

## St. Rose School Council

Monday, September 23, 2019

**Attendance:** Kim Street, Cristina Swinnerton, Amanda Tindill, Christin Bryant, Ferdinand Filiplic, Remily Brown, Anna Mercuri, Christine DeRose, Stefania Valle, Barb MacDonald, Linda Blanchard, Pam Lasuita and Bruno Binassi

**Regrets:** Tracy Hawkins

1. **Call to Order** 6:03 pm
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Opening Prayer** read by Ferdinand Filiplic, **Treaty 6** acknowledgement by Bruno Binassi
4. **Approval of Agenda** by Christina Swinnerton and Amanda Tindill
5. **Approval of Minutes** from June 4, 2019, by Remily Brown and Christina Swinnerton
6. **Elections**

Bruno Binassi took over the meeting and held elections

- Chair – Kim Street
- Vice Chair – Tracy Hawkins
- Secretary – Vacant
- Treasurer – Remily Brown
- Casino Chairperson – Barb MacDonald

This is the Executive for the 2019-2020 School year.

We asked that Bruno send out a note to parents to advertise for Secretary.

### 7. **Principal Report**

The school year started off well. Our enrollment is up by 21 students for a total of 404 students in 15 homerooms: six grade 7's; five grade 8's and four grade 9's.

Our Grade Seven Orientation and the first day for everyone went very smoothly.  
Our Meet the Staff evening was very well attended with over 200 people in attendance.

We have three new teaching staff members: Miss Zvonkovic, Mr. Muniz and Mrs. Fischer; one returning teacher: Mrs. Robson and as of today a new Head Custodian, Mr. Fagel who replaces Mr. Tadrose who took a new position during the summer.

Our first celebration of the year on September 13<sup>th</sup> was also very successful. The weather cooperated and the students' behaviour was exceptional.

One student and parent concern I am monitoring is the overcrowding on the Leger School Special in the morning. The bus is so crowded that on occasion the bus passes by students at the end of the route. I have encouraged families to call 311 to voice their concern as this is a customer service issue with each bus pass holder.

Also, it was disappointing to be notified that although our proposal for the third mosaic staircase was approved, it did not receive funding. Kim and I are pursuing another funding option through the ECSD Foundation.

A major concern for me currently is the school budget. It is very tight this year and with the impending budget in October, we are living with uncertainty.

The bike rack relocation is still in progress. It should hopefully be done by the end of the month. Fortunately, there have been no bike thefts this year.

The school chapel is starting to take place. Seating is our next priority. If funding can be secured, the four smaller glass panels will be done as well as new flooring. The final stage will be the installation of a mosaic to complete the mosaic project at St. Rose.

The video wall panels in the gym were replaced at the end of August. There were quality and service issues with the old system that the Division could not address with the previous company.

Two acrylic panels were installed in the west hallway upstairs; one depicting the Blessed Virgin, the other the Sacraments of Initiation. Two more panels are being created for the two interior windows of the Student Common.

Another beautification project to propose is four glass panels for the four office windows in the main hallway.

In response to student input, the school is still trying to find a way to fund a Design and Construction Lab. St. Rose remains one of the few junior high schools to not have a construction lab.

The school's Accountability Pillar Results from 2018-2019 that are based on student, parent and staff surveys and PAT results showed a marked improvement from the 2017-2018 results. More specific details will be included in the next School Council meeting as part of the school growth plan.

#### Parent Input

The changes that were made to address student concerns such as having fewer periods in a day and slightly longer classes, earlier dismissal times, especially on Thursdays, another option choice, Recreation Leadership, for grades eight and nine and a more streamlined system for the canteen have all been well received. Do you have any input on these?

## 8. Assistant Principal Activities and Events Report

September has been a very busy month for the students of St. Rose. Some of the highlights so far:

The staff were very proud to welcome 162 brand new Eagles into the St. Rose family on September 3. The new students had a wonderful day getting to know their teachers and their peers on a day that was only for them. In addition to the usual start of school activities, our new Eagles experienced a variety of ice breaker activities and were treated to a hot dog lunch served by our leadership students.

Our senior Eagles, the grade 9 students, spent an eventful and enjoyable day at Camp YoWoChas on September 9. The weather cooperated for the most part and the students returned with an enthusiasm, spirit and desire to make their final year together a memorable one.

As is our tradition at St. Rose, all staff and students attended our school opening Mass at St. John the Evangelist on September 13. Our 2 km pilgrimage to the church allowed our students to reflect upon what it means to be part of the community of St. Rose and the students were warmly welcomed by Fr. Dean who celebrated the Mass with them. The students were very respectful, and we had many student volunteers for the various ministries required. St. Rose truly is a community "Walking Together in the Light of Christ"

Grade 9 is also an immunization year. AHS was at our site on September 18 to present to our grade 9 students about what to expect this year in terms of immunizations.

Sports, sports and more sports. The start of the school year would not be complete without the Cross Country and Soccer teams commencing play. All teams are off to a great start. A big thank you to all the coaches and to all our fans who have been showing their Eagle spirit at our home games.

A few upcoming events of note:

On Wednesday September 25 the grade 9 students will participate in the MADD presentation. **MADD** Canada works to stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime.

