



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

## Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Agenda |

**DATE:** October 22nd, 2024 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Staff Room **VIRTUAL LINK:**

**Attendance:** Jessica Brady, Rob Rawcliffe, Gillian Schmidt, Jill Antoniollo, Jenn Kluthe, Melissa Giroux, Brittany Meaver, Leslie Slanisky, Joe Becigneul, Sheri Holik, Carrie Slater

**Regrets:** Courtney Haigh, Becky Prud'homme, Susan Tarling, Colin Loiselle, Stephanie Chau

**Virtual:** Samantha Sinclair, Gena Wozimirsky

### Business Portion of the Meeting

	<u>Time</u>
1. Call to Order: 7:01	10 min
2. Acknowledgement of the Territories-Melissa Giroux	
3. Opening Prayer-Gillian Schmidt	
4. Introductions	
• Round table introductions	
5. Good News to Share	
• Great turn out for the grade 3 & 4 handball tournament	
• NMR team took home a gold and a silver.	
6. Additions to the October 2024 Agenda:	
• Unplugged St. Albert	
• Lunchtime screen time	
7. Approval of the October 2024 Agenda:	
• Motion: Gillian Schmidt Second: Sheri Holik	
8. Approval of Minutes from September 2024 School Council Meeting	5 min
• Motion: Gillian Schmidt Second: Jenn Kluthe	
9. Fowler Report:	5 min
• Deferred to the November meeting.	
10. Old Business	5 min
• Playground Update-Courtney Haigh	5 min
- Deferred to the November meeting.	
• ASCA Grant-Melissa Giroux	5 min
- \$500.00 per year to go towards a presentation.	

- Ideas: ALERT/I.C.E. Presentation on online/social media; Unplugged (this could be provided at no cost). Melissa Giroux welcomes parents to provide ideas.
  - Joe Becigneul added SAA and other Parent Councils might be a way to join funding to see what other options are available and do a joint presentation.
  - Health Hunger Funds/Staff Appreciation-Melissa Giroux 5 min
    - It is being looked at to see how we are able to apply funds from Healthy Hunger to the Staff Appreciation week.
    - Funds from Health Hunger will be transferred to Friends soon.
  - School Council Committees 5 min
    - Emails have gone out and more parents have volunteered on committees.
    - Committee leads encouraged to send an email to introduce and provide follow up or next communication expectations, so volunteers know they are on the committees.
11. Trustee's Report- Joe Becigneul 10 min
- No new report for this meeting as the last was September 23, 2024
  - October 22 is the first of the public consultation of the Ward Review - it does not impact us because St. Albert Ward (4 Trustees), Morinville (2 Trustees), Legal (1 Trustee)
  - This is an exercise that happens every 4 years (usually before a provincial election)
  - Most popular has been to be St. Albert Ward (+1, 5 Trustees), Morinville & Legal combined (2 Trustee)
  - Next meeting is October 28 and update will be provided at NMR November School Council meeting.
12. Administration Report – Rob Rawcliffe 15 min
- See Attachments at the end of document.
13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report-Becky Prudhomme 5 min
- Friends meeting last week - reelected the Secretary position - Carrie Slater
  - Ski Night will be held in partnership with JJ Nearing, Bertha Kennedy, and Holy Family. Deposit has been paid. It is set for Mar 1 at Sunridge from 6 to 9pm
  - This year it was suggested to us, so we are tracking hours. We hope it helps add an objective measure to each fundraiser for how much work goes into it. It will allow us to see the number of hours that goes into a fundraiser and compare that to how much money it makes. It will be nice to be able to report to the parents at Council how many volunteer hours are spent to raise the funds that we support the school with.
  - As an example: So far, the Halloween Dance has been a collection of 23.5hrs of preparation. Tickets, emails, posters, advertising, shopping, decor, etc.
  - Halloween Dance is Friday, and we will be running a 50/50 for one day only on Friday as well. It is open to everyone, will be sent out by email on Friday morning

as well posters will be up at the dance. Concession is Cash Only and 50/50 will be QR code direct payment on your phone.

- Art Cards are being done in classes now. This year we have optional paper to go home with students to complete their own art to be turned into a card. The paper can be requested from the teachers. All artworks will be due back Nov 5th to the school. All art will be turned into sample cards available for purchase.
- Nov 3rd we will be launching sales for perogies and meats from Taste of Ukraine and Widynowski's. Paper order forms will go home with students with information.
- Next meeting is November 21 at 7pm in the Staff Room or available via virtual link.

14. Hot Lunch Committee Report-Sheri Holik/Katie McMillan 5 min

- Can provide financial information at meetings. For example, Dairy Queen Healthy Hunger generated a net profit of over \$600
- Net profit numbers for October \$1439.36
- Snack Day - this is still an idea leadership is thinking about, they are going to bring it to the next staff meeting for further discussion.
- There are concerns with providing a snack outside of lunch as there are a number of things to consider.
- Alternative idea that the snack day would be a provided at lunch, but not a Friday. This will be discussed at a future staff meeting.

15. Holy Family Parish Update-Gillian Schmidt 5 min

- See Attachments at the end of document.

16. Yearbook Update-Rebecca Prudhomme 10 min

- There are just over a dozen of last year's books still available to purchase, please contact Marie.
- We will be putting this years book up for sale beginning of November and as voted last year the price of \$22 will remain the same.
- Elly sent me a message and thanked us for sending her a copy of the book. She said that it almost brought her to tears, she was happy to have received it.
- Yearbook meeting next month to stay planning for this year's design and special features.

17. New Business 5 min

- November School Council Social
  - No meetings in Dec/June and this is to gather and celebrate the season.
  - We can share snacks and visit after the meeting or if there are any other ideas, please let Melissa Giroux know.
- Unplugged St. Albert
  - Jill Antonioli will send an email and Instagram to see what it is about; it is more for the parents.
  - This could even be added in a WAAG email.

- NMR Grade 1 class has over 10 parents pledging to “delay” giving a child a smart device. This is the first pledge; Unplugged members were happy to see it was NMR
- One goal of Unplugged is to link likeminded families when it comes to technology and devices.
- Joe Becigneul suggested this could be pitched to the Superintendent.
- Screen time during lunch
  - Discussion around kids watching programs during the lunch period. Some concerns from parents that kids are not eating lunch because they are focused on the show.
  - Rob Rawcliffe indicated this is being discussed by school leadership and staff.
  - Grade 6 monitors do get some information/training prior to taking on the role of lunchroom monitor.
- Education Foundation: 50/50 Raffle
  - This raffle supports the division, scholarships and different funding for the schools that can be applied through grants.
  - Draw is in early December and last year take home was around \$5000.00.

18. Meeting Adjourned: 8:08PM

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: November 19th, 2024 in the Staff Room (Social to follow)**

## Attachments

### 12. Admin Report

#### Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting October 22/2024

##### FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: **Growing in Mercy with the Son!**
  
- ★ Our Food Bank drive for Thanksgiving saw 962 lbs of food donated to the St. Albert Food Bank!
- ★ Catholic Education Sunday was Oct 20 - 9:00am and we were pleased to see many families and staff members at Holy Family Parish!
- ★ Catholic Education Week - Fr. Antony of Holy Family Parish will be visiting NMR classes on Oct. 23 & 24.
- ★ In October, we celebrated the Month of the Rosary by praying 1 decade of the Rosary (1 Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory Be) each week during our Monday morning assembly. By the end of October we will have prayed a full rosary with our school community.
- ★ Jon Bauer will be leading our Student Faith Retreat this year. He will be coming to NMR on Friday, January 10th.

##### EXTRACURRICULAR

- ★ Handball Teams for gr. 3 and 4 - over 60 students
  - We had a great turnout and the tournament was a huge success for our school. We even had 1 of our teams come first overall for all schools!

##### SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Grades 1-6 Interviews will be on November 27 & 28 - Interviews will be 10 minutes in length.
- ★ Kindergarten interviews will also be on November 27 & 28.
  
- ★ Grade 6 immunization first round of vaccinations is on Monday, Oct. 28th.
  
- ★ Read in Week: Oct. 7th - 11th
  - Various guest readers - We were so lucky to have so many volunteers come and read to our students.
- ★ We will be having 2 showings of our Christmas Concert again this year, to allow 2 casts of actors to have an opportunity to perform and to ensure seating for all families. Please save the date - December 10th!

##### FEEDBACK

- ★ Please feel free to email or call Colin 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!
  - Colin Loiselle [cloiselle@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:cloiselle@gsacrd.ab.ca)
  - Rob Rawcliffe [rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca)

## 15. Holy Family Parish Update

CHILDREN'S ALL SAINTS' DAY PARTY We invite families to join us for an All Saints Day celebration on Friday, November 1st. We will gather for pizza at 5pm and have games set up to begin at 5:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite Saints and join in the procession for Mass at 6:30 p.m. Please consider bringing a donation for the food bank that the children will carry. Please call the office or email Stacey at [volunteermanagement@holyfamilyparish.ca](mailto:volunteermanagement@holyfamilyparish.ca) to RSVP by October 30th or sign up at the table after Mass in the Welcome Area. We look forward to seeing many little Saints! Note: All parishioners are welcome to attend the All Saints' Mass at 6:30 pm.

HFP CWL CRAFT AND BAKE SALE Saturday Nov 2 10am-2pm in the Parish Hall. Gifts, baked goods, crafts, cash raffle.

K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST after 9am and 11am mass on Nov 3rd.

"SOCKTOBER" Is here again. New total: We have collected 256 pairs of socks. Thank you! We are still collecting warm winter socks for the needy at Operation Friendship Seniors Society and the Marian Centre. The donation box will be in the foyer until Oct. 31st.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM Saints in Training (HFP Catechism) is a fun and engaging group for kids in grades 1 - 9. We meet Fridays starting on September 27th at 4:30 p.m. at the parish. There is a \$20 registration fee per child to cover the cost of materials. New children would still be welcome.