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Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Agenda |

DATE: November 19th, 2024 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room **VIRTUAL LINK:**

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

Regrets: Kristy Cunningham, Gillian Schmidt, Susan Tarling

Virtual: Brittany Meaver

Business Portion of the Meeting

Time

1. Call to Order: 7:02 10 min
2. Acknowledgement of the Territories-Melissa Giroux
3. Opening Prayer-Melissa Giroux
4. Introductions
 - N/A
5. Good News to Share
 - Hallowe'en dance was awesome, great décor, lots of fun had by kids and families.
 - Fowler won the City Championships in boys' volleyball and girls did well, getting bronze.
6. Additions to the November 2024 Agenda:
 - No additions
7. Approval of the November 2024 Agenda:
 - Motion: Becky Prud'homme Second: Sheri Holik
8. Approval of Minutes from October 2024 School Council Meeting 5 min
Motion: Jenn Kluthe Second: Sherry Holik
9. Fowler Report Courtney Haigh:
 - Girls place bronze in their area, boys tier 1 city champions, basketball try outs started on Monday with the girls. They will have senior and junior teams picked this week.
 - Business week this week – students execute their plan over the week November
10. Old Business 5 min
 - Playground Update-Courtney Haigh 5 min
 - Phase 3 – Due to staffing change over at the City of St. Albert, there was a bit of wait time.
 - Dean McMillan is one new contact (he helped with Phase 1)
 - He connected the committee with the new program application.
 - Putting forward a development application forward to the City and once granted we can proceed with making a move forward.



- Grant is in April and Community Facility Enhancement Program is in the intake
- Now and then we will have a meeting with playground group (included Kinosayo); find out needs/wants of the schools and leadership/parent groups.
 - Administrative stuff is done and now they can continue in the process.
- Health Hunger Funds/Staff Appreciation-Melissa Giroux 5 min
 - Reached out to see if something could be done to be able to transfer the funds from Friends to be able to be used for Staff Appreciation in March.
 - Colin suggested potentially the school could purchase Starbucks gift cards that could be used for appreciation week.
 - The alternative is to continue to ask for support directly from the families.
 - Melissa knows an estimated amount of how much the Starbucks order is for the staff during and can talk with Leslie if this was the way to go.
 - Could be a motion for the January meeting if needed.
 - Concern that if we do not ask parents for that assistance, they may not remember that is happens or might not remember where Friends funds go over the year.
 - This can be tabled, and the decision can be to just go ahead with asking parents for gift cards for the week.
- Dog Park 5 min
 - No formal updates
 - There have been dogs off leash over the lunch hour.
 - No incidents to report but it is still concerning.
 - Consider taking advice and looking at the frames of reference another time.
 - No meetings since last year with City of St. Albert.
- 11. Trustee's Report- Joe Becigneul 10 min
 - Joe was elected to ASBA Board of Directors for Zone 2/3.
 - Updates:
 - Ward review.
 - Division Office is renovated and move in was Nov. 1
 - Blessing and Mass prior to our Board Meeting Nov. 25.
 - Board activities:
 - Ward review
 - ACSTA AGM
 - ASBA FGM
 - Visiting 9 schools 1st week of December
 - Next meeting is November 25th.
- 12. Administration Report – Colin Loiselle & Rob Rawcliffe 15 min
 - See Attachments at the end of document.
- 13. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report-Becky Prudhomme 5 min



- Hour Tracking: Hallowe'en dance was 129 hours of volunteer work. Includes administrative, ticketing, advertising, prep and décor, night of volunteers, clean up, banking etc.
 - 50/50 was 2.5 hours of volunteer work.
 - Hallowe'en Dance:
 - It was great the number of people who stayed to clean up, thank you!
 - There were so many compliments on set up, and layout, two concessions was received well
 - There were concerns over parents dropping their children and not attending with them. We will need to re-evaluate our check in process for next year
 - There were some concerns over kids sitting on the bootracks, and opening and closing back doors. there will need to be more volunteers in that area if we keep it the same next year
 - Change in the ticketing system for next year as well. Hardcopy tickets or website that issues qr code and transferability of tickets
 - Seems to be split on how long the dance should be. Lots said 830pm was great and lots said 8pm was still just fine
 - Made approx. \$4000
 - 50/50 Raffle:
 - What a huge success, lots of fun for families
 - Made approx. \$580
 - Perogies and Meet
 - Will close end of day Friday
 - Art Cards
 - Samples delivered to schools and given to kids to take home
 - Quick turnaround for ordering so they arrive early December
 - Little Caesars
 - Later January with delivery in February
 - Growing Smiles
 - Coming in the Spring
14. Hot Lunch Committee Report-Sheri Holik/Katie McMillan 5 min
- November was a bit lower due to fall break with no lunches – total of \$764
15. Holy Family Parish Update-Gillian Schmidt 5 min
- See Attachments at the end of document.
16. Yearbook Update-Rebecca Prudhomme 10 min
- Sold 219 out of 226 of last years' year books.
17. New Business 5 min