On Thursday September 26, St. Rose will participate in the annual Terry Fox run in support of cancer research. Students and staff are invited to walk or run the route. Students are encouraged to raise funds but are not obligated to do so.

St. Rose's annual Student Faith Day and Thanksgiving Mass will occur on Thursday October 3. Students will partake in a variety of activities and experience several guest speakers. It promises to be a day of spiritual strengthening and renewal.

Smile! Picture day for all students will be Tuesday October 8.

## 9. New Business

### Questions for Administration

A. *Can students get extra help in Math or other classes after school?*

There are flex sessions where students can get assistance with classes.  
There is nothing organized after school.

B. *Why were lockers arranged alphabetically and not by Home Room.*

They decided this year to mix it up so that the older students can help the younger.  
This will give a sense of community.

What about Siblings? If you would like them separated they will move them. They did try to be conscious of this.

C. *There was a discussion about students eating lunch on the floor.*

Bruno had photos of the areas where students eat and them eating to show parents that there is more than enough space to sit on benches and tables.

Bruno has also added benches under other benches so that students can face each other.  
There will be no tables or chairs offered as there is no space.

They cannot open the Library as they do not want food where there are computers.  
They will watch for this and if it shows as a problem then they will open a classroom, but currently it seems to be working. Both Bruno and Fernand are on supervision.

D. *Year Book Cost*

Is there a surplus or not?

They need to hit a break even point and if they do then parents are reimbursed.

Last year they sold 205 copies.

As Schools cannot ask for additional funds after the fact, they ask for a higher amount up front as its easier to credit accounts.

64 Pages with full color is \$34 each.

This is the final year for the 3 year contract.

Stefania Valle asked to support Bruno and help negotiate a contract for next year.

E. *Outside – does it have to happen?*

Our campus is a closed campus and the students are not allowed to leave the school grounds. Yes they need to go outside due to labour relations requiring all Alberta workers an uninterrupted 30 minute break during the day. They have to all go out or all in as there is not enough staff for supervision, as there needs to be at least two supervisors in the field to provide coverage of the area.

*F. Immunizations*

This is booked for January 17, 2020. Need to check if you are up to date with your boosters at West Jasper Place.

**Staff Appreciation by Stefania Valle**

June 13, 2019 was celebration of our staff.

There was a \$163 surplus and did not use the funding from Society.

They went to Joey's, gifts for staff and staff room had treats for the week.

Council and Staff thanked Stefania for all their hard work with putting this together.

**Discussion on Meeting Date**

We will alternate days - next will be a Tuesday to try and accommodate all parents.

Time will move from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

10. Next Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm and Adjournment at 6:49 pm by Stefania Valle

**St. Rose School Advisory Association**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

1. **Call to Order** at 6:50 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** by Amanda Tindill and Cristina Swinnerton
3. **Approval of Minutes** on June 4, 2019 by Remily Brown

**4. Treasurer's Report**

As of August 31, 2019:

General Account Balance is \$2,976.71

Anticipated remaining funds after accrued liabilities is \$2,976.71

Casino Account Balance is \$19,127.56

Anticipated remaining funds after accrued liabilities is \$16,862.56

**5. Casino Update by Barb MacDonald**

Casino is on November 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> at West Edmonton Mall Starlight.

You can sign up by Genius – it has worked well.

Volunteers for Saturday is all completed.

3 spots left for Sunday – Kim will take one of those spots.

Would rather not use Angels and continue to ask Families to step up.

Bruno to send out another notice to families.

Special Thank you to Barb for organizing the Casino. Council is also supportive of Barb MacDonald signing the Casino Advisor contract on behalf of St. Rose School Advisory Association.

**6. Artist in Residency and Request from School**

Please see attached list for requests from school.

Approval of Requests are in columns H and I on the far right.

**Artist in Residency**

We were not successful in the grant and we have used up all our funding from Casino. We asked Bruno to speak to Theo to see if she can bump us to the new year. We will relook at this request next meeting.

Bruno and Kim will ask Marco Barylo to help with funding from Edmonton Catholic Foundation Program.

**7. Fundraising**

Christine DeRose and Stefania Valle will head up this area for this year.

We have decided to do Krispy Kreme, Bottle Drive (October 16th) and Purdy's Chocolates.

Once they investigate more information will come out to families.

They will look into Cob's Bakery if they will support St. Rose School.

Goal is to raise \$5,000 for the school year for the General Account

**8. New Business**

No new business

**9. Motions**

1. Amanda Tindill motions to approve the spreadsheet of requests from School (column I) of \$12,315.50 out of the Casino Account. Seconded by Stefania Valle. Motion Carried.
2. Christina Swinnerton motions to approve \$270 out of the General Account for yarn to make Toques with the Knitting Club. Seconded by Stefania Valle. Motion Carried.
3. Amanda Tindill releases the Casino funds of \$500 for Magda Tomczak humanitarian award donation toward a charity and \$285 of Religion supplies. Seconded by Stefania Valle. Motion Carried

10. **Next Meeting** on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm and Adjournment at 8:44 pm by Christina Swinnerton and seconded by Stefania Valle.