



*"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"*

**DATE:** April 23, 2024 **TIME:** 7:00PM

**LOCATION:** Staff Room **VIRTUAL LINK:** <http://meet.google.com/kry-perg-nop>

**Attendance:** Melissa Giroux, Shelby Moser, Rob Rawcliffe, Julie Stefner, Courtney Haigh, Susan Tarling, Joe Becigneul, Leslie Slanisky, Gillian Hansen Schmidt, Kristy Cunningham, Sheri Holik

**Virtual:** Brittany Meaver, Courtney Quirk, Becky Prudhomme, Nigel Forster

**Regrets:** Abbey Koehli

**Business Portion**

**Time**

1. **Call to Order: Melissa Giroux** called meeting called to order at 7:01 **10 min**
2. **Opening Prayer: Melissa Giroux** **min**
3. **Acknowledgement of the Territories: Melissa Giroux**
4. **Introductions**
5. **Good News to Share:**
  - Julie Stefner is our Division Nominee for the Edwin Parr Excellence in Teaching Award for First Year Teachers. A banquet to follow. Congratulations Julie
  - Joe won an award Rotary Club of Community Paul Harris Fellow award. Congratulations Joe.
  - The sun is shining 😊
6. **Additions to the April 2024 Agenda:**
  - No additions
7. **Approval of the April 2024 Agenda:**
  - Motion: Kristy Cunningham Second: Susan Tarling
8. **Approval of Minutes from February 2024 School Council Meeting:** **5 min**
  - Motion: Gillian Hansen Schmidt Second: Courtney Quirk
9. **Approval of Minutes from March 2024 School Council Meeting:** **5 min**
  - Deferred to the May 2024 meeting
10. **2024/2025 School Council Elections:** **10 min**
  - **Presented by Shelby Moser/Rob Rawcliffe**
    - **Chair:** Melissa Giroux - by acclamation Melissa Giroux will be the chair for the 2024-25 school year
    - **Vice-Chair:** Courtney Haigh – by acclamation Courtney Haigh will be the vice chair for the 2024-25 school year
    - **Secretary:** Brittany Meaver - by acclamation Brittany Meaver will be the secretary for the 2024-25 school year
    - **Kindergarten Rep:** will be elected in the new school year 2024-25
    - **Members at Large:** Gillian Hansen Schmidt, Susan Tarling, Courtney Quick, Abbey Koehli
    - **Compassionate Committee:** Susan Tarling
    - **Healthy Hunger:** Katie McMillan & Sheri Holik
    - **Staff Appreciation Week:** Leslie Slanisky
    - **Shrove Tuesday:** Courtney Quirk
    - **Yearbook Committee:** To be filled

- **Year End BBQ:** Candice Crandall will support but would like someone to come on and learn the way
- **Experiences for All:** Melissa Giroux
- **Playground Committee:** Courtney Haigh
- **Playground Bin:** Claire Dobrski
- **Holy Family Parish Rep:** To be filled

**11. Fowler Report –Courtney Haigh:**

- See Attachment at end of document

**12. Old Business**

• **Staff Appreciation Week –Leslie Slanisky:**

- \$420 in e-transfer and cash donation, and the amount spent was \$260 with \$160 left over – potentially can do another Starbucks day or staff can contribute. 20 min
- Everyone loved the pasta lunches, and the leftovers were perfect for the next days for staff.

• **Dog Park Working Group – Nigel Forster:**

- Not a lot to report still looking to update the Terms of Reference for the working group and scope.
- A parent called the # on the signs last fall and they were told Bylaw would call them back. Bylaw did return the call but it was 6 hours later.
- There was a meeting May 6, 2023 with Joe Becigneul, but it seems nothing has moved forward yet, and it's now been a year, so follow up is needed.
- A meeting will be scheduled for mid May – no secure date yet, but hopeful it will be before May 17, 2024. Ongoing conversation with the City of St. Albert

• **School Council Guest Speaker Presentation April 30, 2024 (6:15-7:45) –Melissa Giroux:**

- Lots of engagement which is very positive, so far 31 parents have signed up to attend
- For babysitting – will likely go to the Kinder room for that time

**13. Trustee's Report – Joe Becigneul:**

- See Attachments at end of document 10 min

**14. Administration Report – Shelby Moser/Rob Rawcliffe:**

- See Attachments at end of document. 20 min

- Invoice for Bibles and Seesaw used to go directly to Friend of NMR so this is a change
- Council to approach Friends to provide \$3063.75 annually (2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27) for SeeSaw for the next three years.

