



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Agenda |

DATE: February 20, 2024 **TIME:** 7:00PM

LOCATION: Staff Room **VIRTUAL LINK:** <https://meet.google.com/squ-mdbr-drq>

Attendance: Melissa Giroux, Rob Rawcliffe, Courtney Quirk, Jessica Brady, Abbey Koehi, Stephanie Chau, Becky Prud'homme, Leslie Slanisky, Joe Becigneul

Virtual: Gillian Hansen Schmidt

Regrets: Brittany Meaver, Susan Tarling, Courtney Haigh

Business Portion	Time
1. Call to Order: M. Giroux called meeting called to order at 7:03pm 2. Opening Prayer-Melissa Giroux 3. Acknowledgement of the Territories-Melissa Giroux 4. Introductions 5. Good News to Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● J.Becigneul shared about the expansion of Treehouse Playschool; R. Rawcliffe also shared about the two donations that were recently able to be paid as a result of left over Shrove funds. 	10 min
6. Additions to the February 2024 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No additions to the agenda. 7. Approval of the February 2024 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: B. Prud'homme Second: Abbey Koehi 	5 min
8. Approval of Minutes from November 2023 School Council Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Susan Tarling Second: Courtney Quirk 	5 min
9. Approval of Minutes from January 2024 School Council Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes are approved with the amendment of the spelling of Leslie last name (should be Slanisky). To be amended in attendance and new business. ● Motion: Gillian Jansen Schmidt Second: Abbey Koehi 	5 min
10. Fowler Report – Melissa Giroux provided the report in Courtney Haigh's absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Attachment at end of document 	5 min
11. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dog Park Working Group – Stephanie Chau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Update; the next meeting is the end of February - Stephanie is unavailable to attend but her husband who is also a lawyer will be attending in her absence ● Shrove Tuesday – Courtney Quick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C. Quirk provided an update on the outcome of Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped make the day successful. - Approx. 433 students were feed, which included our half day kinder class 	20 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pancakes and Sausage cooked by Knights of Columbus, accompanied by bananas and juice boxes - It has been decided as a group not to continue serving bananas as they are not well received and there are always lots remaining. - ½ half kinders next year will receive pancakes but they will be cooked in the staff kitchen by parents volunteers so that we only need to do one pick up from the Parish and Knights can start cooking a little later. R. Rawcliffe will confirm there are no issues with this. - Total expenses paid- \$794.22, Donation to the Knights of Columbus \$500.00, Donation to Catholic Social Services \$693.62 ● Staff Appreciation Week – Leslie Slanisky <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff appreciation week will be March 17-21st - The theme will be “rockstar” - Leslie asked some questions about the logistics of how the week works - Starbucks coffee order for teachers is planned as well as a lunch with pasta/salad bar. ● ASCA Grant –Melissa Giroux <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. Moser had sent M. Giroux information on utilizing the grant to have the same speakers that will be presenting to the older students. They would do a presentation geared to the parents. The topic would be Rasicm in Canada. The cost would be \$1000 and so we would be looking to have another school pair with us on this. - It’s possible the presentation may be virtual. R. Rawcliffe will confirm. - If the presentation is virtual; parents are not interested. - S. Chau recommended another speaker that did a talk at Esmy and VJM (the 2 Joes?). She will send Melissa information and she will get further details. 	
<p>12. Trustee’s Report – Joe Becigneul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Attachment at the end of document ● Additionally, J. Becigneul shared about the Education Foundation. They are looking for volunteers and the next meeting is April 9th 7pm in the Hawk’s Nest. If anyone has any information they can email Joe or Melissa. 	10 min
<p>13. Administration Report – Rob Rawcliffe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Attachments at end of document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admin is looking to Friends to cover the upcoming cost of the Seesaw subscription (\$3,225). This subscription is used by kinder, Grade 1 and some Grade 2 teachers. -There was discussion had about the current subscriptions and which are being used, specifically for reading. -B. Prud’homme asked for clarification on if Raz Kids is being used and in what frequency if there is also Lalilo and Epic Kids. R. Rawcliffe will report back on this. -As part of the administration Report, R. Rawcliffe put forth the max fee schedule for 2024-2025 calendar year. There is minimal increase. <p>Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Fee Schedule as presented by R. Rawcliffe. Motion: Courtney Quirk Second: Stephanie Chau; All in favor</p>	25 min
<p>14. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report- Becky Prud’homme provided update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This seems to be a difficult year for fundraising ; all schools seems to be struggling - Ski Night is down in sales but Friends have made the choice to good forward with running the event. The event is opened to community and all are encourage to share details to ensure event is a success. - Purdy’s fundraiser will go live in the coming days so that chocolate is available for Easter 	5 min