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- Education Foundations raffle is still going on and the raffle is early December (December 3)
- Grant application came out for the schools – Courtney will share it

18. Meeting Adjourned: 8:08PM

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: January 21, 2025 @ 7:00PM in the Staff Room



Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting November 19/2024

FAITH

- ★ This year's Faith Goal: **Growing in Mercy with the Son!**
- ★ Faith in action:
 - Poppy Donations for the Legion
 - Decorating bags for Inmates at Edmonton Remand Centre
 - Classes have invited students to record the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrances. Throughout the month we are praying for our beloved dead.
 - Presentations addressing the Son's Mercy, after Monday morning assemblies.
 - NMR Advent Mass - Sunday Dec. 1, 2024 (5:00pm)

EXTRACURRICULAR

- ★ Volleyball - We are excited to see our volleyball team go to ESSMY on Thursday for a tournament. Big thanks to Mrs. Pavicic, Mrs. Chzyk and Mr. Robertson for coaching!
- ★ Intramurals will be starting before December
- ★ Camera Club
- ★ Fashion Club
- ★ Drama - Charlie Brown Christmas

SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ Grades K-6 Interviews will be on November 27 & 28 - Gr. 1-6 Interviews will be 10 minutes in length, Kindergarten will be 40-minute Celebrations of Learning.
- ★ 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!



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ACADEMIC NEWS

- 2023/2024 School Results Review:



