



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

In Person: Boston Pizza (Grenier Place)

Attendance: Melissa Giroux, Elicia Galesloot, Becky Prud'homme, Jenn Kluthe, Rob Rawcliffe, Shelby Moser, Susan Tarling, Stephanie Chau

Virtual: None

Regrets: Brittany Weaver, Sheri Holik, Courtney Quirk, Candice Crandall, Courtney Haigh

Business Portion of the Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:07
2. Opening Prayer: Melissa Giroux
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories: Melissa Giroux
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. Introductions
5. Good News to Share
6. Additions to the May 2023 Agenda
 - a. None.
7. Approval of the May 2023 Agenda
 - a. Motion: Susan Tarling, Second: Elicia Galesloot
8. Approval of April 2023 School Council Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion: Susan Tarling, Second: Jenn Kluthe
9. Fowler Report: Melissa Giroux
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
10. Old Business
 - a. Year End BBQ: Candice Crandall
 - nothing new to report
 - more volunteers can reach out to Candice Crandall if wanting to help out
 - b. Playground Committee: Melissa Giroux presenting information for Courtney Haigh

Motion: As per the presentation of the new financial information regarding Phase 2 Playground Rebuild, Council to approach Friends for \$6 000, to cover the shortfall from the City of St. Albert Grant. The Grant will no longer be in the amount of \$65 000. Grant to only cover 1/3 the total cost of the project, which is \$115 956.75.

Motion: Becky Prud'homme, Second: Stephanie Chau; All in Favor.

- c. Dog Park Working Group: Shelby Moser and Stephanie Chau
 - Suggestion by Clint Moroziuk to have on-leash during the hours of 8 to 4pm

- Waiting on trustees to see how and if they are able to impact the decision or open up discussion for compromise
- September meeting
- Prior to the meeting to prepare a plan for a petition to send out to families through a working parent group
- d. Mic/Sound System: Rob Rawcliffe
 - contract has been signed, equipment has been ordered, waiting on install details
 - no payment made as of now
- e. Experiences for All Committee: Melissa Giroux
 - originated to support children and families to promote inclusion for all
 - discussion over continuing this committee; parents feel it is important to continue having the committee to help represent a wide range of families
- 11. Trustee's Report: Joe Becigneul
 - a. No Report.
- 12. Administration Report: Shelby Moser and Rob Rawcliffe
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
- 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report: Becky Prud'homme
 - a. Executive Elected for 2023-2024 School Year
 - Chair: Becky Prud'homme
 - Treasurer: Nadine Hnatiw
 - Secretary: Vacant
 - Members at Large: Naomi Mulyk, Rachel Krystopowicz, Candice Crandall, Jenn Kluth, and Elicia Galesloot
 - b. Ski Night: we tentatively booked Snow Valley, but are looking to change locations for a better choice of dates for next year
 - c. Focus next year will be to raise money for the upcoming Phase 3 Playground Rebuild
 - d. List of 2023/2024 Fundraisers:
 - 50/50
 - Farm to Table: collaborating with NMR to do perishable food donations
 - Halloween Dance: October 20,
 - Art Cards: Christmas/Winter Theme
 - Wine Survivor: at wine drop off night, hoping to collect toys for Kinette's hampers. For every donation, the kids get entered into a draw for a prize
 - Little Caesars
 - Friends and Family Ski Night
 - Purdy's Chocolates
 - Read a Thon: logging minutes of reading to reach different goals
 - e. Set our schedule around events and holidays that the school participates in so that we can add aspects of collecting for local charities as well to add to NMR initiatives for our community. We hope to spark some competition among classes and increase community participation and engagement.
 - f. Reached out to the Healthy Hunger Committee to look at having Booster Juice more frequently to increase profits overall.
 - g. Request consideration from Council that some of the yearbook reserve funds be transferred to Friends for additional funds to support playground rebuilds.
 - h. Next Meeting: AGM and General Meeting on September 20, 2023 in the Staff Room.

