Council Agenda
 - a. Motion: Susan Tarling, Second: Brittany Meaver
4. Approval of May 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. 11.c.ii. Punctuation error in email, Courtney Haigh to edit
 - b. Motion: Stephanie Chau, Second: Susan Tarling
5. Fowler Report: Melissa Giroux
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
6. Old Business
 - a. Playground Bins: Claire Dobroski
 - i. inventory in June
 - ii. budget created, master lists for each class, labeled bins and all equipment per class, made age appropriate and equal for all grades
 - iii. revisit in the spring for inventory/restock
 - iv. asked for feedback
 - b. Playground Update: Courtney Haigh
 - i. background: lifecycle reports in 2017 from the city
 - ii. Phase 2: swing and rock wall park replacement
 - CFEP grant unsuccessful for Phase 2, can reapply in Jan 2023
 - \$65000 from the City of St. Albert will remain until fall 2023
7. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report: Courtney Haigh
 - a. AGM September 29, 2022
 - i. elections will be held
 - ii. Halloween Dance set for October 21
 - DJ booked
 - parent involvement in donating and creating decorations
8. Old Business (Continued)
 - c. School Council Committees: Melissa Giroux
 - i. lists will be shared with Chairs to reach out to all parent volunteers

- d. ASCA Workshop: Melissa Giroux
 - i. link in email for any parent wishing to participate with the District workshop October 3rd
 - ii. Engagement workshop - canceled last school year
 - iii. possibly guest speakers instead with topics such as: anxiety in children, how children use the internet. Shelby will look into this, report back at the October meeting.
- 9. Trustee's Report: Gregory Schell (Absent/No Report)
- 10. Administration Report: Shelby Moser and Rob Rawcliffe
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
 - i. Will be sharing Joint RCMP and Municipal Enforcement Complaint Line with families regarding the dog park designation.
 - ii. Looking to reschedule a meeting this fall with the City to discuss the decision on the dog park space that was made last spring.
- 11. Healthy Hunger: Susan Tarling/Katie McMillan
 - a. All restaurants picked and waiting to hear from healthy hunger once all students are added to the website. Will start in October.
 - b. Request for one lunch time as there will be only one food delivery. Admin said there is not enough supervision to have all kids outside at the same time so it is not feasible at this time.
 - c. looking at two different restaurants for next year to ensure food is fresh for both groups of kids
 - i. This year we will gather feedback on how one delivery will affect children/families.
- 12. Healthy Hunger Funds Allocation (2021-2022/2022-2023)
 - a. **Motion to Transfer Funds for Healthy Hunger for the 2021/2022 School Year**

Motion: Total Healthy Hunger Funds raised from the 2021-2022 school year total \$5452.00. Motion for \$5252.00 to be transferred to Friends of Neil M Ross, with \$200.00 to remain in the Healthy Hunger account for incidentals and expenses.

Motion: Becky Prudhomme, Second: Susan Tarling

Approved

- b. **Motion for Healthy Hunger Funds for the 2022/2023 School Year**

Motion: Funds raised from Healthy Hunger for the 2022/2023 school year are to be utilized in the following way:

- 1. For Healthy Hunger Expenses (supplies, etc)
- 2. Incidentals (any errors with orders, no delivery of food, etc)
- 3. Year End BBQ
- 4. Excess funds to be utilized for School Council related activities if necessary
- 5. Any remaining funds from Healthy Hunger at the end of each year is to be given to Friends of Neil M Ross Fundraising Society for the benefit of the entire student body

Motion: Becky Prudhomme, Second Susan Tarling

Approved

- 13. Holy Family Parish Rep/Update
 - a. need to find a new rep
- 14. Yearbook Update: Rebecca Prudhomme
 - a. New Yearbook: 226 copies, cost \$18.63, 52 pages, soft cover, zoom at a glance included
 - b. Cover Due April 10, will run contest in February to be completed before Spring Break
 - c. Submission July 31 and Delivery early September

- d. Motion: With the above mentioned specs, motion to sell the books for \$22 to ensure we have enough to cover any shortfall should we not sell all of the books needed.
Motion: Becky Prudhomme, Second: Susan Tarling
 - i. Will let Elly know to put on Cash Online.
- e. New way to collect photos. Easy upload directly to the lifetouch website. Will share with admin and parents, as well as chairs of committees.
- f. Always encourage parents to participate and provide positive and negative feedback. Claire Dobrski will be designing the Yearbook this year with consultation with the committee chair and any parents wishing to participate.

15. New Business

- a. Social Media Platforms
 - i. admin will resume Instagram posts as the fall progresses and other priorities are met first with new English learning students, and students with diverse needs.
 - ii. Admin asked for feedback on the content of the Admin time given at Council Meetings. Looking at posting the admin report for our knowledge, and discussing things that Admin would like our feedback on. Try in October and review.
- b. Assemblies
 - i. Seating for parents discussed, more seating options will be added.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10pm

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. SOAR Center and Virtual Link Available

Attachments

5.a. **Fowler Report** September 2022

Get the Scoop - we were excited to meet and greet all of our families to meet our staff and enjoy a treat before the school year began.

Welcome Back BBQ - at the end of the first week of school we bbq'd hotdogs for all of our students at lunch. They enjoyed a juice box, bag of chips and hot dog. This was a great school community experience.