<p>which is earlier this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Readathon will likely be cancelled and will not be a go this year. - There is a Canada Post grant that could be used to the playground. B. Prudhomme has offered to apply for grant but is waiting on feedback from administration. 	
<p>15. Hot Lunch Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update provided. Deferred to next meeting in Sherri absence. 	5 min
<p>16. Holy Family Parish Update-Melissa Giroux</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Attachments at end of document. 	5 min
<p>17. Yearbook Update- Becky Prud'homme provided update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sales are slower then last year ● Need to sell 115 books by the end of the year. ● Families are not purchasing multiple yearbooks. 	10 min
<p>18. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new business. 	5 min
Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm.	
NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: March 12, 2024 at 7:00PM	

Attachments

10. Fowler Report

GSACRD Lenten Campaign

Fowler homerooms selected a theme to design baskets to support Catholic Social Services and their Immigration & Settlement Service. First baskets were delivered Feb 14 and next ones March 8.

Join the Junior High Youth Group at Holy Family Parish; next date is February 22 from 6:30 to 8:00.

Social Media and Consent Presentation is February 23; School Resource Officers will speak with the Grade 7s.

High School Prep is here! Fowler is visiting SACHS this week; and SACHS will visit grade 9s on March 12.

Fowler OPEN HOUSE is February 29; come and check out what Fowler life is like for students!

Falcons Athletics is busy! Running Room Games, Wrestling and Jr. & Sr. Basketball teams have all been busy these last two months. Congratulations to the Wrestling team on their 6 GOLD; 2 SILVER; 2 BRONZE and 6 - 4th place finishes at the Edmonton City Championships on February 15. Both boys' and girls' basketball teams will wrap up their season this coming weekend as they play in the season's final tournament.

Attention GSACRD Students - Exciting Fitness Opportunity Available.

Absolute Human Performance (AHP) is offering guided fitness sessions at SACHS starting March 5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 to 4:00; \$65 per month. For more information contact taylor.burns@absolutehumanperformance.com

12. Trustee Report

Board of Trustees Report: February 2024

Our regularly scheduled Board meeting was held on January 29, 2024. A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held February 12, 2024.

Board Business:

Good News:

- Kindergarten Expos have been exceptional around the Division with record attendance and enrollments are double the number compared to last year.
- Treehouse are expanding to Albert Lacombe and JJ Nearing in St. Albert and Notre Dame in Morinville

The Board reviewed and approved, or accepted, the following Action items:

Policy Review:

- Policy 7. Board Operations.
- Policy 11. Board Delegation of Authority.
- Policy 19: Acknowledging Territories of Indigenous Communities Within Division Events.

Action Items:

Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award Revision (Admin Procedure 125)

Information Items:

Report from the Chair.

Board Chair Yeomans, meeting with Minister Dale Nally.

Report From the Superintendent:

- SRR Status Review (a moratorium had been placed on their release).
- Inclusive Education Report (Presented by Assistant Superintendent Giesbrecht).
- 2023-24 Fee Waiver Report (Presented by Secretary-Treasurer Paulik).
- Transportation Services Report (Presented by Secretary-Treasurer Paulik).
- Infrastructure/Capital Maintenance & Renewal (IMR/CMR) (Secretary-Treasurer Paulik).
- Plant Operations & Maintenance Report (Secretary-Treasurer Paulik).
- Quarter 1 Financial Statement (Secretary-Treasurer Paulik).
- Partnership with Tree house Playschool (Assistant Superintendent Giesbrecht)

Upcoming Board Initiatives:

- Attended ATA Partners in Education Luncheon (during Teacher's Convention).
- ACSTA Catholic Education Symposium.
- Committee of the Whole Capital Planning Meeting – Preliminary.
- Rural Education Symposium (March 3-5).
- Community Social Needs Stakeholder Engagement (March 7).

- Next Board Meeting Monday, February 26, 3:30 pm at DSC (Fr. Jan).
- March Board Meeting will be held March 18 (due to Spring Break).