14. Healthy Hunger: Sheri Holik
 - a. No Report.
15. Holy Family Parish Update: Melissa Giroux
 - a. See Attachments at end of document.
16. Yearbook Update: Becky Prud'homme
 - a. Yearbook should be 90% complete in 2 weeks time, the final 10% will be year end activities, farewells, patrols, and Eagle Awards
 - b. Sold to Date: 188, with reserve funds we will be able to cover the cost should we not sell them all and then we will promote the extras in the Fall when delivery is complete.
 - c. Looking for a yearbook coordinator for next year.
17. New Business
 - a. Council of Councils Update: Melissa Giroux
 - French Campus Renamed: Sacre Coeur
 - Safe School Initiative: posters for schools to foster a sense of safety and advertise that supports are available should they be needed.

A big thank you to Shelby and Rob for treating us all to dinner at Boston Pizza!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46pm

Next Meeting: AGM and General Meeting - September 26, 2023 at 7pm

Attachments

9.a. Fowler Report

Fowler Report

- Grade 8 River Watch Field Trip took place on May 15th-great learning and fun for the Science Trip!
- School Track Meet on May 16th-Great job to all athletes! Thank you so much for those parents that helped support concessions for the day!
- On May 18th, 2023 students went to the Arden Theatre to watch the Rock of Ages put on by SACHS students. It was so exciting to see the performance and the students had so much fun!
- District Track Meet on May 24th/23-Awesome job Fowler Athletes!
- May 26th/23 was the Student Vote-Students took part as though they would be voting in the provincial discussion, lots of great discussion and experience for the students!
- Fine Arts Night 2023 will be held on June 1st at 7:00pm at the St. Albert Alliance Church. Tickets are \$10 and available on the Parent Portal

- Students also took part in a cake walk put on by Friends of Fowler and \$413 was raised. Thank you to all families who donated a cake for the day!
- Parents who are wanting to purchase yearbooks, please ensure that you purchase by going to the Parent Portal
- Final Exam dates are posted on the school website. Last day of classes will be September 19th followed by final exams. Awards Night to be held on June 29th.

12.a. Administration Report

ADMIN REPORT FOR NMR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 30/23

FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: ARISE : Get up...Get Going!...**GO WITH GOD!**
- ★ Grade 3 Garage Sale proceeds are going to [SCARS](#): "Funds raised go to support rescue costs, care and medical attention for rescued SCARS animals, and to support our mission to promote the humane care and protection of all animals and prevent cruelty and suffering." We are donating just over \$1200!
- ★ Break a Rule Day on June 14!
- ★ 3X World Champion Hoop Dancer Dallas Arcand is coming to perform for our students on National Indigenous Day, June 21!

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- ★ Eagle Fit has been a big success this year! There are a number of students who attend regularly and they will be wrapping up the school year with a pizza party and a gift from Coach Robertson.
- ★ Run Wild: We won the trophy back for most amount of kiddos registered!
- ★ Patrol students, Mrs. Boisvert and Mr. Rawcliffe are going bowling as a year end thank you on the morning of June 5th.

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ New Award schedule next year! We are introducing Eagle Awards for **each month** beginning in the 2023-2024 school year! We are wanting to be able to recognize more students who are deserving.
- ★ We will be announcing our completed staff list and back to school info in a mailer going home on Thursday June 29
- ★ We are excited for Friday this week - Gr.4-6 Track Meet and K-3 Fun Day
- ★ Kinder had its first ever Family Day! This is an amalgamation of Mother and Father's day. They spent the morning playing games outside. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive so we will be doing this once again next year.
- ★ A few important dates coming up:

- Eagle Awards Presentation: Monday June 12 at morning assembly
- Kindergarten Farewell and Final Day: June 23
- Last Day of Classes for Gr. 1-6, Gr. 6 Farewell, Year End BBQ: June 28
- Report cards will be posted to Powerschool on the parent portal on June 28th

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!
 - Shelby Moser smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca
 - Rob Rawcliffe rawcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca

15.a. Holy Family Parish Update

Holy Family Parish Report

- We will be transitioning to Flocknote as our main way of emailing the bulletin to parishioners. If you would like to continue receiving the digital copy of parish bulletin, please subscribe to Holy Family's Flocknote. <https://holyfamilyparish33.flocknote.com>
- The Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation were held this past weekend. Congratulations to all students who received the Sacrament.
- Mass for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 11:00am. Following the Mass there will be a Corpus Christi procession followed by refreshments.

Parish Annual Cleaning will take place on Saturday, June 3rd/23. Parish is looking for volunteers, Mass will start at 9:00am and then clean up will start immediately after Mass. If you would like to assist, please sign up in the welcoming area.