

Minutes

Holy Family School Council Meeting
Mon, May 8 2023, 1900-2100h

School Council would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.

Attendance:

Members:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Anderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Gray, Principal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Christensen | <input type="checkbox"/> Patti Oxford, Vice-Principal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirah Davis | <input type="checkbox"/> Invited guests: Katherine Williams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Fry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Gillis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Harms | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer: Erin Spiewak | |

Agenda:

- 1) Opening prayer (MG)
 - 2) Motion to adopt April 3rdth Meeting Minutes
Moved by AF, All in favour. Carried
 - 3) Council and Committees update:
 - a. CEAY (SD)
 - i. Catholic Education Day – each child will get a rosary and pamphlet at all Catholic schools on May 18th.
 - ii. The Catholic school AGM September date has not been selected (September).
 - iii. Regular meeting is scheduled for May 18th.
 - iv. Catholic Award criteria description will be finalized and distributed to Administration to select recipient this year.
 - b. Busing Committee (LC)
 - i. May is “early bus registration awareness” month. Posters were created to increase awareness and will be distributed to schools.
 - ii. Noted that parents of children bussing have not received registration form by email yet which seems later than usual.
 - iii. Standard Bus Company is available to do bus safety for schools, upon request.
 - iv. Looking into standardized incident reporting for all schools
 - v. Some schools are looking at purchasing their own activity bus (20 plus+) to determine if there is cost savings.
- Action: LC to contact department for new link to registration form and when posters will be ready for distribution. Send information to MG
- c. Newsletter/Facebook page (GA)

Action: GA to add a post about Blue shirt day (May 18th) and for the school wide Celebration of Learning/Hot dog fundraiser (canvas wall coverings for outdoor fire pit)
 - d. R.I.S.E (Reimagining Inclusive and Special Education) team – mental health questions (CG)

The DoE are developing a comprehensive mental health and wellness approach for Yukon schools and are seeking input through the following questions by May 15th. School council spent 10 minutes answering these questions.

- i. What MH services does your school provide?
 - 1. Vice principal is the halftime school councillor on site when not short staffed. She helps students self regulate from daily stressors
 - 2. School has access to a DOE Education psychologist. Child are referred and with the approval of parent, school learning plans are developed to set up students for success. Students can be referred for a psychological assessment but there is a long wait list. Targeted for children over 8.
- ii. What MH services do you think should be provided in schools and why?
 - 1. Wait list for the psychology assessment is too long and parents seek out private assessments. Need quicker access to services.
 - 2. Expertise at the school – disproportion number of students with disabilities/ mental health issues compared to trained staff who can help students. Generally students needs are increasing while staff is decreasing.
 - 3. New EAs do not receive proper trauma informed training before entering the classroom.
- iii. What are the gaps or what is preventing these services from happening?
 - 1. Staff and skill set shortages in the territory

Action: CG to compile answers and submit to DOE for May 15th

4) Spelling Bee recap and communication (GA/CG)

- a. Administration is grateful for the spelling bee. Huge success. Kids know what to expect and enjoy the event.
 - b. Parent communication regarding creating waste and health food options. Will consider for next year's planning
 - c. Youth Investment Fund – Might need to reevaluate or change distribution of money for next year.
- Motion to retroactively buy prizes for spelling bee up to \$500 from school council budget.
 Moved by AF, Second SD. Motion carried

5) Shanon Cooper Award and Red Cross Courses (AF)

- a. Discussed the award that was created last year by School Council. The Lumel prize needs to be ordered before end of year. Everyone agreed the award should continue.
- Motion to spend up to \$100 for the Shannon copper award at Lumel studios
 Moved by AF, Second by SD. Motion carried

Action: AF will order award this year.

- b. Red Cross Courses– Only one instructor available to deliver both classes. Babysitters course is for grade 6-7. Agreed on the date June 3-4, 9am-2pm each day. Otherwise, school council can defer until fall.
- Action: MG to email parents of Grade 6-7 to confirm participation.
- c. Stay safe course – Grade 4-5. Not enough time to run this course before year end. Defer until fall.

6) Financial and Community Clean-up Update (ES)

- a. Reconciled cheque that was not cashed last year.
- b. Ledger balance \$ 5,552.94

Action: Community clean up date set. Meet out front of Holy Family – June 3rd (2-4pm)

7) Outdoor classroom and fundraising BBQ (MG/CG)

- a. Discussed menu, food option and preparation

Action: CG will purchase food and set up BBQs on May 17th

8) Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- a. LC will look at options and organize the lunch for 30 people on June 6th.

Motion to spend up \$500 towards staff appreciation lunch

Moved by CG, Second by LC. Motion carried

9) Parental communication and concerns

- a. The Spelling bee concerns of unhealthy goodie bag and extra waste. Will look into serving a hot lunch for kids next year in lieu of treats
- b. Information being shared needs to be more consistent.
- c. Provided feedback to the YG staff who created the public health forms. Topics should be detailed out for parents. MG will be attending all public health presentations at the school.

10) Principal's report (MG/PO)

- a. Staffing outlook for next year is positive. School was granted 13 EAs for next year and one extra LAT staff to the Holy Family school allocation. This will help increase inclusive programming for students. Hiring might be complete by June, earlier than usual.
- b. Provided Catholic PD highlights (theme: inclusivity)

11) Pizza lunch (ES)

- a. Last lunch of the year is Thursday May 25th with Boston Pizza

12) Community building ideas and/or Fundraising

- a. Popsicle Stick Bridge Building and STEM opportunities (CG)
 - i. Deferred to fall

13) Adjournment- 9pm

Next meeting - June 5