



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

In Person: SOAR Center | Virtual: Google Link

Attendance: Rebecca Prudhomme, Elicia Galesloot, Melissa Giroux, Shelby Moser, Rob Rawcliffe, Leslie Slanisky, Brittany Meaver, Julie Stefner, Naomi Mulyk

Virtual: Jenn Kluthe, Candice Crandall, Gilles Bouvier

Regrets: Courtney Haigh, Susan Tarling, Trustee Joe Becigneul, Stephanie Chau

Business Portion of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm
2. Opening Prayer: Melissa Giroux
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories: Melissa Giroux
4. Introductions
5. Good News to Share
6. Additions to the October 2022 Agenda
 - a. None
7. Approval of the October 2022 School Council Agenda
 - a. Motion: Becky Prud'homme, Second: Brittany Meaver
8. Approval of September 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. 4.b. Correct Stephanie's name
 - b. Motion: Brittany Meaver, Second: Naomi Mulyk
9. Fowler Report: Melissa Giroux
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
10. Old Business
 - a. ASCA Grant: Shelby Moser/Melissa Giroux
 - i. Parenting session to reach out to kids following pandemic
 - ii. Looking at the new year through to June for Tuesday dates, awaiting reply
 - b. Dog Park COSA Meeting: Shleby Moser
 - i. Still trying to arrange a meeting with the city regarding the decision for the park
 - ii. When there is an issue, it MUST be reported (complaint line 780 458 7700): will feature on the parent facebook page so it is readily available, and will be re-posted in the newsletter
 - c. Wish List (November 2022): Melissa Giroux
 - i. Council will receive a list from administration to discuss at November meeting
 - ii. Friends will provide a budget target for next council meeting so parents know how much money is available
 - iii. If an item is needed and funds are not present, Friends will look at ways to fundraise to meet the needs
11. Trustee's Report: no report
 - a. New Trustee: Joe Becigneul
12. Administration Report: Shelby Moser and Rob Rawcliffe
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
 - i. Ross Reporter will be removed after Nov, weekly mailer changed to 2 pages

- ii. Division calendar feedback: contact Shelby or Rob by weeks end
- 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report: Becky Prud'homme
 - a. AGM September 29, 2022
 - i. New Executive Elected
 - b. Newsletter (distributed at Council Meeting and available on Friends NMR website: <https://friendsnmr.wixsite.com/friendsnmr>): review of all new information
 - c. New website and ways to stay informed (LinkTree), meeting schedule, who we are and what we do, how to get involved, fundraising calendar for 2022-2023
-also available on the Neil M Ross School Website under Friends of NMR
 - d. Survey on Communications on Website/LinkTree: one vote at meeting for separate FB page
 - e. Halloween Dance: Profit \$3421.16
 - f. Little Caesar's Pizza and Art Cards coming in November
 - g. Ski Night March 4, 2023 - 6 to 9pm, deposit to be motioned
 - h. Next Meeting Nov 17, 2022 at 7pm in Staff Room
- 14. Hot Lunch Committee Report: Melissa Giroux
 - a. Susan is stepping down as chair, Katie will be chair with help from Sheri Holik, and 2 parent volunteers each week
- 15. Holy Family Parish Rep/Update: Melissa Giroux
 - a. Need to find a new rep: leads in prayer and provides update at council meetings
 - b. All Saints meal Oct 30, hope to sell 300 tickets, cutoff Mon Oct 24 and no tickets at the door
 - c. Catholic Education Weekend Nov 5 and 6, Saturday evening Shelby in attendance
 - d. Happy Socktober, collecting socks with goal of 500
 - e. Craft and Bake Sale over the weekends with Raffle Tickets available
- 16. Yearbook Update: Rebecca Prudhomme
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
 - b. Next callout for uploads will be after Halloween
 - c. Yearbooks Sold to Date: 62
- 17. New Business
 - a. Education Foundation Update: Melissa Giroux
 - i. Raise money for scholarships
 - ii. Awards night in Nov
 - iii. Application for school grants
 - iv. 50/50 Raffle is coming
 - v. Instagram

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04pm

Next Meeting: November 22 , 2022 at 7:00 p.m. SOAR Center and Virtual Link Available

Attachments

9.a. Fowler Report October 2022

- Our Terry Fox run was held September 16th - raised a total of 1355.00
- On September 22nd we had our Opening Celebration to kick off the school year as well as our faith theme for 2022, Go With God (Go with haste). Admin washed the feet of students in each homeroom. Each new student received a cross.
- September 28th our athletes participated in cross country running districts. Today approximately 30 athletes headed out to zones.
- September 29th we encouraged our students to wear Orange Shirts in support of survivors of residential schools and their families. We spent time throughout the week learning about why we

wear orange shirts and other important learning pieces about the importance of truth and reconciliation.

