

St. ROSE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 29, 2020

St. Rose Junior High School, Parent Council Meeting



Administration: Bruno Binassi (Principal), Ferdinand Filiplic (Assistant-Principal), Alene Mutala (Trustee)

School Council Executive: Kim Street (Chair), Tracy Hawkins (Vice-Chair), Remily Brown (Treasurer)

Parent Attendees: Christine DeRose, Cristina Swinnerton, Stefania Valle, Anna Mercuri, Barb MacDonald

1. **Call to Order** Tracy Hawkins called meeting to order 6:32 p.m.
2. **Welcome/Introductions** Bruno Binassi introduced and welcomed Trustee Mutala
3. **Opening Prayer** Bruno Binassi **Treaty 6** Bruno Binassi
4. **Approval of Agenda for January 29, 2020**
Motioned: Christine DeRose; Seconded: Cristina Swinnerton; Approved
5. **Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2019**
Motioned: Barb MacDonald; Seconded: Remily Brown; Approved
6. **Principal's Report** Bruno Binassi
 - 6.1. The School Growth Plan submitted to the Assistant Superintendent, Tim Cusack, and posted to our school website at the end of November.
 - 6.2. Division Budget Concerns The provincial government has discontinued some grants that have had an impact on the Division's budget. The Division is committed to maintaining the level of student support in the classroom for the remainder of the year. The biggest implication to date has been the reinstatement of bus pass fees for families who previously qualified for free bus passes. This has not impacted most of our families because they did not qualify for a free bus pass prior to the government grant being removed. However, the Division is expecting the spring budget to have a significantly greater impact for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - 6.3. The School Chapel took a big step into being a functional space for celebrations, religion classes and quiet reflection prior to the Christmas break. The school was notified by the Alberta Knights of Columbus

Charitable Foundation that it was successful in its application to secure funding for the benches and a small table to serve as an altar.

- 6.4. The Division Satisfaction Survey was completed in early December. Students, parents and staff were all surveyed. The results are usually available in April. The second survey, the Accountability Pillar, is being done now. This survey is from the Alberta government and surveys students, staff and a random selection of grade seven families who would be contacted through mail and encouraged to participate. St. Rose School looks forward to seeing these results in late May.
- 6.5. Summit Foundation Donation St. Rose was once again the beneficiary of the Summit Foundation. The Foundation generously donated \$5000 to the school. The following items were funded by the Foundation: The projector in the Foods Room, Language Arts novels, easels for the Art class, a printer for the computer lab and 15 men's basketballs.
- 6.6. Yearbook A new contract for the yearbooks was negotiated, the base cost of a book will be \$28.00. However, an additional dollar or two may be added for costs associated with the production. Families will be credited the extra amount should it not be required. Thank you to Stefania Valle (parent) for her assistance in this endeavor.
- 6.7. Parent-Teacher Conferences A new program for interviews has been purchased for a considerable savings. Information about the new program which is very similar to the old program will be sent to families at the end of February.
- 6.8. Open House Mr. Binassi has visited seven elementary schools to present on the school's Accelerated and Honours Programs in anticipation of the Open House on February 11th. Mr. Filipic and Mr. Binassi are working on a school video with some outside help for the Open House as well.
- 6.9. Immunizations Due to a shortage of nursing staff the school immunization was not completed on January 17th. A second date of immunizations is scheduled for February 20th.
- 6.10. New Focus Program St. Rose School is pleased to announce that it has added a fourth focus program: Honours Social Studies 7 for the 2020-2021 school year. Now every core subject has a respective focus program. Our ECSD consultants in the four core subjects will return January 30 to follow up on work that was done in September. This visit will be work to monitor

progress on the goals the departments created in response to the June 2019 PAT results that are a part of the School Growth Plan.