New Schedule - Every Wednesday afternoon, students participate in a falcon block. For the month of September students are in their homeroom group learning about organization skills, and other skills for school success. This will move into a flex block beginning in October. This time is allowing our teachers time to collaborate and support learning.

Staff - We welcomed a youth Success coach, Stephen Kane to work in our school. He is offering a space at lunch, a breakfast program, as well as student support. We also have a new counselor, Ms. McCurdy

Volleyball teams are selected and practicing. We are looking forward to a great season.

Opening Celebration will be held on September 22nd at RSF.

Healthy Hunger - looking for parent volunteers

10.a. ADMIN REPORT FOR NMR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20/22

FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: ARISE : Get up...Get Going!...**GO WITH GOD!**
- ★ Caring for those in need:
 - September:
 - Terry Fox Cancer Research Fundraiser = Run on Thursday Sept. 22 '22
 - Supporting "Angel Hair for Kids".
 - Mykayla Holik is cutting her hair and donating it to this cause. Families can also donate directly to:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/mikaylas-angel-hair-for-kids-fundraiser/>
 - Social media posts are coming soon!
- ★ Truth and Reconciliation
 - NMR is committed to walking the path of Truth and Reconciliation each and every day of the year, not only on Sept. 30. We will focus all this week on special lessons to bring a focus on this topic to continue our learning.
 - Orange Shirt Day is on Thursday Sept. 29! We remember those students who attended residential schools. Those who returned home, and those who did not. We remember.
- ★ Father Antony is our new Parish Priest. They are looking forward to having a Parish Partnership with our school community.
- ★ Grade 4 Bible blessing and presentation will be at our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Oct. 4th at 1:30pm in our gym with Father Antony (new students also receive blessed Bibles).

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- ★ Healthy Hunger will begin soon.
- ★ Book Fair will be set up during October interview week (Oct 17-20) in half of the gym for students to have the opportunity to participate in person.
- ★ Upcoming Clubs:
 - Grade 5 Fashion Club
 - Grade 4 Camera Club
- ★ We are planning the following clubs in the near future:
 - Running Club

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Grades 1-6 Interviews will be October 19 & 20 (Oct. 18 as third night for larger classes if needed).
- ★ Kindergarten interviews in November
- ★ Thank you so much to our families who have been really diligent in keeping their kids home when they are ill.
- ★ We are continuing to sanitize in an effort to reduce the spread of illness.
- ★ Nutrition Grant is once again in place in our schools.
- ★ Each school awarded \$8000.
 - Starting in October

- Details to come
- ★ RAINBOWS: Once a week for ten sessions.
 - We will be offering this grief and support group once again this year.
- ★ NMR's 3 Projects with Dr. George Georgiou: The Science of Reading
 - T-Series Assessments
 - Comprehension, Fluency and Phonetics
 - Alberta Research Network (ARN) Project Gr. 2&3
 - Targeting the learning loss resulting from the pandemic.
 - Once T-Series screens are complete, we will be analyzing data to look at intervention groupings to support students in grades 2&3
- ★ Grade 2&3 are heading to NAJA to see Shumka's Matinee performance of Mosquito's Wedding. A rendition of the Ukrainian Folktale about love, acceptance and diversity. Oct. 5th.
- ★ Read in Week: Oct. 3rd - 7th
 - Various guest readers pre-recorded for classrooms
- ★ Inquiries regarding Rec Academy:
 - At this time, we are still working on the logistics of integrating sports academy and how that rolls out throughout our year.
 - Rec Academy is currently offered at Holy Family School. Opening another one at our school would have to be examined as we cannot negatively affect a program and enrolment at one of our schools.
 - Academics: there are logistics around when we offer the rest of our courses. If sports academy students are away during 3 mornings and core is taught when they return, integrating a rec academy (that runs in the afternoons) poses a logistics problem with regards to addressing curriculum.
- ★ School clothing order setup through Sportfactor is almost ready.
- ★ Dog Park Update: Looking to plan Fall meetings.
 - As a reminder and should you wish to provide this information to your staff or parents, anyone who is concerned and requires an officer's presence at the park/school or wishes to report an Animal Bylaw violation can do so by calling our 24/7/365 joint RCMP and Municipal Enforcement Complaint line at 780-458-7700.
 - Increased enforcement and patrols have continued in the park. I can share that in the month of June, 31 pro-active patrols were conducted by our Community Peace Officers, 1 public complaint was received for off-leash dogs in the Neil M Ross School area, and 1 violation was observed by officers resulting in 1 warning being issued to a youth.
 - Increased enforcement activity continued through the month of August with 43 pro-active Peace Officer patrols documented. No public complaints were received about activity in the park in August. During the pro-active efforts, officers encountered 3 violations where warnings were given. 2 violations were for dogs entering a playground area and 1 violation was for a dog owner not having a leash with them while in the off-leash section of the park.

DISTRICT

- ★ GSACRD schools will have flags at half mast Friday, Sept. 30 to honor Truth & Reconciliation (no school).

- ★ [Statement by Pope Francis about healing and reconciliation.](#) (FYI)
- ★ Looking into giving each school council a division email to use with the @gsacrd.ab.ca handle.

FEEDBACK

- Please feel free to email or call Shelby or Rob 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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