



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Agenda |

DATE: November 21st, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room **VIRTUAL LINK:** <https://meet.google.com/exu-bxtp-jxy>

Attendance: Melissa Giroux, Brittany Meaver, Shelby Moser, Rob Rawcliffe, Susan Tarling, Julie Stefner

Virtual: Jenna Wagar, Sheri Holik, Courtney Quirk

Regrets: Becky Prudhomme, Courtney Haigh, Abbey Elze, Gillian Hansen Schmidt

Business Portion

	Time
1. Call to Order: 7:01PM	10 min
2. Opening Prayer-Melissa Giroux	
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories-Melissa Giroux	
4. Introductions	
5. Good News to Share	
• There is no snow on the ground!! No snow gear!	
6. Additions to the November 2023 Agenda	
• No additions	
7. Approval of the November 2023 Agenda	
• Motion: Susan Tarling, Second: Sheri Holik	
8. Approval of Minutes from October 2023 School Council Meeting	5 min
• No additions to the minutes	
• Unable to approve these minutes at this time – will defer until January 2024	
9. Fowler Report: Courtney Haigh	5 min
• See Attachments at end of document.	
10. Old Business	
• Education Foundation Update – Melissa Giroux	
- 50/50 Raffle is open and closes December 4 at 6:00PM, draw is December 6	5 min
- As of yesterday, there was only 1 application for the Education Foundation grant – so NMR has an opportunity to put one in. Deadline is November 30.	
• Dog Park Update – Stephanie Chau	
- Emails back and forth next meeting potentially December 7. Waiting on everyone to reply	
• ASCA Grant-Melissa Giroux	
- \$500 from the school council association – Shelby has mentioned a presentation regarding cell phone usage with kids (elementary school age). Shelby has reached out to see if that would be an appropriate conversation (cyber security and what kids have access to that parents would not be aware of). Impacts on sleep and mental health.	

- Paul Davis socialnetworkingsafety.net he has been done TedTalk ad done some media. He will be here on January 25 and willing to extend his stay by one day and do the presentation on January 26. He can visit the kids during the day and then the parent presentation could be at 6:00PM.
 - Another potential would be put on by a company called Girl Power – this was targeted at both male/female students.
11. Trustee’s Report Joe Becigneul 5 min
 - No report was provided for this meeting
 12. Administration Report – Shelby Moser 15 min
 - See Attachments at end of document
 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report-Becky Prudhomme 5 min
 - Report deferred to January 2024
 14. Hot Lunch Committee Report-Sheri Holik/Katie McMillan 5 min
 - Noticed a reoccurring complication regarding distribution of lunches, and there is a need for a volunteer opportunity for parents (3-4 parents to come in from 1230-100PM) to help distribute lunches to the kids
 - Parents would need Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector before going into the classrooms to be sent into the office – there are about 6 parents on the list right now who have been assisting with putting lunches in the bins
 - 2 parents have volunteered to do the 1230PM-100PM slot but there could be a need for a couple more
 - Next Steps – Sheri will add it to the NMR Facebook page
 - There is a curiosity over if the reminder on Facebook lends to an increase in sales – Sheri will take a look to see
 15. Holy Family Parish Update-Melissa Giroux 5 min
 - See Attachments at end of document.
 16. Yearbook Update-Rebecca Prudhomme 10 min
 - Report deferred to January 2024
 17. New Business 5 min
 - Christmas Concert tickets (3 per family) – coming out soon, November 29-December 6 and will be \$5.00 (even if you have kids in both concert times)

Meeting Adjourned 7:52PM

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: January 23rd, 2023 at 7:00PM in Staff Room

Attachments

9. Fowler Report

On Monday, grades 7, 8, and 9 participated in a Faith Retreat hosted by Face to Face Ministries. RSF continues to recognize and honour Metis week; learning about the many symbols of Metis culture and tradition. On November 2, All Souls Day, we remember the faithful departed; those who have died believing in the resurrection and life everlasting. Throughout November, school community members are invited to record the names of loved ones who have died, in the Book of Remembrances.

Volleyball season wrapped up; congratulations to both the junior and senior teams for a fantastic season - Thank you coaches! Fowler Wrestling is back on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5. Basketball tryouts started Monday for Junior Boys; Girls tryouts are Tuesday for 7,8 and 9 - with both groups running tryouts for the remainder of the week.

Friends of Fowler is running a Purdy's fundraiser for Christmas. Reach out to any Falcon parent if you would like the link!

YEARBOOKS! There are extra 2022-2023 yearbooks remaining and can be ordered with the 2023-2024 yearbooks via PowerSchool for \$39 each.

