



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
School Council Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023 - 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Robyn

1.1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Opening Prayer – Ms. Molyneux

3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement – Mr. Boyko

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting on May 17, 2023

4.1. Minutes: Motion to Approve: Lorraine 2nd: Jen

4.2. Agenda: Motion to Approve: Amber 2nd: Starla

5. Standing Items

5.1. Chair Report – Robyn and Amber – nothing new to report. Discussed our hope had been to have a greater turn out for this meeting tonight and to grow attendance at the meetings. Discuss the plan of asking new attendees what would be their interest for topics at these meetings. Will aim to have speakers at all meetings this year to increase attendance. Will still aim to keep meetings no longer than an hour and a half total. Multicultural Health Brokers have been requested to come and speak about their programs and supports in November. The North East Hub and the E4C will be coming in January and the hope was to have something on cyber awareness after that. Cst Rob is able to give that presentation. This will be confirmed closer to that date.

5.1.1. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – last year the intention was to use the grant for signage. Unfortunately, that didn't happen and the funds from last year were not used. We have the grant again this year. The total is \$500 to spend on increasing parent engagement in council. There are strict rules around how the funding can be used. These rules will be added in the minutes for review. Amber will prepare a little write up for each teacher to send in email to parents about what the council is, what it does and why we need more members. The email will state that we need at least one parent representative from each grade to attend. It will also include the realities about the terms for executive positions and future worries if we cannot increase attendance.

5.2. School Administration Report - Mrs. Falcone-Dempsey

1. Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year - Thank you all for coming and for your time, talents, and support for our awesome school.

2. This is a new year with exciting possibilities and so many blessings to be grateful for. We have welcomed over 765 students this year and have grown exponentially as a community.

3. Enhanced Academic Program – We have one at each grade and they are all over 30. The grade 7 EAP symposium is coming up. A reminder to parents that students must reapply each year.

4. FLEX Thursday – We began last week. New format this year. Special interest flex first then subject specific support next and then Religion and Health.

5. Athletics – Soccer and Cross-Country are in full swing.

6. Snack & Breakfast Programs will start up very soon. Thank you to our awesome snack programs parents and volunteers; the junior high snack and lunch program will begin October 3. We do have a few items available daily in the office. Hope Mission will also continue to support our students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

7. Concession will reopen Monday September 25 th and we have some exciting new items.

8. We had a wonderful meet the staff and it was so awesome seeing so many families in and around the school again. Thank you to our SAC who came out with their chocolates ready to go. We also welcomed ETS, Big Brothers Big Sisters and our office staff.

9. September 28 – Terry Fox Run and The Junior High Cross Country City Championships

10. September 29 – Orange Shirt Day

11. October 2 – No School as we recognize Orange Shirt Day across the country

12. October 9 – No school Thanksgiving

13. October 2-6- Read in Week; lots of speakers and guests will be coming in

5.3. Snack Program Update – The program will start up again first week in October. Junior High Concession starts the last week of September

5.3.1. Hot Dog Day / Popcorn Day – we will plan to have these the second Friday of every month starting in November – though we will need to do Nov 17 to kick it off because there is a day off school on the second Friday. We can confirm this after we know how many volunteers we get for the snack program and know this is feasible because it does take extra volunteers but it raises very good profits.

6. Old Business

6.1. Nothing to report

7. New Business

7.1. Executive for 2024 / 2025 School Year: Discussed how the current council reps are all in their third year in their positions and there is a four year maximum for each position. If we are not

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able to increase membership and interest in the council executive it may have to fold. Exceptions can be made but in all likelihood the council would no longer exist. Further discussion about the mail out being drafted above in 5.1.1. Mr Boyko will ensure the sign on the school lawn is updated to announce upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 6:00pm

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