

Minutes

Holy Family School Council Meeting
Mon, January 9 2023, 1900-2100h

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: |
| <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) Approval of December 7th Meeting Minutes
 - Amendment – CG to ask LC School Council liaison about school council roles and responsibilities in regards to [Jack Hulland] potential legal case. Question regarding financial responsibility for school councils' legal fees in cases. Minutes approved once correction is made.
- 3) Council housekeeping (CG) – none
- 4) Committees update:
 - a. CEAY (SD)
 - i. Still looking for an administrative support. Job description is available if you know of anyone interested. Monica still in the position until filled
 - ii. Special General meeting next week to approve new bylaws to meet Society's Act change
 - iii. Motion to stream the Chosen still on table
 - iv. Looking at the Pillars of Catholic Schools and seeing how each school is meeting the outlined catholic goals
 - b. Busing Committee (LC)
 - i. Next meeting Jan 26th. Report busing issues to LC rep.
 - ii. Funding available to reduce reducing carbon emissions for busing. Funding application was sent to Standard to consider applying to offset costs of converting to electric buses. YG busing rep position is vacant.
 - c. Newsletter/Facebook page (GA) - quiet. Send Ideas to Gina. MG to resend FB link to school to encourage more parent followers
- 5) Financial update (ES)
 - a. Bank account \$7635.60
 - b. Need to reserve \$1500 for honorariums.
- 6) Parental Communication
 - CG followed up with parent who had general communication concerns. Have not heard back yet.
7. Request for Daytime Custodian
 - a. MG requires daytime custodian to clean up student accidents and bathroom areas. Currently administration is cleaning bathrooms and floors to reduce health and safety issues. MG requested that School Council write a letter to our Superintendent to advocate for additional support. Some schools

have staggered evening custodians to help reduce administrative burden. Messes must be cleaned up swiftly to avoid contamination and spread of germs.

Action: CG will draft the letter to Superintendent (cc Operations) with input from AF

8. Principal's report (MG/PO)

- a. School at full capacity; each classroom at full capacity.
- b. Superintendents are committed to start departmental hiring processes earlier this year for schools, starting in March – April particularly with the new school opening in early 2024. MG is reviewing and determining staffing gaps for next year.
- c. TOC – lost two constant people and looking for others to fill this void
- d. Mary House sent a thank you card to the school for giving tree donations. Very sincere thank you. Mary House recognizes the HFES giving tree as an important donation for their organization.
- e. Planning for Catholic PD day in May. Two topics have come up – 1. Bishop from SK talking about Truth and Reconciliation and modelling lessons for Church (in person event), or Father Martin (famous author) about inclusion/ LGBTQ2s+ in Catholic teachings. This is a virtual session. Maybe opportunity to cover both. Decision will be made tomorrow
- f. Capacity for MG to begin Teacher Coaching – MG looking forward to having capacity to coach/mentor junior staff. Lacking training from DOE so MG looking to fill in the void. Professional learning groups within school has started in both primary and secondary division.

9. Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust intake (Grant) deadline February 15, 2023 (AF)

See the following link for details: <https://yukon.ca/en/crime-prevention-victim-services-trust>

- a. Talked about different funding ideas that foster community, and independence for students. The issue is that any program funding requires a school champion and teachers currently do not have not capacity. Ideas included phone and internet safety either from the White Hatter or Yukon U might be able to provide training for Grade 5 and up. Idea to ask St Francis students/alumni to give a presentation on internet safety. MG will consider and explore this option as a service project. Table for now.

Actions: CG will have a look to see if sensor lights in the outdoor classroom would qualify for funding. AF will look into applying for funding to offer the “ Safe at home” course for students.

10. STEM opportunities/Engineers Yukon (CG)

- a. Planned event for April has been scaled back to offer the contest to individual schools or classes (bridge building contest). Need to determine if Holy Family teachers are interested in this event and what dates would work.
- b. Library books will be borrowed for the school

Action: CG will provide info to Maria to share with teachers to determine interest.

11. Pizza lunch (ES)

- a. Thank you to all parents that provided donations to cover the additional cost of pizza lunch. Short by \$133 to cover the invoice. Will continue this method to provide lunch and use BPs.

Action: ES will organize another lunch in late February or March.

12. Spelling Bee (GA)

- a. Looking at last week of April to hold event
- b. Some work could be done now including reviewing sentences in preparation for the spelling bee
- c. Could use another core volunteer to help when planning ramps up.

Action: GA will circulate spelling lists and sentences to SD and AF to update.

13. Outdoor classroom outstanding items

- a. Wood storage complete and in back of DH's truck. Can not bolt down until spring. For now, shovel a spot and put the storage bin down. Will bring the box inside the school for now and staff will place it outside in the light tomorrow. Thank you Daniel!
- b. Still require invoice for supplies

- c. MG brought forward an idea to purchase canvas wall coverings for outdoor classroom to block the wind. Fort McPherson Canvas Business was recommended. School Council should get a quote from the business. LC offered to contact a local business Jane Vincent (Aspen sewing) to see about quote. Decided it was worth investigating and to see if there are other materials that would be more durable that not mold.
- a. Also dark outside in the classroom and a sensor light could help reduce vandalism after hours

14. Community building ideas

- a. Bonfire, sledding? Limited to weekend event if Shipyards is booked for sledding. To increase turnout, will invite and coordinate with CKES for joint party in early March

Action: CG will reach out to CKES for interest

- b. Tie something with evening of Spelling Bee?
- c. Burning away the winters blues idea in school– epiphany celebration occurs in each classroom (blessing for each class)
- d. MG is organizing a parent special event next week in HF library. CKES offered to hospitality for Hannah Beach (Jan 19) presentation. The theme is “meeting children where they are at”

Action: CG will coordinate with CKES school council to provide snacks.

15. Adjournment

Next meeting: February 6, 2023