

## **St. Rose School Council**

**Monday, November 19, 2019**

**Attendance:** Kim Street, Amanda Tindill, Ferdinand Filiplic, Remily Brown, Christine DeRose, Stefania Valle, Barb MacDonald, Linda Blanchard and Bruno Binassi

**Regrets:** Tracy Hawkins, Cristina Swinnerton, Christin Bryant, Anna Mercuri, Pam Lasuita

1. **Call to Order** 6:30 pm
2. **Welcome**
3. **Opening Prayer** read by Bruno Binassi, **Treaty 6** acknowledgement by Bruno Binassi
4. **Approval of Agenda** by Amanda Tindill and Remily Brown
5. **Approval of Minutes** from September 23, 2019, by Amanda Tindill and Christine DeRose
6. **Principal Report**

As was reported in the November newsletter we received some unfortunate news regarding the removal of our bike racks from the back of the school to the front. The issue revolves around the fibre optic cable that Bell Media owns. There has to be a two metre buffer zone around the fibre optic cable. Unfortunately, the bike racks need to be anchored into the ground which results in the buffer area being broached by the supports. The division is not willing to assume the responsibility for any damage to the fibre optic cable, as any damage will then be the sole responsibility of the division to repair. Also, the school does not have the funds to assume such a liability in case that would happen. We are open to other suggestions at this time.

On happier news, the Inuit Mosaic Project which was in jeopardy has now been given the go-ahead. At the end of September, we were informed by Alberta Culture that our grant was approved but due to government funding restrictions was not advanced to the final phase for funding. I was fortunately able to make the funding request possible through the ECSD Foundation. The foundation director, Marc Barylo, was most helpful in securing donations from three separate funds for a total of \$7,000 to ensure that the third mosaic stairwell would go ahead in January 2020. According to the artist, Theo Harasymiw, we are one of the few schools who is able to proceed with its project this year.

The school also applied to the Alberta Knights of Columbus Foundation and the St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council and CWL for funding for its

religious artwork and décor. To date there has been no reply on any of the three applications.

With the new provincial budget proclaimed in late October, the tight budget that the school already has will continue to be so. We are attempting to hold spending to only the essential items this year in hopes that we will be able to be in a healthy financial position at the end of the year. How future budgets will impact the school budget is uncertain at this time; however, we are fortunate in ECSD that we are not faced with a huge shortfall that would directly impact the day-to-day running of schools. Unfortunately there are looming expenses such as the need to replace teachers' computers that will impact the school's budget.

St. Rose is happy this year to begin a new initiative. Based on student input from last year, intramurals were started in October and are giving students the opportunity to be physically active at lunch time. Intramurals have been very well received and will hopefully continue into the future. The challenge we have is the supervision of intramurals. According to the Labor Relations Board all workers in Alberta need to have a 30 minute break throughout the day which is impacting our supervision schedule at St. Rose. The intramurals are only possible because Miss McDonald and Mrs. Fisher are doing extra supervision above what would be considered to be in line with the conditions laid out by the Labor Relations Board. Hiring extra supervisors has been suggested but the funds are not available in the school budget.

Students and staff represented St. Rose School at Catholic Education Sunday at St. John the Evangelist Parish on November 3rd at the 12 p.m. mass. There were students who proclaimed the Word, and others who were altar servers as well. Staff members included Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Binassi who were lectors. Mrs. Bolin also attended as a staff representative. Fr. Dean was most appreciative of our commitment and efforts for the mass. Also, Fr. Dean has asked for students to support the Knights of Columbus in their pancake breakfast on a monthly basis. He has received some enthusiastic support from some of our students who are looking for volunteer opportunities and others who are eager to participate in parish life.

We have also begun a new initiative regarding our provincial achievement tests. Our proposal is for the students who are in Accelerated Math 10 to write their Grade 9 Math PAT in January of 2020. We are hoping this will give them a more advantageous writing time. The issue is that there are topics in Grade 9 math that are not covered in grade 10 math. As a result a full year passes in between the content being taught and then being tested on the grade nine PAT in June. With the support of the Division's math consultant, the teacher, Mrs. Johnson, and the support of the students, who consider this to be a good proposal, and their parents who have not shown any objection to this proposal we are hopeful our proposal will result in less student stress and greater achievement. With this

proposal students will be able to prepare and focus solely on the Math 9 content and not have to make a decision regarding where they will put their precious studying time in June. Last year the students indicated that they gave priority to the Math 10 final as that course would determine if they would receive credits and future course selections for grades 11 and 12.

At the end of November and early December the District Satisfaction Survey will be administered to all students in grades 4 through 12 and their parents. St. Rose enjoyed a substantial boost in its results last year and we are hoping that the same trend continues this year.

As many of you may know Mrs. Myskiw is pregnant and will be going on her maternity leave in the New Year. Her replacement, Samantha Del Bono, was selected in October and has already visited the school and met with Mrs. Myskiw in anticipation of her arrival in January.

Our school growth plan is now complete and has been approved by our staff. After my report I will be presenting it to you for your input. Once it is approved it will be posted to our website.

### **Comments**

Kim Street wanted to remind everyone about the safety of the road and children darting out in front of cars now that snow is here. Bruno and Ferdinand will continue to keep an eye over this area.

## **7. Assistant Principal Activities and Events Report**

St. Rose continues to be a very busy place. Here are some of the highlights since we last met:

MADD Canada presented to our student body on September 25.