6.11. Report Cards Report Card #1 is available on-line on January 31st.

7. **Assistant Principal's Report** Ferdinand Filiplic

- 7.1. Christmas Clothing Drive ended on December 5 and was a huge success. Hundreds of items were generously donated by our students for kids in need. Our Leadership students helped deliver the items to two local elementary schools. The amount of gratitude and well wishes received was overwhelming. It was quite an emotional experience for all involved. Mr. Muniz's class also collected adult items which were donated to local shelters.
- 7.2. Volleyball Champions December 11 saw our Sr. Boys Eagles Volleyball team win their third consecutive championship! Way to go Eagles! Our Sr. Girls team unfortunately lost in the semi finals in a hard-fought game.
- 7.3. Christmas Activities The last week before the Christmas vacation was a memorable one. Our leadership students planned a week of activities, including Mr. Binassi's favourite, ugly sweater day or was it pyjama day?
- 7.4. Christmas Concert December 17, Mr. Prokopiw and his student teachers put on a fabulous show with the grade 7 band classes and the mixed concert bands. Over 400 people attended and left in amazement at the talent of our students. Well done Eagles, and well-done Mr. Prokopiw and thank you for all your hard work and dedication.
- 7.5. Advent Mass Wednesday December 18, Fr. Dean celebrated Mass in our gym assisted by our girls and boys volleyball players who took on the various ministries. As always, Fr. Dean was very impressed by the behaviour and reverence our students display. As Fr. Dean always says, "St. Rose is his favourite school".
- 7.6. Movie Day Most of the student body attended a field trip to West Edmonton Mall's ScotiaBank Theatres to watch performances of Frozen 2 and Jumanji 2. The students had a great time and we are hoping to make this an annual tradition for our school.

- 7.7. Artist in Residence January 2020, Theo Harasymiw was welcomed back into the school and commenced work on the third mosaic with our students and parent volunteers. The work will be completed by January 31.
- 7.8. Eagles Basketball St. Rose is proud to have 4 teams this year, Sr and Jr Girls and Boys. The season has begun, and our teams have already been involved in tournament play.
- 7.9. Grade 9 immunizations took place on Friday January 17. The public health nurses were able to vaccinate most of our grade nines. Public Health will return on February 20 to finish the job.
- 7.10. Annual Elementary Invitational Volleyball Tournament On January 23, to help promote our school, we hosted our annual elementary invitational volleyball tournament. This year we had teams from St. Paul, St. Mary and St. Vincent. Congratulations to St. Paul who were the champions.
- 7.11. Exams January 23 and 24 was PAT day at St. Rose. Our accelerated math students wrote their grade 9 PAT exams. January 27, 28 and 30 will see our accelerated grade 7 students write their Math and Science finals.
- 7.12. Junior High Band Showcase St. Oscar Romero hosted their annual event on January 27. Mr. Prokopiw entered his grade 8/9 concert band. The Eagles were by far the most accomplished musicians and were the stars of the show. Thank you, Mr. Prokopiw, for all your hard work and dedication in making our music program one of the best in Edmonton.
- 7.13. High School and PostSecondary Presentations January 30 will have presentations from the Faculty of Engineering, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to start planning their high school and post secondary experiences.
- 7.14. St. Rose Spirit Day Starting January 31 and on the last Friday of every month, students and staff will be encouraged to wear the school colours. Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!
- 7.15. Upcoming Events:
- February 11, Open House*
- February 13, High School Information Sessions, Grade 9*
- February 20 Grade 9 Immunizations Part 2*

February 24, Grade 9 Shadow Day at St. FX

8. **All Other / New Business**

8.1. Trustee Alene Mutala Presented information on the ongoing efforts of the Board to keep teachers in classrooms despite a predicted \$20.5 million shortfall by 2021. A reduction in Faith Development days for the upcoming school calendar is one of the changes.

8.1.1. Trustee Mutala extended an invitation to an upcoming Parent Engagement Meeting, Catechesis & Faith, February 5, 2020 7-9 pm at Newman Theological College.

9. **Next Meeting** March 17, 2020 with a tentative final meeting date of May 26, 2020

10. **Adjournment at 7:00 pm**

Motioned: Christine DeRose, Seconded: Tracy Hawkins