

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2024 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room

In Person: Becky Prud'homme, Jenn Kluthe, Sheri Holik, Melissa Giroux, Joe Becigneul, Colin Loiselle, Rob Rawcliffe, Courtney Haigh

Regrets: Gena Wozimirsky, Susan Tarling, Leslie Slanisky, Brittany Meaver, Gillian Schmidt

1. Call to Order 7:02pm
2. Acknowledgement of the Territories
3. Opening Prayer
4. Introductions
5. Good News to Share
6. Additions to the March 2025 Agenda: Education Foundation Update
7. Approval of the March 2025 Agenda
Motion: Courtney Haigh
Second: Sheri Holik
8. Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes
Motion: Jenn Kluthe
Second: Gena Wozimirsky via email
9. Fowler Report
 - senior boys basketball played VJM at SACHS, fantastic game and great sense of community
 - senior girls basketball played ESSMY for Div 2 Banner and they won
 - Little Mermaid Junior production April 3, purchase tickets at Fowler office if interested
 - Grade 8 option to go on an East Coast trip next year
 - term 3 just started with new options for the kids
10. Old Business
 - a. Playground Update
 - current assessment done and confirmed conditions are good currently, no equipment is needing to be removed or replaced
 - meeting with the city once a month
 - administrative items are underway
 - changes to survey to go out to teachers, supervisors, students, admin, community, and parents
 - CFEP in September
 - City of St. Albert grant in April 2026
 - construction as early as next summer

-meeting to take place with Admin, playground committee, and Kinodayo to determine what constitutes an inclusive playground

b. Shrove Tuesday Update

-pancake bites: we used single serve syrup from healthy hunger with the bites, teachers loved the idea and was less hassle than full pancakes and the cutting involved

-quantity of food was good, everything was delicious

-will have to ask for more syrup and butter next year

-Knights expressed interest in being a part of the event, would like to formally invite them next year as well as sign and send a thank you card from council to pass to them for their service this year

-gluten free cooking procedure was discussed, may change the sign to read gluten friendly or gluten aware

-there is options to use IHop for Shrove Tuesday, but keeping the relationship and partnership with the Knights is important as long as they are willing and able to keep providing their services for cooking for us

c. Staff Appreciation Update

-April meeting all the financials will be presented

d. ASCA Grant Update

-six school would contribute, we have yet to determine what the extra money would be used for and will discuss next meeting

e. Playground Bins

-Claire is looking for a parent to come forward to shadow her for next year as it will be her last year doing the bins

Motion: Approach Friends of NMR for \$1000 for the playground bins for the 2025-2026 school year

Motion: Courtney Haigh

Second: Jenn Kluthe

All in favor.

11. Trustee's Report

-renewed superintendent for 5 years

-a 360 review is being done to review the job the superintendent has done

-finished capital planning with a priority of 6 items, 3 of which are being sent to the ministry

-top priority to pursue new school in Riverside, serviced school site already there

-student engagement committee meets for the first time Apr 16

-committee of the whole meeting: with goals of expanding faith by rotating trustees, each doing 20 minute presentation on an aspect of faith, of their choice

-Chair is meeting with Minister, face to face

- Archbishop Smith installment mass, being celebrated May 23
- Monday March 31, next regular board meeting
- 12. Administration Report
 - a. See Attachments.
- 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report
 - Purdy's is open until March 30
 - Meeting Thursday at 7pm in Staff Room
 - Holy Family did not sell all of their tickets, conversation over options to help them recoup costs considering we made so much profit on this
- 14. Healthy Hunger
 - December \$1084.65
 - January \$945.13
 - February \$467.85
 - March \$450 to date, there is yet another hot lunch after spring break
 - concerns over distribution; babysitters not coming to pick up bins for lunches and kids not getting lunches on time, sometimes lunches go missing
 - lunchtime supervisors can try and assist the babysitters with this, showing them what they need to do for distribution and checking items off to ensure everyone gets what they order; admin will look into this and how they can help
- 15. Holy Family Parish Update
 - Way of the Cross: every Friday during Lent at 6pm, Mass at 6:30pm followed by soup and buns in the hall afterwards
 - Knights of Columbus Ukrainian Night: dinner, Ukrainian dancers, dancing, silent auction. Saturday April 26th at 6pm in the HFP Hall. Tickets are available to purchase after mass.
 - Saints in Training: Grades 1-9 - Fridays 4:30-5:30. Angel Choir - HPF Youth Choir for grades 2-12
- 16. Yearbook Update
 - cover contest: 150 votes
 - 152 book sold to date, hoping to sell a minimum of 201 books
- 17. New Business
 - a. School Council Elections (April 2025)
 - b. Education Foundation
 - April 3 AGM at 7pm; pre-registration at foundation.gsacrd.ab.ca on the membership page
 - Golf Tournament: June 6, 2025 in Cardiff

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36pm

Next School Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7pm
Staff Room & Virtual Link

Attachments

12.a. Administration Report

ADMIN REPORT FOR NMR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18/2025

FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: **Growing in Mercy with the Son!**
- ★ Faith in action:
 - Tiny Jesus Award
 - As a division, we are recognizing the small but meaningful acts that make a difference in our schools. Each week, based on a specific theme, we honour staff who go above and beyond with a Tiny Jesus keepsake as a token of appreciation.
- ★ Fr Antony, along with two priests from St. Albert Parish, offered the sacrament of Reconciliation for our students on Thursday, March 6.
- ★ We are going to Holy Family Parish tomorrow for an instructional Mass at 1:30pm.
- ★ We are celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph this week, with teachings and prayers in our morning announcements.
- ★ Stay tuned for details about an upcoming Popcorn fundraiser in support of Catholic Social Services.

EXTRACURRICULAR

- ★ Air Band Thursday!
- ★ Camera Club
- ★ Fashion Club
- ★ RunWild will be starting soon!

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Cree Elder Terry Newborn, from Alexander Reserve - Smudging Teachings April 10.
- ★ Adriane Lachance and Running Thunder Dancers - Cree Cultural Performance - April 22, 2025.
- ★ We have begun our Worry Too Much groups (Div 1) and Taming Your Worry Dragon (Div 2) with the city of St. Albert Family Resource Centre.
- ★ Irish Dancing Performance - March 17
- ★ Our staff want to thank all the parents, especially Leslie, for spoiling us during staff appreciation week!
- ★ Grade 6's are going to the Jr. Little Mermaid production put on by Fowler

ACADEMIC NEWS

- ★ Intervention for Literacy and Numeracy

- We have been blessed to have had the opportunity to provide small-group, targeted instruction for literacy.
- Literacy groups have ended for now and we have switched to numeracy groups.

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!
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