



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
School Council Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023 - 6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order – Amberlee 6:51 pm**
2. **Opening Prayer – Ms. Molyneux – done in previous meeting (Fundraising Association)**
3. **Treaty 6 Acknowledgement – Mr. Boyko– done in previous meeting (Fundraising Association)**
4. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting on September 18, 2023**
 - 4.1. **Minutes: Motion to Approve: Jen** **2nd: Kerri**
 - 4.2. **Agenda: Motion to Approve: Jen** **2nd: Kerri**

5. **Standing Items**

5.1. **President Report – Robyn**

Just wanted to welcome all the new parents who are here are classroom representatives and thank Nicole for that suggestion. It is nice to see more people here and just wanted to remind anyone that we will definitely have executive positions that need to be filled next year if anyone is interested but that will be discussed more at the General Meeting in May. We are starting to think about things like planning for a staff appreciation event like we did last year, with a pizza lunch in February. We will plan for something similar unless there are other suggestions. This will be discussed further after our meetings in January.

5.1.1 **Alberta School Council Engagement Grant**

Nothing new to report. Still have our \$500 to spend this year. Discuss ideas like a session for parents on a “day in the life of a student”. Might be something to consider but what would the costs be – there are quite a number of parameters around the funds and how they can be used. We decided to continue with last year's plan which was for signage for the council. Shaun volunteers to connect with Ashley from Camp Vinyl to work on getting this done.
Thank you Shaun!

5.2. **School Administration Report - Mrs. Falcone-Dempsey**

1. Just wanted to welcome all our new parents to parent council. It is so nice to have parents invested in their children. The more parents we can get involved the better it makes our school.

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2. Our enrollment continues to grow as we have welcomed 11 new students since September 30th. While we are tight for space it has still been a wonderful start up with all our students. Discipline has been an all-time low and this is a true testament to the work that our staff does with our students every single day.
3. October was a wonderful month with our Scare Away Hunger Campaign. We were able to make donations to Sacred Heart Parish, St. John Bosco Parish and the Edmonton Food Bank.
4. October also brought us lots of warm weather and Halloween. We were able to have an elementary parade once again and a Junior High Halloween Dance. Our student council in junior high has some big plans as we move into the next part of the year. The group of students we have this year are committed not only to St. Elizabeth Seton but also to the community at large. Their enthusiasm, school spirit and care for the larger societal context has been refreshing.
5. The warmer weather has continued into November. It has been extremely nice getting our students outside more often. We did have some vandalism to our outdoor classroom, but Constable Rob was able to figure out who it was. All of our steppingstones were broken and had to be thrown out. Some of the culprits were charged but two of them could not be, as they are under 10 years old. We are hoping to get new steppingstones put in in the spring with the help of our environmental education students.
6. Volleyball has been in full swing in Junior high and elementary. This will continue into November and December and then transition into basketball.
7. Parent teacher conferences are coming up with elementary in the classrooms once again and Junior high in the gym. We encourage all of our Principal's Report November 20, 2023 parents to come out and meet with teachers. We will also be running our annual Scholastic book fair in the small gym. This is a great time for parents to purchase a few Christmas presents and stock up on books while also supporting our school.
8. Our Christmas concert for grade K to 5 will be on December 6th. We will once again have to limit tickets to two per family to keep within our fire code limits. This does not include the students performing.



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9. Our Alberta Education School Assurance Results were excellent as compared to last year. We either went up significantly in most areas, improved in some and maintained. We had no measures that declined or were below the province. This is great news for our school.

5.3. Snack Program Update – nothing new to report.

5.3.1.

Hot Dog

Day / Popcorn Day

Our first Hot Dog Lunch was Friday Nov 17. It was quite a success and there was a large increase over the last hot dog days orders. We had 228 orders and made a profit of 1080.00 on that one day. Having a hot dog day month might be too often. With the Healthy Hunger Dates, this becomes a lot for the school to hand out and manage. Not to mention that there are often parents who send food/SKIP the dishes or bring food on those days because their children do not like hot dogs or the Healthy Hunger options. This can be very chaotic. We will not do a hot dog Day in December then as there is too much happening in that month. We talked about alternating popcorn days and hotdog days but popcorn days are not as lucrative and require more volunteers because they have to wait on the machine. We will stick to hot dog days then and will plan the next one for January 26, 2024. We can revisit in January as to whether the interest is high and how often we would do it.

6. Old Business - nothing

7. New Business

7.1. Elementary Report Cards – Amberlee – deferred to next meeting

7.2. Online Access to Minutes and Agendas - Amberlee

Currently, none of our previous minutes and agendas are available online. Nicole did remove the meetings from the last year and we just approved the minutes from September. We will continue posting our minutes on the website as they are approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 15, 2024 6:00pm

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Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm