**St. Benedict Catholic School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

Held Virtually via Zoom

1. **Date and time of meeting:** November 25, 2021, 1900-2000
2. **In Attendance:**

Connie Greer – Principal

Mandy Rantucci – Vice-Principal

Jolyne De Marco – Leduc School Board Trustee

Trina Joly – Co-Chair

Trina Samotej – Secretary

**Absent:**

David Williams - Chairperson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting started via Zoom at 1907h
   1. Prayer: led by Mandy Rantucci
   2. Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: “I want to acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 territory, and we honour and acknowledge all of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who have lived, traveled and gathered on these lands for thousands of years.”
   3. Welcome / Introductions by all in attendance
2. **Agenda:**
3. Prayer/Land Acknowledgement
4. Introductions
5. Review and Approval of Agenda
6. School Council Mission
   1. 2021-22 Executive:

Chairperson: David Williams

Vice (Co)-Chairperson: Trina Joly

Secretary: Trina Samotej

Addition: Connie Greer made suggestion to offer Member at Large position to Michelle Lamer (previous Leduc School Trustee and Chair)

5.0 St. Benedict School Council Meeting Dates:

6.0 Reports

6.1 School Report

6.2 PEACE Chairperson

6.3 Report

1. Closing Prayer/ Next Meeting date/ Adjournment
2. **Action items:**
   1. **Board Report:** delivered by Jolyne De Marco, Leduc School Trustee:

* Board Meeting next Monday, November 29, 2021.
* Discussion/feedback requested by government regarding draft curriculum (looking for specifics) on Government of Alberta website (see link at point 6.b) – one survey can be completed per subject.
* Beaumont looking for community consultation/survey to be completed regarding High School to be built in Beaumont (see link at point 6.c).
* Board met with Archbishop and priests to discuss how to bring faith-based opportunities back into our schools.
* Catholic Education Sunday celebrated in early November.
  1. **School Report**: delivered by Mandy Rantucci:
     1. Growing in Catholic Identity:
* Annual food bank drives – breakfast, pasta.
* Thanksgiving Liturgy with Grade 5 and Father Matthew – other classes Zoomed in
* no communion due to COVID-19.
* Catholic Education Sunday.
* This coming Sunday is the start of Advent – classes decorating bulletin boards around the school.
* Social Justice – staff collecting for Leduc Hub.
* Christmas Supper foodbank.
* Santa’s Helpers to start soon.
* Advent Liturgy – Dec 7th, Grade 3.
* Planning a visit for Archbishop to visit school.
* Catholic retreat with Chris Bray - Catholic Motivation Speaker/Musician.
  + 1. Literacy Intervention:
* Literacy/Numeracy Intervention Grant put forward – one time funding ($31,000 for the year – training resources/teacher time).
* Parent Portal – Power School, discussion of navigating the website and the app being an easier view on mobile devices.
* Parent/Teacher conferences done this week.
* PD Teacher Learning Day November 26th – Chris Bray, Dr. David Tranter (co-author of The Third Path: A Relationship-Based Approach to Student Well-Being and Achievement), Kevin Cameron – VTRA (Violence/Threat/Risk Assessment - training for teachers and staff).
  + 1. Ensuring Students are Successful Learners:
* looking at getting parent involvement regarding possible future cell phone policy - Questions on how they can fit within the school; Survey went out to Grades 4-6 - Questions of: where to keep them, what consequences could be if they use them when they are not supposed to; Regarding cell phone usage in school - recently had brainstorming with staff, feedback from kids, now asking parents what the cell phone policy should be at the school; looking at developing a survey to go out to parents; school is respectful of family situation; School is not averse to kids bringing phones to school; would like to create a policy to implement after Christmas break.
* Bring Your Own Device for grades 4, 5, 6 – piloted for Grade 6 this year – students asked to purchase Chromebooks – looking to implement for Grades 4-6 for next year – look at possible grants to help families who might not be able to afford.
* Alberta School Council Engagement Grant – discussion on possible expenditures.
* Christmas Concert will be a recorded virtual concert – Brenda Mullin (music teacher) currently working on this project.
  1. **Future Meetings:**

Motion to change future School Council Meetings to 2nd Thursday of every month. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to change future meeting time to 1800h. All in favor. Motion passed.

1. **Documents to be included:** 
   1. Agenda (see point 4. above)
   2. Alberta’s Draft K-6 Curriculum Survey website:

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>

* 1. Beaumont Consultation and Feedback Form / Beaumont High School survey: <https://sa.starcatholic.ab.ca/home/news/post/recorded-beaumont-community-consultation-feedback-form>

1. **Next meeting date and time:** December 9, 2021 @ 1800h via Zoom
2. **Closing Prayer:** delivered by Mandy Rantucci
3. **Meeting adjourned:** 2048h