



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

In Person: SOAR Center | Virtual: Google Link

Attendance: Courtney Haigh, Candice Crandall, Shelby Moser, Rob Rawcliffe, Sheri Holik, Anne Hanson, Naomi Maulyk, Brittany Meaver, Tia Caldaralo, Trustee Joe Becigneul, Olena Biliaieva, Stephanie Chau

Virtual: Jenn Kluthe, Elicia Galesloot, Caroline Bouiver, Leyanna Cassano, Ashley Belavance

Regrets: Melissa Giroux, Rebecca Prudhomme, Susan Tarling, Courtney Quirk

Business Portion of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm
2. Opening Prayer: Shelby Moser
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories: Courtney Haigh
4. Introductions
5. Good News to Share
6. Additions to the November 2022 Agenda
 - a. None
7. Approval of the October 2022 School Council Agenda
 - a. Motion: Anne Hanson, Second: Candice Crandall
8. Approval of October 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion: Candice Crandall, Second: Brittany Meaver
9. Fowler Report: Courtney Haigh
 - a. See Attachment at end of document
10. Old Business
 - a. Admin Wish List- to be deferred to January 2023
 - b. Playground Committee Update-Anne Hanson
 - i. Committee met Nov 14th for the Phase II Project
 - ii. We did not receive the CFEP \$125,000 grant, there were over 400 applicants - we may not apply for the CFEP grant again
 - iii. The city confirmed they will give us an extra extension on the \$65,000 grant
 - iv. The committee needs to decide what to do with the \$125,000 that has already been put aside for the playground – they talked about expanding the footprint for play opportunities – or keep the current footprint
 - v. Canadian Rec Solution had a plan based on \$260,000– Keenoo rep will go back to CRS and discuss what the options are for \$125,000
 - vi. Revisit the federal ICIP grant
 - vii. Next meeting date tbd
 - c. Education Foundation Update-Courtney Haigh
 - i. Education Foundation Funded four grade 9 & two grade 12 scholarships, two of our members handed out the awards to the students at both SACHS & MCHS award ceremonies
 - ii. The Group Futures Fund Grant Program requests opened November 1st, deadline November 30th, 2022.

- iii. We launched the 3rd Annual 50/50 Christmas Cash Raffle through raffle box, our only fundraiser for the year, the raffle closes Dec 7, Draw Date is Dec 9th. The pot is currently over 5,000.00 - Courtney to send QR-code to Shelby to post in the weekly newsletter
 - iv. Looking into a spring fundraiser
 - v. Looking into a marketing campaign, to attend all the different schools
- 11. Trustee's Report: Joe Becigneul – report to follow, will add once received
 - a. Capital Engagement Phase II:
 - Wed Nov 23 – Community Session 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ SACHS
 - Thurs Nov 24 – Staff Session 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ SACHS
 - Tues Nov 29 - Virtual 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 - b. Catholic Education Sunday Nov 27th 5:00pm at Holy Family
 - c. Board of Trustees Meeting Nov 28th @ 3:30pm at Division office
- 12. Administration Report: Shelby Moser and Rob Rawcliffe
 - a. Christmas concert – two performances on Tuesday, Dec 13th – Matinee at 1:30pm & Evening show at 6:30pm - sports academy students will not be participating in the concert but will attend the matinee
 - b. See Attachments at end of document
- 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report: Candice Crandall
 - a. Art Card orders are due tomorrow Nov 23 by midnight – to be delivered early December, we will be sending out a survey in January to get parent feedback
 - b. Little Caesar's Pizza orders due Monday, Nov 27th – to be delivered to the school the 2nd week of December – date tbd – if you are unable to pickup your order at the designated time, you will need to arrange for your order to be picked up by someone else
 - c. Updating bylaws, please email friendsnmr@gmail.com if you are interested in reviewing & giving feedback, we will be discussing the updates at our next meeting in January
 - d. Next Meeting Jan 19, 2023, at 7pm in Staff Room or Virtual
- 14. Hot Lunch Committee Report: no report (deferred to January 2023)
- 15. Holy Family Parish Rep/Update: Courtney Haigh
 - a. Pancake breakfast is starting again in December, it will be held the first Sunday of every month after 9am and 11am mass - Santa will make a special visit on Sunday, Dec 4th
 - b. Knights of Columbus Grocery Gift Cards can be purchased before or after mass
 - c. See attachment at the end of document
- 16. Yearbook Update: no report (deferred to January 2023)
- 17. New Business
 - a. Grade 6 Parents Fowler Presentation (Date TBD)
 - i. Waiting for Fowler to confirm the proposed date
 - ii. Fowler will also come to the school and visit each of the Grade 6 classes at a later date

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58pm

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. SOAR Center and Virtual Link Available

Attachments

9.a. Fowler Report November 2022

Fowler Report

Halloween Dance

Students had a great time at the Halloween Dance in the afternoon of October 31st. Concessions were offered, and students had such a fun time dressing up and celebrating! Students were encouraged to bring a donation for the dance and funds raised went towards Muscular Dystrophy.

