

St. Rose School Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

Administration Attendees: Erin Winch (Principal), Kyle Pisani, (Assistant Principal)

Parent Attendees: Kim Street, Michelle Casavant, Kim Lougheed-Kain, Rita Drake, Christine DeRose, Miranda Jones, Alicia Dmytruk, Nancy Boyko, Jen Hudon, Alene Mutala, Jenna Sdao, Martha Knopp, Laura Fraser, Natalia Jimenez, Kim Jones

1. Call to Order - 6:31pm by Kim Street

2. Welcome - Kim Street, Introductions or all present

3. Prayer & Treaty 6 - Erin Winch and Kyle Pisani

4. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda made by Kim Lougheed-Kain, seconded by Miranda Jones. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion to approve the May 6th meeting minutes made by Alicia Dmytruk and seconded by Rita Drake. Motion carried.

6. Trustee Report - Alene Mutala

- Opened Mike McAfee school (over 700 students already enrolled)
- more classroom modulars are coming - could be a few more years as they come
- over 50% of schools are full or over capacity
- continue to advocate for the needs of our school division

7. Elections/New Committee Formed - Erin Winch

Chair - Kim Lougheed-Kain nominated Kim Street. No other nominations. Position acclaimed.

Vice Chair - Kim Street nominated Kim Lougheed Kain.

Treasurer - Kim Lougheed-Kain nominated Christine De Rose. No other nominations. Position acclaimed.

Secretary - Laura Fraiser nominated Michelle Casavant. No other nominations. Position acclaimed.

Casino Chair - Miranda Jones was appointed.

8. Principal Report - Erin Winch

1. Enrolment update - 399 students (5 grade seven classes, 5 grade eight classes and 4 grade nine classes)

2. New Staff

- a. Kristen Block - teacher
- b. Samantha Gonzales - teacher
- c. Riyona Dsouza - educational assistant
- d. Nico Puertas - custodian

3. We began the school year with a staggered entry so each grade had an opportunity to settle into the school before classes began. We had plenty of positive feedback from students and staff about this schedule.

4. Update on new cell phone policy - reminder that students are not to have their personal devices during the school day. We have noticed increased engagement in school work and with peers over the lunch hour.
5. FSLW supports - focus on student mental health - Belinda Griffin
6. We welcomed the parish team from St. John the Evangelist on September 10 for our opening school celebration.
7. Grade 9 students traveled to Camp Warwa on September 12 and 13. Despite the chilly weather, they had a wonderful time and created some strong bonds to begin the year.
8. September 24 was the MADD presentation. Our students were excellent and very attentive during the presentation.
9. September 26 was the annual Terry Fox run through the community. We raised over \$1500.
10. St. Rose honored Orange Shirt Day on September 27. Mrs. Rakowski did an excellent job of creating a meaningful series of activities which students completed during their social studies classes. One highlight was the memorial way that she created in our main floor hallway which commemorated the names of students who did not return home from the residential schools.
11. St. Rose faith day was held on Friday October 4. The day was very well attended which is a testament to the importance of social justice work in the community. We walked to mass at St. John the Evangelist and then our students performed acts of service throughout the city. We served at: Valour Place, the Veterans Food Bank, the Food Bank, Sport Central, Westmount Seniors Centre, St. Paul School, St. Benedict School, Our Lady of the Prairies School, created snack bags for the Mustard Seed, and made cards for veterans. We have had lots of very positive feedback about the behavior of our students and hope to do this again.
12. Read-in-week - Su-ling Goh was in the STEM 8 option today reading a book and having a discussion about organ donation
13. Catholic Education Week - Mass Oct 20 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist
14. Soccer teams - Boys lost in the semi-finals and girls won silver in the city final.
15. Senior volleyball teams are finishing up tryouts and tryouts for the junior teams will begin in a few weeks
16. Cross country running was successful with 49 runners
17. In our school growth plan we have committed to welcoming our parents into our school on a regular basis. Our first event was the Meet the Staff night and in October we want to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a showing of the movie Coco. We will also have a room available for parents to ask any questions that they may have about junior high including PowerSchool.

