



"Together We Build Tomorrow in God's Love"

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Agenda |

DATE: May 28th, 2024 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room, Neil M Ross School

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/ora-zuqr-nfc?authuser=0>

Attendance: Melissa Giroux, Gillian Hansen Schmidt, Becky Prudhomme, Abbey Koehl, Rob Rawcliffe, Jessica Brady, Heather Foster (parent), Kevin Foster (parent), Shelby Moser, Joe Becigneul.

Regrets: Susan Tarling, Sheri Holik, Courtney Haigh, Brittany Meaver, Courtney Quirk.

Business Portion of the Meeting

Time

1. Call to Order: Melissa Giroux called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. 10 min
2. Opening Prayer: Melissa Giroux.
3. Acknowledgement of the Territories: Melissa Giroux.
4. Introductions: Two parents joined the meeting - Heather and Kevin Foster.
5. Good News to Share: Will be shared in the trustee and administration report.
6. Additions to the May 2024 Agenda: New business (18b) - field trips.
7. Approval of the May 2024 Agenda - Motion: Becky Prudhomme, Second: Gillian Hansen Schmidt
8. Approval of March 2024 School Council Meeting Minutes - Motion: Courtney Quirk, Second: Abbey Koehi 5 min
9. Approval of April 2024 School Council Meeting Minutes - Motion: Susan Tarling, Second: Courtney Haigh. Change spelling of 'acclimation' to 'acclamation' 5 min
10. Fowler Report-Courtney Haigh - See attached 5 min
11. Old Business 5 min
 - a. Year End BBQ-Candice Crandall - Form has gone out to the teachers for food selection, but not for drink selection yet (iced tea or juice boxes). We have not yet heard back from our Knights contact (Cor) in terms of the Knights supporting our BBQ. Will follow up with Cor via phone. 5 min
 - b. Playground Committee-Courtney Haigh - The committee will resume meeting in September. Will seek community support in terms of alternative forms of funding. 5 min
 - c. Dog Park Working Group-Stephanie Chau - Last meeting was canceled, new

meeting to be scheduled in June. There has been a recent dog issue - two dogs ran after Kino kids and jumped on them, which frightened them. The dogs were seen on video footage running through the school playgrounds and it was obvious the owner had no control over the dogs. Advocacy ongoing between school administration and City of St. Albert representatives. 5 min

- d. April 2024 School Council Motions-Melissa Giroux - Friends has approved the three motions from April's meeting (Seesaw, playground bins, bibles) 5 min
12. Trustee's Report-Joe Becigneul - see attached. 10 min
13. Administration Report – Shelby Moser and Rob Rawcliffe - see attached. 20 min
14. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report- (Get from Becky) Becky Prudhomme - Friends completed 8 fundraisers this year and raised almost \$8300. They were able to fund \$6000 in school initiatives. Sent out a survey to families - 73 families responded. Most popular responses in terms of future fundraisers - Halloween dance, plants/herbs/flowers, art cards, ski night, second dance. Halloween dance has already been oct 25. AGM sept 19. New executive elected. Potential to offer a Healthy Hunger addition weekly - Booster Juice. 5 min
15. Healthy Hunger-Sheri Holik - (Get from Melissa) Another great year. A few new restaurants were added. Info received for a weekly delivery of a hot breakfast for students in need. 5 min
16. Holy Family Parish Update-Melissa Giroux - See attached 5 min
17. Yearbook Update-Becky Prudhomme - Sold 158 year books to date. Need to sell 58 more to break even. Hopefully more parents are interested in a yearbook after recent class pictures. New contract is signed for next year - price is fixed but order quantity has been reduced. 201 yearbooks have been ordered for next year. **Motion for School Council to approve the cost of the 2024/25 yearbook at a cost of \$22 per book per family.** Motion: Becky Prudhomme, Second: Abbey Koehi. Motion approved. 5 min
18. New Business 5 min
- A. Education Foundation-Golf Tournament. This will be held on June 21st. Registration is open. The money raised comes back to the school in the form of the Futures Project.
- B. Field trips - Drumheller trip, Grade 6 camping trip no longer happening. Wondering why? The demands on teachers are too much - and these events rely on teacher volunteer time. New literacy, numeracy pushed out with no additional support. Teachers are developing this curriculum on their own time. Additional liability and insurance concerns too.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:27 pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: September 24th, 2024 at 7:00 pm Staff Room