Pizza Garage

Service project from class 9-3 where students can purchase tickets for \$3 to get a slice of pizza at lunch on Mondays. All proceeds will go towards the St. Albert Food Bank

Volleyball

Volleyball is wrapping up and Senior Boys Volleyball Final is being held this evening between Fowler and MCHS

Basketball

Basketball tryouts have started and are on-going this week

Wrestling

Fowler is very excited to be bringing Wrestling back and will be coached by Mr. Arlinghaus and Mr. Kelly. Students are really excited to be able to have this club once again!

Grade 9 Field Trip

Grade 9's will be taking a trip to the Legislature tomorrow

Purdy's Fundraiser

Fowler is doing a Purdy's Fundraiser and all funds will be put towards the building of an outdoor classroom, looking to raise \$8,000 dollars

11.d Trustee Report November 2022 – to follow

12.b. Administration Report November 2022

Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting November 22

FAITH & LEARNING NEWS

- ★ **FAITH:** ARISE : Get up...Get Going!...**GO WITH GOD!**
 - Catholic Education Sunday - Nov. 27 at 5:00pm - Holy Family Parish
 - Advent Celebration Assembly - Monday Nov. 28 at 8:30am

- ★ **LEARNING:**
 - Metis Week Nov.14-18
 - Daily prayer for our Indigenous peoples
 - Jigging

- Metis Art
- Anti Bullying Week Nov. 14-18
 - Awareness/discussion
- Grade 4-6 Teachers are engaging in professional development on the new curriculum that will be rolling out next September.
- K-3 Teachers are engaging in professional development on the current new curriculum through full day grade level PD happening next week.
- Grade 2's went on a field trip to St. Albert Place to create Christmas Ornaments
- Grade 1's went to see Rooney and Punyi at the library

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Newsletter: We shifted communication from a single paged weekly communication with a very long once a month newsletter to a two page mailer each week. This past Sunday was the first time with our new platform. We welcome any feedback you might have.
- ★ Grade 6 Immunizations are on December 12th.
- ★ Christmas Concerts are coming!
 - **December 13th** at SVBP, we will have a matinee performance and an evening show. 2 tickets per household is what we can accommodate for the evening show and any additional seats will be available first come first served. The matinee will require tickets as well (190 seats available)
 - **December 22nd** Kindergarten Christmas Concert at 9:30 in the gym.
 - **December 23rd** Charlie Brown performance in our gym.

SCHOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT COLLABORATION

- ★ Visit our [Capital Engagement Webpage](#) for more information.
- ★ Upcoming sessions with members of our Community Working Group are scheduled for:
 - November 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm COMMUNITY SESSION IN PERSON at SACHS
 - November 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm STAFF SESSION IN PERSON at SACHS
 - November 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm OPEN VIRTUAL SESSION
- ★ Please encourage your community (staff and parents/guardians) to participate either online or in one of the workshop sessions.
- ★ 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 rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca

Holy Family Parish Update

Catholic Education Sunday will be celebrated on November 26th and 27th at the Parish. This is a time for prayer, solidarity, and reflection about the importance of Catholic Education. As mentioned in the meeting, Neil M Ross will be having their Annual Family Mass on Sunday, November 27th to celebrate.

Mass on Tuesdays has been moved to 6:30pm from 9:00am. There will be adoration and Reconciliation at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 6:30.

Sacramental Preparation has begun at the Church for First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Please see the church website for details about dates. Bruno Mass

Knights of Columbus-Help us Help Others. Purchasing Grocery Gift Cards from Knights of Columbus helps to feed others. Each month funds are then used to make meals for Seniors at Operation Friendship Senior Center in downtown Edmonton.

To support Operation Friendship, bottles are also being collected (can be dropped off or picked up) to help support this charitable organization.