



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

St. Benedict School Learning Common

Tuesday, October 18th @ 7:00 pm

Virtual Link (Google Meet): <https://meet.google.com/ucr-pyww-uvq?hs=224>

1.0 Call to Order @ 1900 hr

- Introduction of Guests and Executive Members

Attendance:

Amber Hardy – Vice-Principal

Jolyne De Marco – Leduc School Board Trustee (virtual attendance)

Trina Joly – Chair (virtual attendance)

Kalee Ryan – Co-Chair

Trina Samotej – Secretary

Ashleigh Handbury – Treasurer

Jen Swancoat – Member at Large

Venita Gonzales

Darby Heck

Absent:

Connie Greer – Principal

Alicia Braden – PEACE Chair

- Verification of Quorum
- Prayer: led by Trina Samotej
- Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: read by Trina Joly

2.0 Review and Approval of Agenda

Member at Large Jen Swancoat requests to add drill protocols to new business (*motion to accept, approved*)

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Amendment to Council of School Council meeting information (added to minutes as ASCA) (*motion to accept, approved*)

4.0 Reports

- 4.1 School Board Trustees Report:
(presented by Trustee Jolyne De Marco)



GrACE – theme: Walking Together in Catholic Education, Social Media platforms in report – request by Jolyne to follow these and repost, comment, and share); Board advocating for a small high school in Beaumont; update on current enrollment (up in 10 schools = extra funding coming to schools); positive financial position; Council of School Councils meeting Oct 25 – 5:00pm at Central Office

- 4.2 Principal's Report:
(presented by Vice-Principal Amber Hardy)
Thanksgiving Mass held; Science Day – K/Gr 1; Staff Retreat; Alter Server training for school mass – grades 4, 5, 6; Archbishop/Principal's dinner; volleyball games started; Volleyball tournaments next two weekends – held at Father Leduc; Lockdown Drill Oct 25; Trustees coming to tour school; Gospel assembly Oct 22; Student led conferences Nov 2 & 3; Book Fair sneak peek; Halloween celebrated Oct 31 with parade in gym.
- 4.3 PEACE Report:
No information received. Hot lunch is going ahead, deadline to order is this Friday.
- 4.4 Financial
 - 4.4.1 Current Account Balances – no new amendments
- 4.5 Executive
 - 4.5.1 Bylaw/Operating Procedure Amendments (motion to accept)
- 4.6 Committees (tabled – to be organized in near future)
 - 4.6.1 Communications/Engagement
 - 4.6.2 Special Events
- 5.0 Standing Business
 - 5.1 School Council Annual Agenda/Plan – Status
 - 5.2 Receipt of current "Wish List" requests (school, school council) for information only.
 - 5.3 Election of any new Members At Large – 4 available positions – description of Member at Large positions read by Chair Trina Joly. Co-Chair Kalee Ryan nominates Venita Gonzales and Darby Heck. (*motion approved*)
- 6.0 New Business



- 6.1 Upcoming Events for School Council involvement: Approved and new for Consideration.
- 6.1.1 Grant applications:
ASCA Engagement Grant (\$500) confirmed.
- Action:** Secretary Trina Samotej to send out list of grant options to council
- 6.1.2 Social Media presence:
Request to Vice-Principal Amber Hardy to post on social media via text, will forward to Trustee Jolyne De Marco to GrACE (gospel assemblies, etc.)
- Action:** Co-Chair Kalee Ryan to create flyer to forward council meetings to send to Vice-Principal Hardy prior to future meetings.
- 6.1.3 School Bulletin board & Signage:
Room for Bulletin Board inside foyer above Lost & Found. Question regarding outdoor signage, use of LED sign usage.
- Action:** Connie Greer to investigate outside sign / software
- 6.1.4 ParticipACTION & PAT's:
Better Together Challenge for month of June – Grade 6 PAT's (Provincial Achievement Tests) have been government mandated as the last 4 days of June.
- Action:** Request to parents to email Alberta Education / create/sign petition
- 6.1.5 Christmas Minis Photo Shoot Opportunity:
Ashleigh Handbury – photographer offering time/services to go towards a photoshoot for families – donating money to go towards Bring Your Own Device Program (Chromebooks) and learning common technology – utilize time as a cooperative parent information night for Google Classroom / PowerSchool; 10 min sessions, (\$50/family) – possible date: Nov 19th @ 1-5:00
- Action:** Chair Trina Joly to call Principal Greer to confirm; Joly and Samotej to create email to promote, as well as Google Form for appointment bookings.



6.1.6 BEAR Buddies:

Program utilizing Grade 6 students as mentors – Playground Pals; Grade 3 teacher Jaci McNair – organizer: finalizing proposal and plan. Segway to bullying issues - Discussion re: school seminar for kids/parents on inclusivity; Buddy Bench being included in school's possible outdoor learning space; Catholic Social Services resource for information.

Action: Venita Gonsalves – to contact resources.

6.1.7 Movie Nights:

Proposal made with suggestion of ticket and concession sales; possibility of Div 1 and Div 2 show times – possible dates Dec 2 / 3 (basketball tournament hosted by St. Ben's Dec 10 weekend)

Action: Chair Trina Joly to discuss with Principal Connie Greer.

6.1.8 One Small Thing:

Incentive for parents and the school community to submit a staff recognition through a simple online form.

Action: Trina Samotej to send out information to School Council members.

6.1.9 Google Classroom/Powerschool Parent information night:

Focus on PowerSchool – possibly coordinate time with photo session/student led conference/information sessions.

Action: Principal Greer to contact central office to see if someone could come to the school to teach parents how to use PowerSchool.

6.1.10 Lockdown Drill Protocols:

Member at Large Jen Swancoat voiced concerns regarding anxiety for children during drills and the lockdown protocol. Vice-Principal Amber Hardy spoke to this, information given regarding drills and protocols (one planned, one unplanned drill during the school year).

6.1.11 BEAR wear:

Proposal to create wearable school swag (hoodies, t-shirts, toques, mittens), possibility to create St. Ben's store via local screen-printing/embroidery shop; idea for graduating class.

Action: Trina Joly to discuss with PEACE fundraising committee.



- 7.0 Next Meeting of the St. Benedict School Council:
Thursday November 17, 2022 @ 1900 (St. Benedict's Learning Common)

- 8.0 Closing Prayer: led by Trina Samotej
Adjournment: 21:21 h