

St. Theresa Catholic School
Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, September 24th, 2024
St. Theresa School Library

Attendance:

Pierre Ouimet, St. Theresa Catholic School Principal

Pedro Rodriguez, St. Theresa Catholic School Teacher Representative

Jodi Ostrosky, Parent Advisory Council Chair

Tana Currie, Fundraising Society Chair

Kim Pennock, Parent Advisory Council Treasurer

Nina Hart

Jason Duniec

Holly Zacharko

Maria Jose Espinosa

Leanne Doetzel

Kara Gettings

Allison St. Germain

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and quorum was met.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

3. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Pierre Ouimet led the group in prayer and read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Nina motioned to approve the Parent Council Advisory Council agenda for the evening, with some additions.

Kim and Holly both seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Kim motioned to approve the previous Parent Council Advisory Meeting Minutes.

Leanne seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

6. 2024/25 St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council Elections

MOTION

Leanne moved to nominate Kara Gettings as Chair of the St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council.

Tana seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

MOTION

Tana moved to nominate Leanne Doetzel as Vice Chair of the St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council.

Kara seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

MOTION

Kim Pennock moved to stay in the position of Treasurer in the St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council.

Leanne seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

MOTION

No new nominations were brought forth for the position of secretary in the St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council, Rosie Connrad will continue in the role.

Jodi seconded.

Passed by acclamation.

The new executive of the St. Theresa Catholic School Parent Advisory Council for the 2024-2025 school year is as follows:

Chair - Kara Gettings

Vice Chair - Leanne Doetzel

Treasurer - Kim Pennock

Secretary - Rosie Connrad

Arrangements will need to be made to remove any old executive from signing authority on the bank accounts to make room for Kara Gettings to be added.

7. Teacher's report - Pedro Rodriguez

Mrs. French has requested support from the Parent Council to fund half of the Grade 5 Birch Bay Ranch trip in June. There are roughly 135 students and the approximate total is \$2700.

Pedro asked the Parent Council to help promote classes at OLPH Parish. It was suggested to have the school send out a separate communication for parents to engage in.

8. Principal's report - Pierre Ouimet

School start up and staggered entry was successful this year

Sept 4 - school's first assembly

Sept 6 - celebration of Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day. Students participated in raising the Ukrainian Flag as well as singing the Ukrainian national anthem.

Sept 10 - Meet the Teacher Night

Sept 12 - School Photos - done by Lifetouch. After raising a few concerns last year, Scott the owner has promised a better experience and product this year.

Sept 13 - Terry Fox Run

Mr. Hebert introduced house teams to the students, and the first set of points were awarded to teams for the Terry Fox Run. There will be many opportunities throughout the year for house teams to come together to earn points!

Sept 21 - Orange Shirt Day

Sept 26 - Grade 8 Retreat - Father Jim will be presiding over mass

Oct 1 - School wide opening mass at OLPH Parish. Grade 5's will stay and participate in an all day retreat afterwards

District theme this year is Rooted in Christ and it will be the theme for the next 3 years.

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Student count at this point is 555, down 13 from the end of last school year.

\$4.55 million dollars was allocated to St. Theresa. 92% of that goes to staffing, benefits and people, the rest is for everything else the school may need (PD days, substitutes, and supplies).

The budget is balanced this year so far. There were some funds carried over from last year, totally \$6700.

There are a few new faces in the school as we welcome some new staff.

Cafeteria is open again for lunch (Mon/Wed/Fri) and will be monitored by the same group of ladies from last year.

Study Hall is now being offered in the school library at lunch time.

Allison Norrie (Family Wellness Worker) will be running a Lunch Club.

Emma Olson (Mental Health Capacity Builder) will run different programs throughout the year.

Intermerals will be starting at lunch.

New Cell Phone Policy - Pierre is asking for parents support, recognizes that there is some work to be done in house as the policy applies to teachers as well.

A VTRA (Violence Threat Risk Assessment) was called last week.

Fire Drill/LockDown Practice was completed.

Mr. Hebert's leadership team has partnered with Pathways to open "The Bean Shop"! The shop is currently open on Thursdays for staff with plans to expand and offer hot chocolate to students on Fridays. Proceeds are being donated to ACE (Alberta Cancer Exercise Program).

8. Open Question and Topics to Discuss

Last year there was mention of a second volleyball team, this year there is only 1, why?

There were many factors working against having a second volleyball team such as gym and coaches availability.

Can a representative of PAC join the staff meeting on October 2nd?

Yes, absolutely.

Water Fountain Filters are showing orange and red indicating they need to be replaced, is that going to happen soon?

Water fountain maintenance will be looked into and become part of the regular maintenance of the school.

APEGA Science Olympics - will be looked into!

What is the school policy for students playing video games (violent/inappropriate games) on their personal devices at lunch?

There is no direct policy, staff can not police all private use of personal devices during the lunch hour.

9. Items from previous meeting

Will the parking lot potholes be fixed?

The parking lot potholes are the responsibility of the school board to address. Pierre will put an inquiry/work order in for the work to be completed.

Drop/off and pick-up in the northwest parking lot needs to be addressed.

Parents aren't following the 'rules'... like turning left out of the parking lot, driving south through the parking lot when it's a one-way, parking and waiting in the roundabout causing traffic to be backed up and students walking through the roundabout. Pierre will send out a separate email correspondence to parents to remind them of the parking lot rules.

10. Next meeting dates

The next 2 meeting dates will be October 22nd, and November 26th, 2024. We will meet in the St. Theresa Library at 6:30pm.

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm