



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary/Junior High School
School Council Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Amberlee 6:03 pm

1.1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Opening Prayer – Mr. Boyko

3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement – Mr. Boyko

4. SPECIAL GUEST - Constable Robert Farbin (Online Safety: Social media, Cyberbullying, Sexting and Luring)

5. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from the last meeting on January 22, 2024

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

5.2. Agenda: Motion to Approve: Jen 2 nd : Amanda

6. Standing Items

6.1. President Report - Robyn COSC meeting was held on March 6 at 6pm and open to anyone who wanted to attend. Robyn was not personally able to attend, but there seemed to be some good sessions available for this. We have been thinking about the future and planning for the elections starting end of April this year. Most roles only require a small amount of time commitment, so please consider putting your name forward. We will also need a new casino chair as Jen is leaving the council after this year. Staff appreciation lunch will be provided by our council on Wednesday.

6.1.1. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant After the comments made at the last meeting, Shaun was able to finalize the design of our new signage that is being purchased using the \$500 ASCE grant money. The final bill from Camp Vinyl was \$456.75. Future banners to insert into the stand will only be \$175 + GST. We expect to get this grant again this year and need to start considering how we would like to use the funds.

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6.2. School Administration Report - Mrs. Falcone-Dempsey

1. Our open house were very well attended. Enrollment projections look like we will be well over 800 students next year.
2. Administrative placements were completed this week for all ECSD schools, and we are excited to announce that Mrs. Molyneux has received a principalship at Annunciation Elementary. We are extremely thrilled for her as she begins her journey as a principal. We know that she is going to be outstanding. In her place we welcome Mrs. Kerri O'Connell as the elementary assistant principal. We are also thrilled with our incoming AP. Mrs. O'Connell has been our inclusive consultant for a few years and is actually at our school every second Tuesday. She also used to be a teacher here many years ago, so she is very familiar with our community. We are blessed to welcome her in the fall. Lastly, I would like to announce that I will be moving in the fall to a new school. I have been appointed as principal of Archbishop O'Leary High school. I am truly grateful for the last three years of serving the Seton community. I have loved every single minute and look forward to the last few months. In my place we welcome Ms. Daniela Stabile to the position of principal. Ms. Stabile comes to us from JJ Bowlen, and we are thrilled to have her join this fantastic community. Ms. Stabile is extremely excited to begin her journey here and we will be transitioning over the next few months to ensure that she is apprised of all matters.
3. We are gearing up for our spring concert May 29 at 6:30pm. We will once again limit the number of tickets to 3 per family to keep in line with fire code numbers. Only family members with a ticket will be allowed to attend. Preliminary information will be sent out after spring break, but more detailed information will come out to our families very soon. The concert will be for grades 6-9.
4. Our school has been chosen to participate in the Upstander Project with ECSD. This project, being led by Ms. Metcalfe and Ms. Maltais, is a project-based learning unit designed to complement the "Be an Upstander" school program. This resource targets students in middle years and encourages inquiry and action on human rights issues. Students will examine the traits of human rights upstanders and follow their example. By the end of the project, students will have had the opportunity to explore an issue they are personally passionate about, share their knowledge and lead others toward action. This project gives students a chance to demonstrate change in the negative spaces they may encounter and truly practice leadership skills. Through this unit, students will be covering many Language Arts, Social Studies, and Religion outcomes.
5. A big congratulations goes out to Nathan Madanguit who is the recipient of the Lumen Christi Student Faith Leadership Award. He will be recognized at a ceremony with the rest of the recipients in the division after



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spring break. We also want to congratulate Louise Madanguit who is the recipient of the Junior High Superintendent Award of Excellence for St. Elizabeth Seton. She will be recognized at a ceremony later in May.

6. Our Junior High Student Council will be hosting a cake walk. All information related to this event was sent out last week. Basically, a cake walk is like musical chairs except in order to participate you must bring a cake. Please see SWIFT email for all the details.

7. Final exam schedules for both grades 6 and junior high have been sent out a number of times. On our last two calendars we included all important June dates including the exam schedule and our grade 9 farewell date. We really want parents to limit the length of vacations that they are taking through out the year. Vacations that are over 10-12 days impact the learning of our students significantly and will have an impact not only on their success but also their journey into junior high and high school. Please consider booking vacations during natural breaks throughout the year so that students do not miss instruction from their teachers.

6.3. Snack Program Update

6.3.1. Hot Dog Day Our next hot dog day is scheduled for Thursday March 21. After that, there will be one more this year on Friday May 10. We have made around \$1,000 from our last two hot dog days, so we are hoping with a total of 4 for the year, we will raise close to \$4,000. Last year the cost of the grad shirts was \$3,358, so if we hit our goal we should not need to add any additional funds for this. The motion for the expense will be made at the AGM but we will be able to do this again.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.1. Partnership with SCCL (South Clareview Community League) Shaun was not able to be here this evening, so he sent me this message (read message). Community League meetings are either tomorrow at 7pm or on April 16 at 7pm. Asked is anyone would consider attending. No one was able to make the commitment at this time.

8.2. Parent Council Engagement Survey A survey was sent out to everyone on the council email list. 13 people responded. Childcare, work and kids schedules were the main reasons for not attending. 60% of

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respondents suggested an online option as a possible solution. Group discussed that virtual meetings might yield a better turn out but blended meetings, in person and virtual combined don't work great. We will vote on whether to have virtual or in person meetings for next year at the AGM and when we set meeting dates for the next school year.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting - Monday, May 27, 2024 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm