

St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024

Attendees: Jodi Ostrosky, Jason Duniec, Kara Gettings, Tana Currie, Leanne Doetzel, Jean R Boisvert, Cara O'Brien-Joyce, Pierre Ouimet, Lindsay Tomalik, Kim Pennock, Holly Zacharko, Rosie Conrad

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer along with a land acknowledgement.

Minutes:

Jason moved to approve.

Agenda:

Kara moved to approve the agenda with two additions around school photos and education on cyber bullying.

Teacher's Report:

Ash Wednesday mass with Fr Jim, focus on prayer as the chapel is open during the lunch hour, almsgiving with the birthday bags, ideas on how what students can fast from during lent offered during announcements, PD on a form of prayer called Visio Divina.

Grade 6 concentrating on local government and then will have trip to legislature and had a presentation about Black History Month

Grade 5/6 ski trip to Sunridge March 7

Grade 7 and PA went to see Rubaboo at the Citadel related to Indigenous education

Grade 7 – planet earth in science

Grade 8 sheep eyeball dissection

PA Grade 7 and 8 Beauty and the Beast went well, Grade 5/6 have their show in March

Ukrainian Bilingual candlelight vigil to recognize two years of war

Library – book fair coming up March 11 to 15 and will be open during parent/teacher interviews

Trustee Report:

On Ft Sask city council agenda to speak about Catholic Education, instructional funding, capital funding, mental health. Make sure to check tax assessment to see that the dollars are coming to Catholic Board. Budget will be out on Thursday

Ft. Sask – if build a school out then will need to look at closing a school closer to downtown.

Mental Health – challenges with students, carryover from COVID

DOW chemical announced an upgrade, will likely need an increase of 8 to 10,000 people to get the work done, which will increase population there possibly

Archbishop Smith – Parish and School visits, he's been charged to visit all schools in his diocese

Catholic Education Sunday and week – may try to combine local and national

Health and Wellness day on February 16 – met with parish priests, priests are feeling welcome in the schools. There is a good presentation available on the OLPH parish site, how to cope and

stresses/challenges

Blessed Carlo Acutis – school progressing as planned

Last board meeting February 21 – working on policy 4, 5 and 8. Division had put an RFP for a new auditor.

Administration Report:

Pink shirt day February 28, try to talk about being kind every day

March 7 – grade 7/8 gone for their ski trip, grade 5/6 to Sunridge and also open house information night

Hawks Hockey challenge March 1, supporting two charities, Laurana Shelter and Kids Sport

Parent/teacher interviews will be in person, allows for more people to view book fair as well

Data analysis in March, surveys complete and data compiled at a District level, will inform current assurance plan and next years plan as well

2024/25 planning started, looking at staffing numbers and registration

Vigil for the Ukrainian war – came together quickly, a reminder that it is still ongoing and does still affect the lives of people here

Fees – if any changes in the fees will be shared with parents, last year foods and construction fees did go up, if increases are more than 5% it has to be Board approved

Real Foundation – local group to EICS, strongly believe in Catholic Education, annual golf tourney, free but provide donation. May 22 at Broadmoor.

Question about surveys – Grade 7 had two surveys

Question about school photos – signed contract about 2 years ago with Lifetouch – Pierre will speak with Shannon

Follow up on education in cyber bullying – Leanne reached out and is awaiting information. Jason advised that Saffron could also do something for kids and parents, possibly consider an evening event for both kids and parents.

Question about phone policy – nothing prescriptive in APs

Next meeting:

April 9

May 7

June 11

Meeting adjourned: 7:23pm by Jodi