The annual Terry Fox run took place on October 2. Our initial day was rained out. St. Rose students raised \$1219 for cancer research. Way to go Eagles! Special mention to Mr. Binassi who was able to lap the group 2 times in our run/walk through the neighbourhood.

October 3 was our second annual Faith Day. St. Rose students experienced a variety of guest speakers who were able to illuminate and strengthen the Faith experience. The day culminated with our students attending Thanksgiving Mass, presided by Fr. Dean and Fr. Glenn. The students were very respectful and once again Fr. Dean commented on how St. Rose students are his favourite.

The Thanksgiving food drive was a success. St. Rose students were able to support St. Teresa of Calcutta with cereal boxes and St. Pius with granola bars and juice boxes.

Eagles athletics continued to roll. Both the boys and girls' soccer teams reached their respective finals. Unfortunately, both teams placed second. Nevertheless, St. Rose is very proud of all our athletes.

Volleyball is in full swing. St. Rose has 4 teams competing this year. Boys and Girls Sr/Jr teams.

Student vote took place on October 18. All students were given the opportunity to participate in a Canada wide process. The results at St. Rose mimicked the actual Alberta vote tally.

Recreational leadership had two mobile escape room experiences at our site in October.

October 24, St. FX was here presenting to all our grade 9 students about life after junior high and the transition process to high school.

St. Rose held its annual Halloween Dance on October 31. A ghoulish time was had by most. Students and staff had a lot of fun showing off their costumes and dance moves.

St. Rose welcomed 5 student teachers at the beginning of November. They will be with us until December 9.

3 on 3 basketball intramurals commenced at the start of November.

November 5, our grade 9 students participated in the PARTY program at the Misericordia Hospital. An educational time was had by all.

Our annual Junior Achievement day on November 7 unfortunately had to be cancelled by JA. They will try to reschedule with us in the new year.

Students participated in a solemn Remembrance Day service on November 8 in our gym.

November 13 was "break a rule day" at St. Rose. Students were able to contribute funds to the Sign of Hope campaign by donating funds to "break" school rules. It was a fun day for a worthy cause. \$1927.45 was raised. Way to go Eagles!

Upcoming events:

Toy/Clothing drive November 25-December 5

Christmas Concert December 17 at 7:00

Advent Mass on December 18 at 9:30 in our gym.

Movie day field trip on Friday December 20

### **Comments**

More details for the Toy Drive - It will be a Clothing Drive for the 2 Schools that were picked. They would like new clothes (ski pants, mitts, hats). Question was asked if cash donations in lieu of clothing is ok.

#### **8. New Business**

No new Business

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm and Adjournment at 7:33 pm by Amanda Tindall and Seconded by Barb MacDonald

## **St. Rose School Advisory Association**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:33 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** by Amanda Tindill and Stefani Valle
3. **Approval of Minutes** on September 23, 2019 by Remily Brown and Seconded by Christine DeRose

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

As of October 31, 2019:

General Account Balance is \$4,437.96

Anticipated remaining funds after accrued liabilities is \$4,167.96

Casino Account Balance is \$19,111.06

Anticipated remaining funds after accrued liabilities is \$5,315.56

Christine DeRose and Amanda Tindall will be Auditing financial statements.

Remily presented a Summary of Financial Activities report for Nov 2018 to Oct 2019, and a graph of Casino Funds Expenditures for fiscal years 2015 to 2019.

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### **Comments**

About Grade 9 Farewell – there are 110 students

Question about charging families to help offset the cost

There is Church, dance, snacks and refreshments

### **5. Casino Update by Barb MacDonald**

All spots are filled and 4 back ups

All cheques are ready

Casino is Saturday and Sunday at West Edmonton Mall (Starlight)

### **6. Fundraising By Christine DeRose**

Krispy Crème Fundraiser was held – we raised \$1,477.75

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year might be better and we should consider it a second time. Annual donut drive is doable.
- Anything over 200 dozen is a profit
- Fundraising in a Junior High is tougher than an Elementary.

Bottle Drive was same week and we did \$408.20

- Some issues with the trailer being put in the wrong spot and it being locked up. It is an easy fundraiser to do if parents take part.

#### Grade 9 Farewell

- Grade 9 students could Break the Rules Day to raise funds for their event. Need to do this 2<sup>nd</sup> half of school.

### **7. Artist in Residency Update and Requests from School**

Funds are in place from ECSD Foundation – huge thank you to them.

This will be happening the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. We will need **volunteer involvement.**

#### Requests from School

Please see attached request and motions below for what was approved and what was not.

### **8. New Business**

### **9. Motions**

1. Release funds for Linguascope Subscription \$630 from Casino Account Barb MacDonald and Seconded by Remily Brown. Motion Carried.
2. To match Artist in Residency donation of \$7,000 from ECSD Foundation from Casino Account. Amanda Tindill and Seconded by Barb MacDonald. Motion Carried.
3. Amanda Tindill motions to approve the spreadsheet of requests from School (column D) of \$3,850.69 out of the Casino Account. Seconded by Christine DeRose. Motion Carried.
4. Amanda Tindill motions to approve only \$500 towards Leadership Team hoodies from the General Account. Seconded by Stefania Valle. Motion Carried.

10. **Next Meeting** on Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 pm and Adjournment at 8:14 pm by Christine DeRose and seconded by Remily Brown.