

St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024

Attendees: Jodi Ostrosky, Jason Duniec, Kara Gettings, Tana Currie, Jean R Boisvert, Cara O'Brien-Joyce, Pierre Ouimet, Nina Hart, Holly Zacharko, Rosie Conrad, Leanne Doetzel, Christine (Culinary Delights)

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer along with a land acknowledgement.

Minutes:

Nina motioned to approve, Leanne seconded.

Agenda:

Nina motioned to approve the agenda and Leanne seconded.

Christine – Culinary Delights:

An issue brought forward was the heat of the food, Christine explained that they put it in the bins at the last possible moment as all the food is prepared on site. Possibly could use coolers that are soft sided but with a hard bottom, currently use bins that are stable for the students to take to their classrooms. There have been some issues with the food being handed out, but if someone is missing something they will provide it. Sometimes students come in and say that food has been ordered when it hasn't. Also spoke about partnering for a fundraiser with parent council.

Teacher Report:

Adoration mass April 22, 2024

Plan grade 5 and 8 retreat for next year, grade 5 for OLPH and grade 8 to Camp Van Es – these will be faith based retreats

Grade 6 Legislature visits, sit in on question period, Bill Tonita came to speak on local government, and also attended Telus World of Science

Giant map of Canada in the library, marks all the indigenous cultures and where they lived and moved, residential schools as well.

Grade 5 and 7 did the blanket exercise

SFL participated in wheelchair basketball, also various other phys ed classes were able to participate

Performing Arts grade 6 and 8 to OLPH to watch Annie, grade 7 finished playwriting, grade 8 starting to learn Shakespeare

Ukrainian Bilingual 5/6 are recording a song

Grade 5 Birch Bay trip, looking for half the cost to be supported by parent council – motion to support Birch Bay, all in favour and no one opposed. It will be in the mid \$2000s

Tana asked about the fundraising information and whether it is being provided out in the classes.

Sometimes kids are throwing them out before they get home and sometimes they aren't receiving them in their classrooms. Working on a leadership structure for next year, maybe the grade 8s can take some responsibility in that. Noted that it is difficult to support the extras for the school if the information isn't getting out to the parents.

Trustee Report:

April meeting Board of Trustees developing the budget hearing from administration

Assurance plan finalizing, Trustees were given the opportunity to sit in on one presentation with the principal presenting

High school in Camrose is coming along, to open in September 2025

Finalized MOA with Cupe at last meeting

Faith formation takes place every meeting, 2 were there from St. Albert Catholic

REAL foundation golf tournament May 22

May 10 Grace Summit taking place in Edmonton at Corpus Christi parish hall

Ministers youth council, at times in past has had high school students involved, will find out if we have someone from EICS participating, also a parent council and it may be interesting to see how that works

Administrator movement, this year a number of moves, posted on the website

Working on next years theme now

Administration Report:

Aadac Jack will be coming on May 28 for two sessions. Will use the grant for this, will focus on vaping with youths, but also tobacco and how industry targets youth in advertising. 9am-10am for grade 7 and block 3 and 4 for grade 8 – parents welcome to join.

Culminating meeting with principals and parish, good conversation, Fr Jim shared information from the Archdiocese, 3 year plan, already aligns with the parish – one of the main goals is to increase the presence of kids and young adults attending church. Our district is a model of how the church and schools interact with each other.

Next meeting:

June 10 at 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:57pm by Jodi