• **Motion for School Council to approach Friends NMR for \$3063.75 annually (2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27) for SeeSaw subscription**

- Motion: Courtney Haigh, Second: Susan Tarling
- Approved

- Shelby will confirm, payment is due between April and June
- We could do a motion through Council every May to put it forward to Council to purchase half the cost of the Grade 4 Bibles, this year will be done at this meeting (April 2024)

• **Motion for School Council to approach Friends NMR to fund half of the cost of the Bibles for Grade 4 the next year (2024-25).**

- Motion: Courtney Haigh, Second: Christine Cunningham
- Approved

**15. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report- Becky Prudhomme:**

- We haven't had a meeting since the last council meeting so nothing new to report 5 min
- We are still collecting surveys until May 1. They went home with all the kids and are available on our websites.
- Elections are coming up at May 23 meeting

- Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and up to five Directors at Large
- 16. Healthy Hunger Sheri Holik/Katie McMillan:** 5 min
- Last two months things have been good, high order March/April.
  - Two were low– Rice Bowl and Press’d
    - Sometimes they do not have the menu options before you pick the restaurant so you can’t always know what is available.
  - Boston Pizza was a big hit – it was one of the biggest turn outs, big portions, everyone was happy
- 17. Holy Family Parish Update-Melissa Giroux:** 5 min
- See Attachments at end of document.
- 18. Yearbook Update- Becky Prudhomme:** 5 min
- Proof One of class spreads has been sent to the admin for review. We are waiting on Spring class, teams/groups, and missing people photos in May to complete class spreads.
  - Layout and design of candid pages for special events for the year is underway.
  - Follow up – have the sales for Yearbooks gone up this year
- 19. New Business:** 20 min
- **Year End BBQ – Melissa Giroux for Candice Crandall**
    - Knights of Columbus to fund the BBQ, money to come out of Healthy Hunger as voted on previously this year.
    - Candice is happy to approach Knight of Columbus
    - June 27, 2024.
    - Candice will put out for volunteers again, there were some from earlier in the year.
    - Drink – lots of the kids don’t like Bubbly, so the thought was:
      - Iced Tea/Juice Boxes
    - Google Sheet can include a drink preference along with whether the student wants a hot dog/hamburger
    - Candice does not do the form; Shelby will have that sent out
  - **2024-25 Playground Bin Motion – Melissa Giroux**
    - \$700.00 would be sufficient to replenish the playground bins for the 2024-25 school year
    - **Motion for School Council to approach Friends NMR to fund up to \$700.00 to replenish the playground bins for 2024-25 school year**
      - Motion: Kristy Cunningham Second: Courtney Haigh
      - Approved
    - **School Council Meeting Dates 2024-25**
      - September 24, October 22, November 19, January 21, February 25, March 18, April 29, May 27
    - **Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation Golf Event - June 21, 2024**
      - Register your team by June 11, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00PM**

## **Attachments**

### **11. Fowler Report**

- Badminton is underway, with the singles tournament from April 23 to 25 and the doubles tournament from April 29 to 30.
- School council is Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 in the library. Please come check it out, even if your child is starting in September.
- All GSACRD Rec and Sport Academy students are heading to West Edmonton Mall April 24; the students will enjoy the whole waterpark reserved for the Academy.
- April 26 is twins/triplets dress up day.
- May 2 is the BIKEATHON; students formed teams and have been fundraising since February, to date groups have raised \$23,789 of their \$40,000 goal.
- May 10 to 12 is the Senior Band Jasper tour.
- May 14 is the school council hosted Track and Field

### 13. Trustee's Report

Board of Trustees Report: April 2024

Our regularly scheduled Board meeting was held on April 22, 2024. Our last Committee of the Whole meeting was April 8, 2024.

Board Business:

Good News:

- NMR - had over 30 students in grades two and three celebrate their First Communion and Reconciliation this past weekend. We celebrated Neil M Ross's birthday this week by singing Happy Birthday to our school's namesake as well as sing our own Neil M Ross song that was recorded decades ago. This is an annual event for us! Our registrations are well over projection by about 40 students with registrations still coming in weekly. So exciting!

Julie Stefner is our Division Nominee for the Edwin Parr Excellence in Teaching Award for First Year Teachers.

Presentations:

1: Recognition of 2024 GSACRD Edwin Parr Nominee – Julie Stefner NMR.

2: Catholic School Reviews Presentation – Colin Loiselle, Religious Education Consultant.

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

Policy Review:

- A Board Policy Committee has been struck this year and we meet the first Monday of every month to review policies as per a preset schedule in preparation for the Board Meetings. This month, The Board reviewed Policy 18. Naming of Educational Facilities.

Action Items:

- Three Year Capital Plan 2025-2028. Approved for submission to Alberta Education.
- 2024-2025 Transportation Fees. No changes for next year.
- Provincial Budget – still waiting for the confirmed amount. Two Committee of the Whole Budget Meetings have been set for April 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Policy 1: Our Division Mission, Vision, Values, Beliefs, Community Consultation will be undertaken by the Policy Committee in conjunction with our Superintendent.
- School Fees 2024-2025. Approved by the Board as submitted by the School Councils.

Board Initiatives:

- Alberta Rural Education Symposium, March 3-5<sup>th</sup>

ACSTA MLA Reception, April 15<sup>th</sup>

April 25 – May 3<sup>rd</sup>. ACSTA SPICE & BLUEPRINTS Conference in Kananaskis. Will be attended by some of our admin and staff as opposed to Trustees.