- October 4th our gr. 7 students headed to Camp Nakamun for the day. They engaged in a variety of camp activities, including faith formation with the Doug and Mr. Kieser.
- We are wrapping up our Food Drive for the St. Albert Food Bank this week. All of the items collected will be presented during our Thanksgiving Celebration on Friday, October 14th at 2:00. The celebration will be held in the school gym, presided by Fr. Antony.
- Next week is digital citizenship week. We will be focusing on digital habits that ensure students remain empathetic towards others and safe in the intersection between technology and humanity.

12.a. Administration Report

Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting October 22/23

FAITH & LEARNING NEWS

★ FAITH: ARISE : Get up...Get Going!...GO WITH GOD!

- New display ... our hands are the road to God as we strive to be like Mary when she "Arose and went with Haste!"
- Thanksgiving Liturgy and Grade 4 Bible Blessing: Thankful for all parents who helped read and/or came to pray with us, the leadership of grade 3 staff and students, as well as to Father for joining us.
- "The Doug" has visited our division 2 students to connect with them and to share the word of God through the use of the bibles that have been purchased for them.
- Grade 2's visit the parish for a tour and to do a craft

★ LEARNING:

- Grade 3's went to watch Shumka's performance of Mosquito's Wedding at NAJA. A story about loving everyone and celebrating differences.
- Book Fair was a success again! Many new products and resources have been added to our SOAR Center. Thank you to all families who were able to support us.
- Read In Week was a blast

SCHOOL NEWS

★ Increase in Funding (beginning Nov. 1)

- We are up over 30 students from the anticipated numbers for this year.
- We are able to use the funding to address learning loss from the pandemic:
 - Full time new literacy and numeracy support teacher for all grades

- Full time EA to support in morning kindergarten as well as grade level
- Increase some part time staff hours to be used as intervention
- ★ HUGE THANK YOU to all families that put in so many hours to make the Halloween dance such a success!
- ★ Newsletter: We will be shifting communication from a single paged weekly communication with a very long once a month newsletter to a two page mailer each week.
 - Reasoning:
 - Some messaging won't be waiting until the beginning of the month to go out.
 - Reading fatigue when we share a long newsletter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT COLLABORATION

- ★ Proposed Calendars
 - GSACRD Division Calendar - Year Over Year Comp Chart

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Operational Days in August	August 25, 26, 29	August 24, 25, 28	August 26, 27, 28
First Day of School/Staggered Entry	August 30 & 31	August 29 & 30	August 29 & 30
# of PD Days	11	11	10
Divisional PD Days	Nov -1 ATA Institute and Faith and Wellness Day June 9 - Year End Mass	Nov 1 - ATA Institute Day Jan 31 - Faith and Wellness Day June - Year End Mass	Nov 1 - ATA Institute Day Jan 31 - Faith and Wellness Day June - Year End Mass
	2	3	3
Fall Break	Nov 7 - 11	Nov 6-10	Nov 11 - 15
Christmas Break	Dec 26 - Jan 6	December 25 - January 5	December 23 - Jan 3
Teacher's	Feb 10 & 11	Feb 8 & 9	Feb 6 & 7

Convention			
Spring Break	March 27 - 31	March 25-29	March 24 - 28
Final Student Day	June 28	June 27	June 27
Total Student Days	178	179	178
Total Days	196	197	197

○ Feedback:

■ 23/24

- Can January 31 PD day be moved to a Friday? A middle of the week day off can be problematic for child care.
- LOVE that the day after halloween is a day off for kids

■ 24/25

- None

★ 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!

- Shelby Moser smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca
- Rob Rawcliffe rrawcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca

16.a. Yearbook Upload Instructions

COMMUNITY YEARBOOK PARTICIPATION

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING PHOTOS FROM:

**TERRY FOX RUN , ORANGE SHIRT DAY/DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION,
and THANKSGIVING**

Please have all of your photos uploaded by Wednesday October 20, 2022

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We are now able to upload photos directly to the Lifetouch Website for the NMR Yearbook for the 2022-2023 school year. Please find the link and unique code below. Upload photos easily from any device. Please follow the instructions to start uploading today!

The yearbook committee is hoping to use this method for events and holidays specifically this year. We will remind teachers and parents after an event or holiday takes place to upload their photos. We will set a cutoff date with each upload reminder, for all photos from that event to be uploaded. Please

try to upload photos promptly to ensure we have sufficient time to sort through them. This will allow us to get a wide variety of perspectives in creating all the memories for this school year. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful photographs!

-Thank You, NMR Yearbook Committee

Please reach out if you have any questions: becky.prudhomme@gmail.com

UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

Upload Link: <https://community.lifetouch.ca/invite?code=NMR-SOAR-23>

Code: NMR-SOAR-23

Directions:

1. Follow the link and enter your email address.
2. Enter your name and create a password.
3. Enter the code and confirm (our school details should show up).

YOU ARE NOW READY TO UPLOAD PHOTOS

Uploading Instructions:

1. Click upload and select photos you wish to upload.
2. **You DO NOT need to tag your photos.**
3. Begin Upload.
4. When you are finished select Done and do not forget to Sign Out.