School Name 2023-2024 Results Review Report

Vision: Excellence in Learning through Faith, Relationships, and Engagement



Our Academic Results	Celebrating Our Faith	Safe and Caring Schools	Engaged Learning																																	
<p>PATs / DIPs / Other Assessments:</p> <p>2023/2024 PAT Results:</p> <table><tr><th>Subject</th><th>Acceptable% NMR Province</th><th>Excellence% NMR Province</th></tr><tr><td>Math 6</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>ELAL 6</td><td>NA</td><td>NA</td></tr><tr><td>Soc 6</td><td>77.6</td><td>10.2</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>AB 68.5</td><td>AB 19.8</td></tr><tr><td>Sci 6</td><td>85.7</td><td>30.6</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>AB 68.8</td><td>AB 25.8</td></tr></table> <p>~ Literacy and Numeracy screeners have been completed and intervention groups have been formed. These will target our most vulnerable learners.</p> <p>Quality of Education:</p> <p>AEA Measures Fall 2024</p> <table><tr><th>Measure</th><th>NMR's Current Result</th><th>Alberta's Current Result</th></tr><tr><td>Education Quality</td><td>95.7%</td><td>87.6%</td></tr></table> <p>~ Rank: Very High which we maintained from last year which is Excellent.</p> <p>Program of Studies:</p> <p>AEA Measures Fall 2024</p> <table><tr><th>Measure</th><th>NMR's Current Result</th><th>Alberta's Current Result</th></tr><tr><td>Program of Studies</td><td>91.4%</td><td>82.8%</td></tr></table> <p>~ Rank: Very High which maintained from last year which is Excellent.</p>	Subject	Acceptable% NMR Province	Excellence% NMR Province	Math 6	NA	NA	ELAL 6	NA	NA	Soc 6	77.6	10.2		AB 68.5	AB 19.8	Sci 6	85.7	30.6		AB 68.8	AB 25.8	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Education Quality	95.7%	87.6%	Measure	NMR's Current Result	Alberta's Current Result	Program of Studies	91.4%	82.8%	<p>Faith Goal: At NMR students, staff and parents know, model, and witness Jesus Christ through our theme of Growing in the Trinity: Love, Mercy & Grace.</p> <p>Faith Theme 2024-2025: Growing In Mercy, with the Son.</p> <p>Faith in Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Daily live-stream of student-led prayer fosters a sense of faith and community.Prayers before lunchMonday morning assemblies include student-led liturgies to build community and faith.Faith development sessions for students after Monday assemblies (one grade level/week)Monthly liturgies for all studentsFamily Advent MassPriest visits to classroomsWeekly communications (WAAG) includes faith component (quote from scripture, communications from Holy Family Parish and the division Chaplain)Service Projects are connected to faith (WAAG communications for parents, and during weekly assemblies for kids) <p>Service/social justice projects:</p> <p>Food Bank, Book of Remembrance (Praying for the Dead), Gr. 3 Garage Sale, Terry Fox, Decorating Food Bank donation bags for Holy Family Parish, Decorating Christmas Bags for Inmates at Edmonton Remand Centre, Compassion Committee (Parent Organized), fundraising for Our Lady of Kibeho Orphanage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">86% of parents feel "my child is encouraged at school to be involved in activities that help the community."	<p>Student Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of rules/code of conduct through SOAR standards at weekly assembliesReinforcing recess expectations through Monday Morning Assemblies, and morning announcementsLunchtime supervisors and monitorsCrosswalk PatrolsTeacher supervisors for bussingUniversals with our school counsellor focussing on values, respect and self-care <p>Inclusive Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration through the Student Learning Team (Administration, Diverse Learning Teacher, and Counselor) to support students in need.Mental health supports via programming and school counselor, ex: Kimochis, small group interventionProviding differentiated instruction, including universal, targeted, and individual supportsRegular Collaborative Response meetings in order to discuss Key Issues within grade levels, in order to best support all students and share pedagogical practices. <p>Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prayers/liturgies to mark National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Métis Week, Feasts of St. Kateri and Lady of Guadalupe, Blanket exercises <p>Citizenship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">School-wide SOAR behaviour goalsSafetyOwnershipAcceptanceResponsibility <p>~ Rank: Very High. A deliberate focus on school rules and expectations supports our success.</p>	<p>Student Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">According to our provincial data, our Student Engagement has been maintained which is great news as it is 5% above the provincial average.Strategies:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weekly assemblies that focus on faith, community building, citizenship, and recognizing student achievements and talents.Focus on student engagement through faith, academics (literacy), extracurricular activities, and theme days! <p>Parent Involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent CouncilFriends of NMRVolunteering (field trips, Healthy Hunger, year-end events)Seasonal activities (Halloween dance, Christmas concert, Advent Mass, Easter Mass)Weekly assembliesMonthly liturgies <p>School Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">New activities for 2024-2025 (handball, gr. 6 volleyball, intramural sports) <p>We are excited to offer the following opportunities for leadership with our students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CrossWalk PatrolsSharing of Talents at weekly assemblies.Balanced Buddies Yoga LeadershipPlayground PalsGr. 6 Student leadershipCross Graded BuddiesLunch Monitors and more!
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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
- Rob Rawcliffe rrowcliffe@gsacrd.ab.ca



15. Holy Family Parish Update

ANGEL CHOIR We are thrilled to invite all children and youth in grades 2 to 12 to join the Angel Choir. We will lead the singing at a Mass at Holy Family Parish about once a month. Our first dates are: • Sun. Nov. 17, 1-2 p.m. Practice at Holy Family Parish • Sun. Nov. 24, 1-2 p.m. Practice at Holy Family Parish • Sun. Dec. 1, 11 a.m. Sing at Mass. (Meet in Brother Anthony Room at 10:30 a.m.).

LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Join us for the Lighting of Holy Family Parish's Christmas Lights after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass on November 30th. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

DAY OF ADORATION

To prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord, Holy Family Parish is having a Day of Adoration on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please make some time to spend with our Lord during Advent. Also, please consider signing up for a time slot (sign-up in the Welcome Area starting November 15/16) to ensure continual Adoration.

Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, source of truth and grace for those entrusted with Christian development of children, enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills, and fill our hearts with generosity so that our homes, our parishes and our schools may co-operate effectively with you, and with one another in the exalted mission of catholic education. We make our prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.