May 6 – Joint meeting with City of St. Albert / SAP and CSCN school boards.

May 8 – ASBA Zone 2/3 MLA Engagement evening.

May 10 – GrACE Summit.

Next Board Meetings:

April 23, May 22 – Budget Meetings

May 13 – Committee of the Whole Meeting.

May 27 – Regular Board Meeting – Held in town of Legal.

June 1-3 – ASBA Spring General Meeting.



#### 14. Admin Report

### Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting Apr. 23/2024

#### FAITH NEWS

- We were so blessed to have Father Jimmy at NMR last week and today! He visited our grade 1-6 classrooms to talk about his role as a priest and our faith. It was a lovely few days with lots of questions and lots of laughs!
- Lent
  - Our school raised almost \$1000 for Catholic Social Services: Refugee Relief Fund.
- May is the Month of Mary
  - We will be saying the Hail Mary weekly this coming month instead of the Our Father in order to Honour Mary.
- Catholic Education Week is the week beginning May 6th.
  - To start the week off, we will be having our Living Rosary celebration on Monday May 6th around 11am led by our grade 5's. All are welcome to join us!
  - World Catholic Education Day is Thursday May 9th. Everyone will be asked to wear blue and we will be doing a short walk in our back field ending with a school photo.

#### ACADEMIC NEWS

- Our registrations are up for next year! We are currently projected to have 430 students for next year but probably more.
- Our teachers learned to use a new resource this past Friday PD Day: Indigenous Peoples of Canada Map. We will be bringing the map to our school for a whole week coming soon for students to learn through it.
- We are excited to share that we have a Mission Impossible course for our students that has been spearheaded by Mr. Robertson and his student teacher, Miss Japuncic. The students are having an absolute blast!

#### FEEDBACK

- We would like to have Friends of Neil M Ross purchase a SeeSaw account. The cost each year for the next 3 years is \$3063.75.
- We would like to have Friends of Neil M Ross pay for half of our student bibles on an ongoing basis each year. The cost of the bibles will fluctuate each school year based on student enrollment.
- We will not be renewing our account for RazKidz.
- Proposed Council Meeting Dates for next school year:
  - September: 24
  - October: 22
  - November: 19
  - December: No Meeting
  - January: 21
  - February: 25
  - March: 18
  - April: 29

- May: 27
  - June: No Meeting
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- We have the results of the Division Satisfaction Survey and are looking for your feedback this evening regarding the following:
    - 77 Parent Responses
    - +13.2%: My child clearly understands what they are expected to learn at school. (94.8%) Powerschool? Is it more engaging? Helps parents follow through. Communication from teachers.
    - +14.1%: Most students at my child's school treat each other with care and respect. (90.7%) Teachers are dealing with issues and holding students accountable.
    - +13.3%: Our school has clear behavioural expectations. (92%) Students are being held accountable.
    - -10.1%: How satisfied are you that your input into decisions about your child's school is considered. (60.8%) Maybe based around sports academy decisions and classes missed when they are gone?
    - -6.5%: Our school has a positive reputation in the community. (83.8%) Dog park? Parking emails to parents.
    - -3.8%: When my child needs it, teachers and staff at my child's school are available to help them. (81.3%)
  - 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](mailto:smoser@gsacrd.ab.ca)
    - Rob Rawcliffe [rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca)



## 17. Holy Family Parish Update

- Sacraments of Reconciliation for our Grade 2 students was held at Holy Family on April 11th and First Eucharist Mass for NMR occurred on April 13th/24. Many students were in attendance and it was a wonderful celebration!

- Grade 6 students will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat which is part of the Sacramental Preparation on Saturday, April 27th (9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.); lunch will be provided.

- Confirmation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving Confirmation on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:00pm.

- Holy Family Parish's Confirmation Mass is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

- Youth Adoration is scheduled for April 26th from 7:00-9:00pm. All Jr and Sr High Students are welcome.

- Grace Summit 2024 will be held on May 10th, 2024 from 8:15 am to 2:00 pm at the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi (2707 - 34 St.NW, Edmonton). The Summit will focus on unity, dialogue, and a renewed pledge as key components for the growth of Catholic Education. By engaging collectively and exchanging ideas, we aim to reinforce our connections and renew our promise to the ongoing prosperity and advantages of Catholic Education in Alberta and elsewhere.

- JOIN THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) TEAM Holy Family Catholic Parish is planning a Vacation Bible School program this summer for children ages 5-11! July 22nd-26th Athletics! Training To Be Champions For Christ If you are interested in helping our kids learn their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way, please complete this signup by May 31st, 2024. Volunteers can be ages 14 to adults.

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, North of 60 Project: A project whereby conferences in the Edmonton area (and one in Calgary), assist those in need, in ten far north and Arctic communities, by annually shipping sea containers of food and necessities. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of food for the communities or to drop off household items, please review the Church bulletin and church website for contact information and how you can donate via etransfer.