13. Admin Report



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Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting Jan. 23/2024

FAITH NEWS

★ Lent

- A HUGE thank you goes out to our parents who organized and fed our WHOLE SCHOOL with the help of the Knights of Columbus from HFP! We are so grateful!!!!
- We had such a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy! We are thankful for the families that were able to join us, Mrs. Rokos and the choir as well as Gr. 1 for organizing and reading, including parents!
- Our school division is working together to raise funds for Catholic Social Services: Refugee Relief Fund.
 - Families are invited to donate
 - Staff are paying to wear jeans any day of the week. All funds collected will be donated to the cause as well.
- Shrove Tuesday was a huge success. We were able to give \$500 to Knights of Columbus and \$693.62 to Catholic Social Services Refugee Relief Fund.

ACADEMIC NEWS

★ Seesaw - In order to continue supporting our staff that communicate with families through SeeSaw, we would like to propose Friends of Neil M Ross purchase the yearly account for seesaw as the cost has been increased. It will be \$3,225.

- The school has paid a total of over \$7000 for the past 3 years for this service.

FEEDBACK

★ We have a possible parent presentation option:
Anti-Black Racism & Allyship (60-90 Mins)

Racism is an age-old problem that humanity has been faced with down through history, and unfortunately Canada's history is no different. Black Canadian have faced racism ever since they first entered our nation, and although we have come far as a nation, the reality is anti-Black racism (and other forms of racism) still exists in our society today. To help combat these issues, we have created "People You May Know", an anti-Black racism presentation that promotes empathy, inclusion, equity, and allyship.

Through this presentation educators/parents of all backgrounds will be equipped with a better understanding of racism, along with simple ways they can practice allyship with their children. This presentation very much mirrors the content of the grade 4-8 student presentation (with a little more depth in certain areas), so that educators/parents will have a good understanding of what their students have learned regarding racism & allyship and will be equipped themselves with the capacity to continue the conversation. Joel and Germaine are engaging speakers who combine personal experiences, interactive games, creative analogies, and inspiring media productions, resulting in a rich and

enlightening learning experience.

Subjects Covered:

- In the Beginning: iREP takes educators and parents on a virtual field-trip to the historical African Canadians community of Buxton Ontario, to learn more about the history of African Canadians.
- Racism Today: Germaine shares his personal experience with racism and brings greater understanding of what systemic racism looks like in our society.
- Microaggressions: Bringing simple definition as to what they are and helping educators/parents understand the negative impact they can have. (+ Optional Discussion)
- White Privilege: Fun analogy, real life stories, and stats, help bring clear understanding of what it is and why we need to change it.
- People You May Know" - educators/parents are introduced to a number of outstanding everyday African Canadians of various ages and professions, and get to hear about their personal experiences through an interview video we produced.
- We Stand Together: Inspiring call to create a safe and inclusive climate for all. Practical strategies on how to cultivate allyship in your school/family. (+ Optional Discussion)

Virtual Parent Talk Rates :

1st Presentation - \$1000.00 + HST

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★ Fee Schedule for 2024/2025:

- Tech Fee= from \$22 to \$25
- Other Field Trips= \$58.60 to \$60 (increase in bussing costs)
- Swimming= \$57 to \$60 (increase in bussing costs)
- Year End Trips= \$43 to \$45 (increase in bussing costs)
- Agendas= \$6.83 to \$8.55 (to directly cover the cost as we have not had an increase in several years and need to look at ensuring cost recovery)

★ 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

16. Holy Family Parish Update

Holy Family Parish Update

LENTEN FRIDAYS Prayer, Fasting and Fellowship Every Friday during Lent Way of the Cross - 6:00 pm
Mass— 6:30 pm Soup and bun to follow

LENTEN OFFERING JARS Lent calls for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is the time that we discipline ourselves through forgoing many things we love. Individuals of every age and the whole family can enter into the spirit of almsgiving. To help each other grow in the spirit of Lent, Lenten jars will be placed in the foyer and will be available. All the money each family member saves as a result of self-denial from smoking, eating candy, going to the movies or similar activities can be put into them. Please bring back the Lenten jars on Holy Thursday, March 28th to be offered during Mass at the offertory. Thank you for Lenten sacrifice.

THE 2023 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CAMP Registration for the 2024 season is now open! We are excited to be back at OLVC for a second summer. We encourage you to register early as we expect a high volume of registrations. You can register your child(ren) by going to our website at olvc.campbrainregistration.com

Join us every Monday for High School Youth Group Night 'Why elevate to God?' Grades 10-12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP Save the date: Thursday, February 22th Grades 7-9 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS If anyone is interested in volunteering for Junior High Youth Ministry contact Lyndsey at Lyndsey.Paschal@caedm.ca JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP