

St. Benedict Catholic School
School Council 2022/23 AGM Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2022
19:00-20:00h
St. Benedict School Learning Common

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting started at 19:08h

Attendance

Connie Greer – Principal
Dawn Miller – Leduc School Board Trustee
Trina Joly – Chair
Trina Samotej – Secretary
Ashleigh Handbury
Jen Swancoat
Kalee Ryan

Absent

Amber Hardy – Vice-Principal
Alicia Braden – PEACE Chair

Verification of Quorum

Prayer / Land Acknowledgment

- a) Prayer: led by Trina Samotej
- b) Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: read by Trina Joly

2.0 Review of the Agenda

No proposed amendments. Motion to approve. Agenda approved.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 Previous Fiscal Year Financial Statements – explanation of the role of School Council vs. PEACE; fundraising through School Council go towards the School Council “events”

4.1.2 Current Account Balances – not currently applicable.

4.2 Executive

4.2.1 Annual Report for previous school year – submitted.

4.2.2 Bylaw/Operating Procedure Amendments – discussion of roles of the school council; amendment to add maximum of 5 Members at Large. Motion to approve. Motion accepted.

4.3 Committees

4.3.1 Communications/Engagement - tabled

4.3.2 Special Events - tabled

5.0 Standing Business

5.1 School Council Annual Agenda/Plan – Status:

5.1.1 St. Benedict Open House / Meet the Teachers/Family Night – successful event held August 25, 2022.

5.1.2 Plans/Goals – family engagement activities; ParticipAction Better Together Challenge; new curriculum learning for parents; PowerSchool and Google Classroom teaching and learning for parents; One Small Thing proposal; possible concessions for school events; Hot Dog Fridays; GrACE engagement

5.2 Administration Team / Principal's Report – Highlights:

A great turnout to meet the teacher open house; thank you to Father Mathieu for the first mass; fire drills; bus safety; Terry Fox Walk; student photos; grade 4 bible commissioning; Social Justice committee starting with food bank drive; staff retreat; Amber Hardy athletic lead; athletics – starting with volleyball; Update: Criminal Record Check will be for the majority, Vulnerable Sector Check only for coaching 1:1 with children and are unsupervised by staff member; professional development for staff – PowerSchool training; observing Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30th; new to this year Bring Your Own Device program (grades 5/6) – proposing a rental program (\$100 / school year), fee to cover the charge of normal wear and tear, rentals will be stored at school and signed out

daily; Sep 24 @ 6:00pm St. Michael's dinner held at CTK \$30/adult,
\$15/child

- 5.3 Board Trustee's Report – verbal report: June 2022 organization meeting – chair and co-chair re-elected, invitation to ASCA Conference; Toonies for Tuition – funds that go towards supplying Catholic Schools across Canada that are not publicly funded – donated to rebuild Sacred Heart Church of First Peoples in Edmonton; Sep 21 @1:00 next Board Meeting; GrACE – community led effort to support and maintain Catholic education in Alberta – starting the process.
- 5.4 PEACE Report / Collaboration – PEACE AGM meeting scheduled for next week
- 5.5 Receipt of current "Wish List" requests (school, school council) – tabled

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Upcoming Events for School Council involvement: Approved and new for Consideration:
 - 6.1.1 Grant applications – ASCE grant application; ParticipAction Better Together Challenge Grant;
 - 6.1.2 Social Media presence – additional posts
 - 6.1.3 School Bulletin board – possible outside presence, electronic sign

7.0 New Business:

- 7.1 Election of New Executive Members: Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Members at Large:
 - 7.1.1 Vice-Chairperson – Kalee Ryan
Treasurer – Ashleigh Handbury
Member at Large – Jen Swancoat

8.0 Next Meeting of St. Benedict School Council: October 18, 2022

9.0 Closing Prayer / Adjournment

- a) Prayer delivered by Trina Samotej
- b) Meeting Adjourned: 21:15pm