9. Assistant Principal Activities and Events Report - Kyle Pisani

1. STEM field trip to Vancouver - deadline to register is October 15
2. Picture Day October 11
3. PD Day October 15 - focus on Visible Learning - all core subject groups will be meeting with the consultants
4. STEM option to Innotech - Oct 29
5. Halloween Dance - the morning of October 31st
6. Fall Break November 8 - 12

7. Demonstration of Learning November 14
8. Flex - November 21 - students sign up through PowerSchool
9. Taste of St. Rose November 22
10. Shireen Mohammed EDIAR consultant with ECSD will be at St. Rose in November to work with our students on Courageous Conversations around Race. The staff participated in this PD last year and now we would like to introduce this to students. We will also have her work with our school leadership team.
11. A variety of clubs are happening or set to happen soon: Student Leadership, Solidarity, STEM/Pi club on Fridays, Rainbow Club, Games club, Art club, Drama

10. Update from St John Evangelist Church

- Father Dean and parish staff were very impressed by the students at St Rose's reverence and participation during the year opening and Thanksgiving masses.
- Catholic education Sunday is Oct 20. St Rose along with Archbishop MacDonald will be represented at the 10:30 mass. Wear your school colors to mass, offer to be greeter, reader, present gifts, etc.
- Still accepting registration for sacramental preparation of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Call the parish office at 780-452-3988 to register. Classes are almost full!
- For those with older siblings in high school, SJE now has a Youth Group for Gr 10-12. First Sunday of every month. Starting with the 5pm mass, followed by food and fellowship. First one was held Oct 6 and was a great success. Watch Flocknote for more details!

11. All Other/New Business - none

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment - Next meeting will be Monday **December 2, 2024 at 6:30pm**. Meetings for the rest of the school year will be Mondays at 6:30pm on February 3rd and May 5th, 2025. Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:31pm by Kim Loughheed-Kain and seconded by Rita Drake. Motion carried.

St Rose School Advisory Association Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to order - at 7:31 by Kim Street

2. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda made by Kim Lougheed-Kain and seconded by Laura Fraser. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report - Christine DeRose
We have about \$13,000 to spend by March 1

4. Casino Update - Miranda Jones
6 weeks until Casino, need only 5 more spots filled
In good standing with AGLC, no outstanding reports needed, audit went fine

5. Fundraising Committee Report - Kim Street

- Association agreed to run the cash call again this fall, advertising to run for a similar event.
- Christine offered to run the cash call again.
- Other fundraising events can be run if others step forward to lead them. No other fundraisers are scheduled at this time.

6. CFEP Update - Kim Street

- The \$125,000 CFEP grant for basketball courts finished in early August
- Issue with the sleeves for the posts occurred during installation. In between installing the sleeves and placement of the posts, someone vandalized the sleeves, resulting in \$9000 cost to clean up and reset the sleeves. Kim was able to get additional funding from Play Quest to cover that clean up.
- There is some residual spray foam that couldn't be removed, hoping it will clear off with normal weathering.
- New security cameras are installed so they can see better at night to avoid future vandalism

7. Administration funding requests - requests from Erin Winch

- Dallas the visiting/service dog \$25 per day - seeking \$1500-2000 for the school year to cover insurance costs. Potentially use the cash call to cover this cost.

8. Motions

Motion 1: Laura Fraser moved that we allocate funds for insurance coverage for Dallas the service dog to visit the school from the Casino fund if possible. If not possible the funds will be used from the general fund. Seconded by Kim Jones. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

- Concern brought up regarding the students using music stands for non-music classes.
- Concern brought up regarding safety in the front of school. Any other ways we can address this? Erin outlined the school's response - Newsletters and notices, bylaw has been called, and staff have supervised the area and addressed it with parents.
- Question about whether we will have a fundraising events that might be done for Christmas? Erin responded that our school will have something focused on providing fundraising for the ECSD foundation.

10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next Meeting date: Monday **December 2, 2024** Kim Loughheed-Kain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Seconded by Kim Jones. Motion carried.

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