Grade 9 went to the Legislature for a fieldtrip today (November 21)

11. Trustee Report

Not supplied for this meeting

12. Admin Report

Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting Nov. 21/2023

FAITH NEWS

- This year's Faith Goal: **Growing in the Trinity! Growing in Love with the Father!**
 - Student retreat on Dec. 15 with FaceToFace Ministries
- Caring for those in need:
 - Poppy Donations for the Legion - \$263.15
 - Decorating bags for Inmates
- Truth and Reconciliation
 - NMR has continued our focus on the grandfather teaching of Honesty

ACADEMIC NEWS

- 2022/2023 School Results Review:



Neil M Ross
2022-2023 Results Review Report
Vision: Excellence in Learning through Faith, Relationships, and Engagement



Our Academic Results	Celebrating Our Faith	Safe and Caring Schools	Engaged Learning																																																															
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These will target our most vulnerable learners.</p> <p>Quality of Education:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Education Quality</td> <td>96%</td> <td>88.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Program of Studies:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Program of Studies</td> <td>96.3%</td> <td>82.9%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Acceptable % NMR Province	Excellence % NMR Province	Math 6	88.7 64.4	33.8 15.8	ELAL 6	95.8 76.2	12.7 18.4	Soc 6	85.9 66.3	14.1 18.5	Sci 6	91.5 66.7	32.4 22.5	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Education Quality	96%	88.1%	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Program of Studies	96.3%	82.9%	<p>Liturgy: Growing in the Trinity: Love, Mercy & Grace</p> <p>- The Neil M Ross school continues to engage in service projects to support our community.</p> <p>- Daily live-streamed student led prayer aides in fostering a sense of faith and family. Sharing our talents with each other allows us all to share in vulnerability and trust.</p> <p>Permeation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly prayer assemblies are coordinated with students by the teacher. Students continue to lead morning prayer for the entirety of the week that includes scripture and prayer intentions. • Administration uses the chosen prayer focus for the week to draw connections to student behaviour; the indigenous teaching we are focussing on and the reflection for the week • Students are actively involved in their sacraments in coordination with Holy Family Parish. • School wide SOAR behaviour goals: Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, Responsibility <p>Service:</p> <p>Food Bank, Poppy Sales, Book of Remembrance, Gr. 3 Garage Sale, Terry Fox, Anti-Anxiety Groups (Gr. 1-3 & 4-6), Rainbows (Grief and Loss Supports for Students), Decorating Food Bank donation bags for Holy Family Parish, Decorating Christmas Bags for Inmates, Compassion Committee (Parent Organized), Safety Patrol, Peace Patrol, Buddy Bench, Grade 6 lunch buddies, and more.</p>	<p>Student Safety: 100% of our parents shared that children at NMR show respect to one another as well as care about one another.</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments</td> <td>97.1%</td> <td>84.7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Inclusive Learning:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Access to Supports and Services</td> <td>93.5%</td> <td>79.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit: 99% of parents are able to identify that their child participates in Truth and Reconciliation (residential schools, treaties, cultural stories) activities in our school. This is an 11% growth from the previous year on our Division Assurance Survey which is our second consecutive year of increased</p> <p>Citizenship:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Citizenship</td> <td>96.7%</td> <td>80.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments	97.1%	84.7%	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Access to Supports and Services	93.5%	79.1%	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Citizenship	96.7%	80.3%	<p>Student Engagement:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Student Learning Engagement</td> <td>87.1%</td> <td>84.4%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Parent Involvement:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Parental Involvement</td> <td>89.4%</td> <td>78.8%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>School Improvement:</p> <p>AEA Measures Spring 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Measure</th> <th>NMR's Current Result</th> <th>Alberta's Current Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>School Improvement</td> <td>92.3%</td> <td>79.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We are excited to offer the following opportunities for leadership with our students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CrossWalk Patrols • Sharing of Talents at weekly assemblies. • Balanced Buddies Yoga Leadership • Playground Pals • Student leadership • Cross Graded Buddies • Lunch Monitors and more! 	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DISTRICT

- **Community Engagement Initiative**

- Morinville - Nov. 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. MCHS (9506 100 Ave., Morinville).
- Legal - Nov. 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. SACHS (33 Malmo Ave., St. Albert).

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 rrawcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca

15. Holy Family Parish Update

Please check the Holy Family Parish Website for all upcoming Mass times during Advent season

On November 22nd at 7:00 pm, we invite everyone to celebrate the Feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. We will be thanking our amazing music ministry in our parish with Mass, followed by a social.

YOUNG ADULTS/FAMILIES EVENTS C-YEG provides opportunities for young adults/ families to encounter Christ through our Catholic community. https://linktr.ee/C_YEG

'LIGHTING THE WAY 2023' ST. ALBERT STURGEON HOSPICE ASSOCIATION (SASHA) Support compassion and end-of-life care. Lighting the Way raises much needed funds to support the work of the SASHA, which serves St. Albert and Sturgeon County families who are affected by or living with life-limiting illness, whether they are at home, in hospice or in hospital. To buy a bulb, please use the following web-site:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-albert-sturgeon-hospice-association/events/lighting-the-way-2023/>