



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
School Council Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2024 - 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Amberlee 6:05 pm

1.1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Opening Prayer – Ms. Molyneux

3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement – Mr. Boyko

4. Trustee Debbie Engel – speaks to the trustees priority for the years being to lobby for more space. Soon we will have all schools, even high schools at or over 100% capacity. The district has the land to build schools but has not gotten any approvals or funding from the government to build on that land. This year a 3% growth was expected, the actual growth was double that at 6%. Edmonton Public Schools are in the same boat. What the public may see is an increase in private or charter schools which is not desirable for families who are not in a position to access them. There is also a significant shortage of teachers and support staff, especially for when substitutes are need when regular teachers are off.

5. Presenters from the North East Hub and C5. Daniel and Tolu. Spoke about the youth outreach supports available at the Clareview Recreation Centre. Program is located on the main level by the hockey arenas and all programs are at no cost. Programs include things like Self Defense Classes, Sports Explorere, Photography, etc. There are also parent and tot programs and parenting supports available at the same place. Calendars and program details can be found at www.C5Yeg.ca

6. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting on November 20, 2023

6.1. Minutes: Motion to Approve: Shaun 2nd: Amanda

6.2. Agenda: Motion to Approve: Amanda 2nd: Shaun

7. Standing Items

7.1. **President Report - Robyn**

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Nothing to Report

7.1.2 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

Shaun has been working with our contact to create some signage proofs. Proofs reviewed and discussed and revisions suggested. Shaun will take the suggestions back and have a final proof drafted.

7.2. School Administration Report - Mrs. Falcone-Dempsey

1. We had a fantastic December with our Christmas concert being an absolute success. We have had so much positive feedback about the concert, the flow of people and having the stage in addition to our risers this year. We are excited to see what our spring concert will bring.
2. Movie day for our entire school was also a huge success. Our grade 4-9 students went off to Manning movie theatre and our K to 3 students got to have the whole gym to themselves with popcorn treats for them also.
3. January brought with it cold weather and the first couple of weeks with indoor recess were a little bit of a struggle. A big shout out to Mr. Belter who runs intramurals in the gym with anyone being allowed to spectate and Mr. Clackett who continues to have his chess club which he has now opened to elementary students.
4. All of our parents would have received a SWIFT from ECSD indicating that we will no longer be offering full day kindergarten with extensions mainly due to us being over capacity. This will open one classroom for us in the fall and we will now be offering a morning kindergarten and an afternoon



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kindergarten program.

5. January also brought midterms for our JH students and our elementary screeners from Alberta Education and ECSD. We use all this data to drive our instruction.

6. February we will be hosting our feeder school and their grade 6 students as well as our Open House evening for prospective students and their families. We are once again predicting a large number of registrations as our community continues to grow. Since December 1st we have welcomed an additional 16 students to our school.

7. Our finalized June calendar will be sent out to parents with our February news and calendars as there was a change in PAT dates for our June exams. We have a few more activities and field trips to firm up but we should be ready to send this out to our families February 1st.

Principal's Report January 22, 2024

8. The intentions screen for next year will open February 1st and close March 22nd. We will need all our families to indicate where their child will be going next year. This is especially important for our grade 9 students who will be transitioning to high school. All grade 9's transitioning to high school will be officially registering for their high school courses mid-March. Please look for

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emails to that affect in the coming weeks.

7.3. Snack Program Update

7.3.1 Hot Dog Day / Popcorn Day

Received an extra \$42 in cash sales from the day of the hot dog sale in November. Total raised for that day was \$1,082.07. Next Lunch is planned for January 26. Next Hot Dog Lunches planned for Thursday, March 21 and Friday May 10. We have enough volunteers for these dates

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- 9.1. Elementary Report Cards – Amberlee- asked other parents if they like the elementary report cards currently used. Amberlee finds them hard to review with younger children and wondered other parents thoughts. The current format is under review, parents will be asked for feedback on changes suggested.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm